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Eagles Nest in Summer 2018. A fragile, natural structure, its beauty remains.



A holiday gathering at Inverloch in the 1930's. The treed area is now the Glade!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is our final Newsletter for 2020, and despite the Festival of Christmas not yet being with us, this is the only chance to wish all members and friends of the Society a sincere, warm and happy Christmas. It is also normally the habit of also wishing people a pleasant and prosperous New Year. After the many varying and dramatic experiences and privations of 2020, I sincerely hope that 2021 will be a refreshing, uplifting and positive New Year.

Despite no Committee and General Meetings, the life and progress of the Society continues to move in a positive direction. This is best experienced through the continuing additions to our collection. Our Patron Eulalie, has delivered several loads of valuable items for sorting out and eventual preservation. Some of the items are worth noting, for they include :-

1. An original architects drawing of 1902 of the Outtrim Presbyterian Church. This building is now the Uniting Church in William St. in Inverloch.
2. Two architectural drawings of plans submitted by Cal Wyeth for his Pine Lodge complex.
3. Various old school exercise books from 1930 to 1939 which list every day of the menu's for every lunch and dinner meal served at Pine Lodge.
4. A large but incomplete collection of the Inverloch Community Newsletters, ranging from 1977 to 1988. The many activities of many Inverloch community groups are described and is a revelation showing the development of the town and the important contribution by many valued citizens of the past.

All the above noted - and there were many more 'gems' as well, are all paper based - the most difficult material to preserve and look after. Therein lies the challenge for us all, for in the development of Inverloch's future, in the many years to come when we are all departed, it is vitally important we currently leave good, accurate and well preserved records.

MEMORIES OF "THE KIOSK"

Back in the June edition of our Newsletter, we featured an article on "The Kiosk" from the writings of Lesley Brown, whose parents ran it. Following the article we received numerous Facebook responses in which people expressed their love of the facility and how we miss it now.

Dick Philpott writes - Always remember Mr. Brown wore a distinctive hearing aid. Like Clive Newton - did he also show movies around the district? For some reason my mind (oh dear) is telling me he did.

Damien Luxford writes - Once, in the 70's I think, this place was called 'Benbows'. Later on, during

THOSE SUMMER HOLIDAYS PAST!

Reading through the old Inverloch Community Newsletters donated by our Patron Eulalie Brewster, I was fascinated by the 'parade' of proposed activities offered to 'Inverlochians' in past years. These were the years when we organized activities for our holiday makers - the days before our current mobile phones and all the things they do for us! (ah yes, dear old memories!)

The combined efforts of the Inverloch Hall and Progress committees have some great attractions planned for our local and tourist population over the Christmas holiday period.

Dec. 21st - Kids Christmas Party, with Santa and other attractions. Free to all children.

Jan. 6th - Channel 10's Miss Inverloch Beach Girl Quest at beach opposite Broadbeach caravan park. 10 a.m. 2 hour variety show with well known entertainers, Channel 10 personalities, games, give-aways and fitness segments. Australia Day Weekend.

Jan 24th - Under 18's disco dance, 8 - 11.30 p.m. Anglers Hall.

Entertainment with Strop and Strophe featuring 3 UL's Alastair Doherty.

Jan 25th - INVERLOCH MARKET CARNIVAL Inverloch Foreshore Reserve.

10 a.m. Fun Run - 10 km approx, great prizes valued at \$200 sponsored by W.S. Purvis & Co. and Clendon Food mart.

11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Market - local stalls, including art and craft.

12 noon - Entertainment - 3 UL's "Coca-Cola" Fun Bus including music, entertainment, competitions and many give aways.

2 p.m. Carnival Quest for all ages.

Miss Tiny Tot 1 - 5 years

Master 1 - 10 years

Miss Junior 5 - 10 years

Miss Teenager 10 - 15 years

Mr. Inverloch

Mrs. Inverloch

Miss Inverloch Carnival

Any person interested in having a stall please contact M. Addison at Post Office.

the 90's a cool sort of Frenchman guy worked there who served delicious pannetonne. We stayed every summer in the house beside Ayr Creek, from January 1976 until the end of the 90's.

Mick Darling writes - Will never forget that aroma when you walked in - of a combination of fresh coffee and gelato. Early 90's when I was a kid - what was running it then. I recall an old fella? Italian maybe?

Trilby Parise writes - Sob, my whole life I grew up with the kiosk just around the corner from our house.

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DEVELOPMENT OF "THE HUB" EARLY 80's

Following the destruction by fire of the old Mechanics Institute in July 1978, an interim 'Inverloch Community Centre of Management' was formed. In a local Community Newsletter the following appeared.

"Well, if you were wondering about the New Hall, here is the latest.

A plan for the A'Beckett Street site was drawn up by the Hall Committee incorporating all the facilities which the Preston Institute of Technology survey recommended. This plan was presented to the Council for its consideration. Also, at the same time the Uniting Church land in A'Beckett Street became available. The Hall Committee recommended to the Council that the land be purchased, which, this together with the A'Beckett Street site would give the people of Inverloch an ideal setting for a Town Centre.

