

OCTOBER, 1978.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Near the concrete steps which lead from the carpark beside the bowling green to deep water are two old wooden piles. These were once part of the outer fence of Inverloch's shark proof bathing enclosure. This was built early this century by Bowen the shipbuilder. He cast cement blocks on the beach and put them in the sand at the outer edge of the enclosure. These blocks had holes on them into which were dropped the upright piles. Then cross timbers were bolted to these before the fence timbers were attached. Old photos show bathers in the bathing garments fashionable before World War 1, enjoying the safety of swimming in these baths. Older residents can remember learning to swim here. Others remember learning to swim beside the jetty before the baths were built. Sharks supposedly were plentiful in the inlet in those early days, and there are records of seals outside the baths fence. For the first few years after the baths were built, the outer timbers were removed for winter each year and working bees were held each spring. These working bees used horse and scoop to remove the sand which was deposited each winter and then the timber was replaced for the fence. But after a few years enthusiasm waned and finally the baths fell into disrepair. The area silted up and so the bowling green and car park were established over the spot where so many people had spent many happy summer hours.

... E. P. Brewster

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The Town Hall Barbecue has died, its corpse has been interred.

The block where on it stood has now been cleared.

But quiet little Inverloch has had its feelings stirred.

For, in its midst, contention has appeared.

That they require a new Town Hall is very plain to see.

On that point they are clearly all united.

The difference of opinion in the matter seems to be,

Just whereabouts the new hall should be sited.

It's plainly not a matter I'm allowed to vote upon.

(I only board, and have no rates to pay.)

But my sense of humour twinkles, at the many goings on,

As opposing sides attempt to have their say.

There's committees and petitions, and a host of votes are cast,

With speakers trying to sway the situation.

And it's gathering momentum, as the weeks are going past,

Till it's almost reached the speed of slow stagnation!

There's those who claim the former site just isn't any good.

While others seem to think it's quite okay.

I've heard there's even some who'd like to build one out of wood,

And float it in the midst of Venus Bay!

A local engineer believes he's solved the situation,

By designing a most brilliant invention.

A mobile Town Hall complex, and he's mounted his creation,

On Holden wheels, with radial tuned suspension!

They've raised the point of parking space, and that holds lots of sway.

But the younger set can't understand the fuss.

"Who the heck would want to park beside it, anyway?

Screw Creek will still be good enough for us!"

They appointed a committee, to resolve the final choice,

And see what firm conclusion they could reach.

And on the day selected thus, the spokesman raised his voice,

To deliver, with great eloquence, this speech.

"Notwithstanding, inasmuch, insofar as appertains,

In submitting this report with due submission,

With due consideration to the findings it contains,

We've decidedly decided, no decision!"

The applause rose to the ceiling, for this oral monument.

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'Twas a speech to match the speeches that are used in Parliament,

For nobody could understand a word!

Yes, the battle fiercely rages, neither side will give an inch.

They're both determines it must be their way.

And if you are a ratepayer, you're going to feel the pinch.

For you're the one who's going to have to pay!

As the tug-o-war continues, so, the cost of living's rising,

Each day is adding dollars to the halll.

It should be obvious to all, unless there's compromising,

We're never going to get one built at all!

... Rick E. Norman

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INVERLOCH PRE-SCHOOL

Parents who wish their 3 or 4 year old children to attend Inverloch Kindergarten in 1979 should pick up an enrolment form from the kindergarten and return it by the closing date for enrolments - October 31st.

Pre-kinder groups for the new enrollers will be held during November.

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HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual Meeting of the Hall Committee will take place on Thursday, October 26th at 8.00 p.m. at the Angling Club Hall. This is a most important meeting for Inverloch and everyone is urged to attend.

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CATHOLIC LADIES LEAGUE

Annual Humble Jumble Sale will be held January 4th - 5th at the Life Saving Hall.

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INVERLOCH TENNIS CLUB

The new season commenced on Saturday, October 7th and Inverloch began the season well with three teams winning their matches; the Pennant, A. Reserve and B. Grade teams. The A. Special team was narrowly defeated by one game and the A. Grade team returned to the practice court, (your correspondent included). In the second round Pennant continued on their winning way and the A. Grade team are still practising!! Two matches were washed out and A. Reserve received a win by forfeit. It was particularly pleasing to see our B. Grade team win their first match very convincingly. This team is basically a junior team, and to win so well in their new grade is good news. No doubt the daily practice sessions are one of the reasons for their success.

The Caberet dance will be held in the Angler's Hall on Friday, November 17th. Table bookings can be made with Veronica Muir for what will be a very enjoyable night. All are welcome.

... Ian Mitchell

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The Annual Meeting was held on October 5th and the following officers were elected:

President - Mrs. Judy Macknamara

Secretary - Miss Vicki Thatcher

Treasurer - Mrs. Veronica Muir

Club Captain and Instructress - Mrs. Lesley Forbes

First Aid Officer - Mr. R. Phillips

There was a poor attendance at the meeting and a letter is to be sent to each family to encourage more interest and support. The club is endeavouring to introduce more interclub competition and club championships to increase competitiveness. Registration fees are \$2.00 per child - this includes all lessons, certificates and badges. This can be paid on Sunday, November 26th, when a family barbecue will be held at the Central foreshore area where electric barbecues are available. The day will start with cleaning out the Pinelodge swimming pool and

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