



# Inverloch Historical Society Inc Newsletter No 248, February 2020

It has been a long time since our last Newsletter and General Meeting in 2019, and here we are approaching our first gatherings for 2020 ... and by the way, a happy and prosperous New Year to all members.

There is much to celebrate and report, so this Newsletter is four pages long and includes some interesting photos from the past.

## OUR PATRON HONOURED

Let us start by mentioning a well-earned celebration and honour for our Patron - Eulalie Perry Brewster - the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). It is a significant award that records for posterity Eulalie's truly outstanding contribution in three areas - Local History, the Environment and the Girl Guides, all recognised at the highest possible level - by Australians, and all achieved by her consistent, regular and devoted role as a great 'Aussie' volunteer'. As Eulalie has said, "*They're important, they bring people together and help people understand their area better and learn how to help each other and make things better*".

Eulalie is a humble person and was genuinely shocked at receiving the award. The Sentinel Times quoted Eulalie as saying, "*You don't do these jobs thinking you get a reward at the end of it or anything like that, you do it because you are just happy doing it*".

Well done and congratulations from the members of the Inverloch Historical Society Eulalie!

## RECENT EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

During the recent holiday season, the Society mounted two displays - a small one at the Angling Club in early January for their Market Day, then a 3-day affair in the Stadium at the Hub for the Australia Day weekend.

Both events received considerable attention from the public, especially from the many visitors to Inverloch, who learned quite a deal about their holiday town and some of the identities and pioneers who have made a significant contribution to its development.



Eulalie Perry Brewster AOM

The Stadium exhibition gave the Society and the *Amazon 1863 Project Inc.* community group, an opportunity to work together. This was most encouraging, with the Society's information and photographic display cards and their historical Amazon artefacts on display.

Their Secretary Karyn Bugeja and Treasurer Jackie enthusiastically fielded many questions from the public. Our cooperation is surely a hallmark for the future, as their aims and aspirations are identical to our own!

A special thanks to Harry Dunn and Lloyd Bennetts for their support at the Stadium.

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**Annual Membership Subscription:** \$20 (Individual), \$32 (Couple)

**Committee Members:** Eulalie Brewster (Patron), John Hutchinson (President) Harry Dunn (Treasurer), Lynn Kirk (Secretary), Lloyd Bennetts, Ray Burt, Anne Hendry, Graham Colvin and Patsy Colvin

## ACQUIRING ONGOING STORAGE SPACE

For many years the Society has stored its collection of historical materials such as photographs, maps, and documents, along with numerous 3D objects, in members' homes, garages and sheds. This is far from ideal, and it is not easy to classify and access what we have.

This situation has gone on for many years and becoming increasingly unsatisfactory. At the November 2019 general meeting, the membership agreed to hire commercial storage in Bear St Inverloch. Since

then, suitable arrangements have been made by the Secretary and the Treasurer. It is a large space, which includes power, lighting and security, and already two large steel shelves have been purchased from Bunnings and erected. Some materials have been moved already, but there is a long way to go and it will require a lot of work by members over the many months to make some impression. We'll keep all members posted on this most important development.

## SALES OF SOCIETY IMAGES

Our sales of photographic prints are progressing very well in cooperation with Southern Bazaar in A'Beckett St., where both A2 size prints and large canvas prints are available.

A catalogue is available at the shop for selecting the right picture. A catalogue is also available at the Information Centre in the Hub.

A more detailed listing of what the Society has in its digital collection can be seen by visiting the Society's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/InverlochHistory](http://www.facebook.com/InverlochHistory).

The purchase of these exclusive prints brings individuality to any home, as local pictures and artwork are always visually attractive and an interesting talking point.

Prints being marketed by the Society come with added clarity and quality supplied by the photographic restoration and enhancement skills of our valued member and committee members Ray Burt.

RIGHT: BILL RAMSEY'S DELIVERY VAN.

*Who can tell us what make of van this is?*



## 2019 ANNUAL RAFFLE

Raffle tickets were sold during the first two weeks of December 2019. Thanks to the many members who volunteered to sit and sell tickets in the shopping arcade, **over \$1,500 was raised.**

I also want to thank our generous members who donated items for the raffle hamper. The Hamper was top quality and noticed by many people who were encouraged to buy our tickets.

The raffle was drawn in the arcade at noon at the end of the 2-week period. Kate of Inverloch was the lucky hamper winner.

Two other prizes were won - a framed set of six beautiful Australian bird prints donated by member Ray Burt, and a large and superbly sewn bag with many pockets from member Eileen Henderson.

All prizes were hand-delivered and were appreciated.



ABOVE: A'Beckett Street c.1996.

Notice how much Inverloch's shopping area has changed. The Esplanade Hotel & Ramsey's building at the far end still remain.



ABOVE: Sitting opposite The Glade, the original Inlet Bistro and Bar.  
Part of the restaurant was retained in the new Inlet Hotel

BELOW: Mary Mountain outside her shop in the late 1920s.  
The Society has another, very similar photograph, however, this one gives us a better idea as to what was in her shop window.



## DONATION OF A BOAT!

Given Inverloch's maritime history it is appropriate that the Society now owns a wooden, 13 ft *Clinker* traditionally built boat. It is at least 60 years old and in what might be described as a 'raw state'. It is unpainted, although its original light blue colour is evident in places. The type of wood is something of a mystery, however, we are hoping that some expert will be able to tell us more about it.

The boat was donated by life-member Bob Speed, whose shed it has sat in for many years. I am delighted with it, and sincerely thank Bob for his gift.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

As usual, the Society's general meetings will commence at 2pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month from Feb to Nov at Inverloch RSL.

Our first meeting is on **26 February**. Our guest speakers will be Karyn and Jackie from the newly formed community group **Amazon 1863 Project Inc.**

For a sneak-peek go to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2544114272490710/>



## GUEST SPEAKERS

It is always something of a problem each month to find a guest speaker for our general meetings.

Many members have contacts and interests that could possibly help with this, and it is in this context that I ask all members to assist if they can. If you know of or hear of someone who could speak on a topic that will be of interest to members please get in touch.

So that you can put our potential guest speakers' minds at ease, please note that:

- presenters can speak before or after our meeting business is conducted - whatever suits them best;
- there is no need to stand when addressing the members—a speaker may find it easier and more comfortable to be seated;
- if they think their voice maybe too soft or low, we have an easy to use sound system & microphones;
- we also have a projector for screening images or video material.

Tell them we are good company, and we provide cups of tea and coffee!

If you have suggestions, please contact me on **5674 6159** sometime after six o'clock in the evening.

**JOHN HUTCHINSON**  
President & Newsletter Editor