The Council Engineer Mr. Godridge is at present drawing up a revised version of our plan which is estimated to cost approximately \$514,000. This would be a stage development. A valuation for the Uniting Church land has been done and at present is being considered for purchase by the Council. Mrs. J. Joyner and Mr. R. Bowman, our representatives on the Council on our behalf, have been doing a terrific job in Council on our behalf and have the full backing of our committee.

So, be interested in a new hall which will benefit our town and come along to our Annual Meeting on Tuesday November 25th. at 8pm. in the Anglers Hall, and give us your very valued support. A new constitution for the Inverloch Community Centre of Management will be presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting."

PLANTING TREES TO ENCOURAGE KOALAS

Koalas are dear to the hearts of all Australians. In an old Inverloch Community Newsletter, a lady still well known in the town - Marion Chapman, submitted the following, in the hope action would follow.

"Recently 24 koalas were released in the Inverloch area. There were already about a dozen in Inverloch and some others widely distributed throughout Gippsland. Due to Wildlife management program by the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, the koala population is slowly increasing after almost being wiped out some years ago. It is generally believed that koalas eat the leaves of only a few trees, but this is not so. The following trees will encourage koalas into your garden and also provide food and shelter for birds.

Swamp Gum - Eucalyptus Ovata.

Manna Gum - Euc. Viminalis.

Messmate - Euc. Obliqua

Peppermint - Euc. Radiata.

Blue Gums - Euc. Globulous / Euc. Bicostata

Red Gum - Euc. Gamaldulensis

Coastal Tea Tree - Leptospermum & Mistletoes

Koalas have also been reported to have fed in this area from **River Peppermint** - Euc. Elata, and **Lemon Scented Gum** - Euc. Citriadora

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2021

We've had a welcome response from many old members. I would urge everybody to continue their membership. It is hoped our General Meetings will resume in early 2021.



The new retaining wall recently erected where Toorak Rd. meets the Cape Paterson Rd. Note the original barrier created twelve months beforehand.

THE INVERLOCH DRIVE-IN THEATRE.

Drive-ins first appeared in Victoria in the mid 1950's, when Hoyts Cinemas opened the very first at Burwood. Its appearance was exciting, and like a lot of trends and developments of the Rock-n-Roll 1950's, it copied an American idea. As the appearance of television in both the United States and Australia began to bite into the cinema market, the indoor cinemas lost many patrons, and consequently many Melbourne suburban theatres closed. The cinema chains looked for new ideas and ways of presenting movies, and drive-ins was one of the numerous developments that the film moguls and chains introduced to the public.

Country cinema patrons invariably were the last to experience the new phenomenon, and the smaller places such as Inverloch eventually produced their own.

Inverlochian, Rod Phillips, who actually worked at the local drive-in for approximately ten years, kindly supplied this information. The Society has had several requests for the history of the Inverloch Drive-In, and it was with delight I received details of its history and operation from Rod. The Drive-In was located behind where Mitre 10 is now, and ran from Cashin St., through to Bear St., and as far as McIntosh St. None of the streets were made at the time. It was a family owned and run business of Doug and Margaret Paine. Doug was the projectionist.

Rod tells me, after consultation with other locals, that the drive-in operated from the early 60's to the mid 70's. When it opened the Ticket Box and Canteen were operated by Dawn and Ken Hyman. When they left the Canteen was managed by Mrs. Lou Phillips with Mariece (*Doug & Margaret's daughter*) and friend Jo Ginn as staff. The entry gate was staffed by Rod himself along with brother Bob, with Mariece in the Ticket Box. The capacity of the theatre was around 150 vehicles. All the printing of the advertising was done by Doug in their garage, with some advertising in the local Wonthaggi newspaper.

The early years were difficult for the family as Doug, Margaret and their four children lived in a caravan on-site. It was some time before a house was built for the family. When the drive-in finished, the family continued to live in Inverloch. Doug has now passed away, but is survived by the rest of his family.

INVERLOCH DRIVE-IN THEATRE

CANTEEN OPENS 7.00 P.M.
MOVIE TIME 7.45 P.M.

THE ORIGINAL AND STILL THE BEST

THURS., FRI., MAY 30, 31, SAT., JUNE 1 —



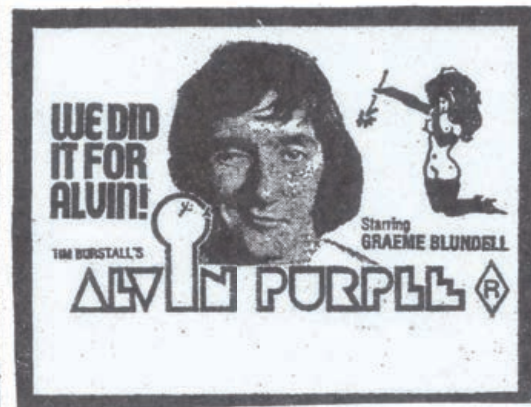
SUNDAY, JUNE 2 —

"CURSE OF FRANKENSTEIN"

"HORROR OF DRACULA"

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THURS., FRI., SAT., SUN., JUNE 6, 7, 8, 9 —



I thank Rod Phillips for his information, and would welcome any information and things of interest that anybody has. The Inverloch Drive-In was a fascinating and welcome piece of Inverloch history.

