



Castlemaine Pioneers and Old Residents' Association Inc.

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Faulder Watson Hall & Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker Street, Castlemaine.

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All welcome to meetings held on third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. Annual Subs: \$30.00.

October News Letter 2019.

The Old Telegraph Station Castlemaine.

Monday 7th October, the weather is cool & cloudy

Starting on a sad note. Another of our "old brigade" has passed away, Keith McShanag.

Keith will always be remembered as a great story teller, his stories of his early days learning his trade of Baker/Pastry Cook at Rasmussen's Small Goods in Johnston St. The tales of characters he met delivering bread, along with his stories of Castlemaine of the 1940's to the present held audiences spellbound. Long time member and past President Jack Wilson is in hospital. Yet another past President and long time member Col Stratton is not travelling to well, as are a number of other members. To you all, we are thinking of you and send you our very best wishes. **Now a memory jog. The History Week**

Bus Tour. When? Wednesday 16th October. Time? 9-30am, Where? Telegraph Station. Cost? \$10. Morning Tea provided. Please bring a full B.Y.O. lunch including hot thermos & chair. Destination? A scenic tour of Castlemaine, Harcourt, Maldon and back to Castlemaine, visiting historic places and sites. Home 3-30pm. Please bring along a friend to help fill the bus. That's the house keeping done, on with the news. Your hard working secretary(u.p.) went down with the dreaded lurgy last month, and did not attend the last meeting. The President was swanning around on another holiday. No drama, Vice President Keith and committee member Russell stepped in, peace and tranquillity prevailed and a good, quick meeting took place. There I was thinking that I was indispensable, "Stupid Boy". While lying on my sick bed, I took a telephone call from the afore mentioned Col Stratton, telling me that he was making a donation to the Pioneers, that he would be around the next day at 10-30am. Col arrived bang on time carrying a large box, my eyes popped out. There in the box was a beautiful set of brass gold scales, the ones used in banks. They came from Faraday, Col has restored them to their former glory, complete with a set of Troy Weights. What a beautiful and generous gift. Many,many thanks Past President Mr. Colin Stratton.

Car Wash Token. Those 3 words should send a shiver down one members spine. For sometime our small change biscuit tin, has been used as a "money laundering" vehicle. When I bank the money, the teller returns the shady coins and I slink away. This time I spotted the ring in (a car wash token) and slipped into my pocket. When I tried to use it, the machine jammed, it was a dud, suffice to say the owner was not amused, I had some explaining to do. The Money Police have been informed. Tread carefully my friend.

On a much lighter note, sitting in the office the other day a member called in. Sitting down, he slid a brown envelope across the desk saying "my subs and something for you". My heart leaped, Paola, and I was right. There nestled among the money was a nice fresh Kit Kat, it went down a treat. I just thought I'd mention how well I had been treated as an example for others to perhaps follow. To those who direct debit, send any Paola direct to me, banks don't do KitKats. Speaking of direct debit, quite a few who paid their subs that way last year, have not paid this year. According to my records, there are quite a few members have not renewed their memberships. A couple of weeks ago, a nice old gentleman called into the office with an old picture of a group of Young Men. He had travelled up from Toorak, to give us this picture, because his father had been a Presbyterian Minister here in the 1940's. The picture was a group of young men, of which one was Sir Harry Lawson. The gentleman was cleaning up his affairs, and thought that it should be return to it place of origin. It was a nice day, he had many happy memories of Castlemaine, he knew of the Pioneers, we now have another old picture. The website has been well received, our stories in serial form seem popular, lets hope it continues. Our radio program progress is slower than I wanted, however the old saying "more haste less speed" is a true one. We will be hitting the airwaves soon. As you know our Christmas Break Up has been brought forward this year. Thursday 5th December. Numbers please, at the next meeting.

100 Years Ago 1st October 1919.

The following accounts were passed for payment, Sec Salary £4.0.0, D.M. Borland £6.7.8d, Gas 14s E. Taylor 9s, W. Niedham 6/6d, Drain Cover 2/6d. A ballot was taken and Mr. W.R. Blakely was duly elected a member of the Association as an Old Resident. An application from the Secretary for an increase of salary (which was referred by the committee) was considered: the following resolution was agreed upon viz:- :that the letter of the Secretary referring to an increase in salary, be adjourned for three months, and in the event of increased services or a better service being given, the matter might be favourably considered". This was moved Mr. Fogarty, seconded Mr. Cameron. Mr Fogarty moved, Mr,J.C. Yandell seconded that a record of of thanks be entered in the minutes for the valuable services rendered to the Association by Mr. T.F. Reid, who was about to leave Castlemaine to take up residence in Melbourne. (there is more to come in the wage stand off Ed)

50Years Ago 9th October 1969.

The meeting was opened at 7-45pm with 23members present. Mr. J. Wilson secretary of the Events Committee reported that the date for the picnic had been set for Sunday the 2nd of November. It would be advertised in the Castlemaine Mail. The Treasurer reported that income for the month was: Rent \$60.45c, Subs \$9 Donation \$35. Expenditure was Hall Keeper \$20 S,E.C. \$33.90c, Insurance \$9.46c. A letter of appreciation to be sent to the Castlemaine City Council for their donation of \$35.

A snippet from the past. Guildford 1855. The first industry was a candle factory established by Mr. William Spinks, who was joined in1857 by a soap maker from Belfast N. Ireland. Candles & soap were in great demand by the miners. The Kilpatrick family continued this industry until 1937. *Taken from Old Pioneer M.C. Rilen notes.*



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Next Monthly Meeting:
Thursday 17th October 2019 7-30pm.
at the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine
Guest speaker
**Mrs. Jillian Willoughby speaking on Harcourt &
the Symes Family.**

Family and friends welcome.

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