



# 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.

Newsletter – August 2019. MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE Treasurer.

Castlemaine Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. A beautiful mid winters day, lots of jonquils and, a few early daffs out, the wattles bursting with buds. A nice blue sky with a few fluffy white clouds, a beaut day. I am writing this looking out the window and K153 has just steamed past, on its way down to Castlemaine. Yesterday (sat) was a very busy day, the two usual tourist trains (4trips), a special night train originating from Castlemaine, which means an empty trip from Maldon to pick up the passengers and back to Maldon. Then back to Castlemaine to return the passengers, and an empty trip back to Maldon where the train lives, another 4 trips. Today, another 4 trips making 12 trips for the weekend. At 18 kilometres per trip, K153 will have done 216 kilometres, or 130 steam miles this weekend. It will sleep soundly tonight. The A.G.M. went well. Rob Mactier stepped down from the committee, assuring us of his continued support. Rob will be sorely missed, he was always there when needed, no fuss, no bother, “just tell me what you want”, and it was done. Thankyou Rob. It was nice to continue the unbroken line to one of our founding fathers, Henry Leversha, when our late treasure’s daughter Judy a Leversha, joined the committee. The members decided despite me telling them they could not afford me as treasurer, thought otherwise. Its on their own heads now. History Week this year is from the 13<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October, and our contribution is to run a bus tour visiting 3 local historical venues. Ourselves, the Harcourt Heritage Centre, and the Maldon Machinery Museum. It’s a 50 seater bus the general public will be invited to join us. A seat on the bus will cost \$10, bring a picnic lunch and a bit of morning tea. It’s very important to know how many members will be coming, before I put an ad in the local paper. The date is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Names at the next meeting please. Its called forward planning, which brings me to the Christmas Breakup to be held at Run Rabbit Run. As mentioned last month the only date available is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, two weeks earlier than our usual meeting. 36 members attended last

year, which just about filled the place. Put the 5<sup>th</sup> December in your diary for a great night out.

\*A Special Event at our next meeting\*.

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the date of our next meeting. It is also our 1673<sup>rd</sup> consecutive monthly meeting, an unbroken line marking 139 years and 5 months, and we are still going strong. 139 years ago the telegraph station was still in vogue, the telephone was, o’h so modern. The other day a grandson showed me an “app” (I don’t know what an “app” is), his mother had put on to their “smart” phones. With just a couple of taps, they know exactly where each other is. He pulled out his phone put in Mum, tapped a couple of keys and on to the screen a picture of his mum’s face in front of the Port Arlington pier popped up, with the words Port Arlington. Today’s World, and we are going to join it. At the August meeting at exactly 8-30pm our Web Master will push a button on her computer, introducing us to the World Wide Web. Speeches, a toast or two and the cutting of a cake plus a few glimpses of the past will be on display, to mark this auspicious occasion. The magic letters to use to enter our world are, [www.castlemainepioneers.org](http://www.castlemainepioneers.org) all lower case letters. Remember after 8-30pm.

A snippet from our more current collection. Quite a few local clubs & organisations have given their old records to our archives. Today’s events, tomorrows history. One organisation is the Castlemaine University of the Third Age, U.3.A. branch of this world wide organisation.

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*Grow old with me!*

*The best is yet to be,*

*The last of life, for which the first was made.*

One of the first classes was Australian History, run by our late treasurer Dr. Ken Leversha. Ken was a descendant of Henry Leversha, who arrived in Castlemaine September 1851, settling at Woodbrook. Ken thought some areas of nterest to study could be: The Australian City. Australia in the World. Aboriginal Society. The course is still running today, some 31 years later, coincidently being currently run, by another of our members Barbara Bunton.

**100 YEARS AGO** 29<sup>th</sup> August 1919.

The secretary made an application for an increase in his salary, (sounds familiar) it was decided to put this to the members for consideration. His salary was £4 a month, and in the month of September it was increased to £5 a month. Got that folks, £5 a month. But, is there a story to come, concerning the secretary's salary.

What a tale the February newsletter has to tell.

Other than 3 accounts for payment there is nothing to report: refund to bank which had overpaid us by 7/-.

Gas Bill £1.8. and the cleaning of the reception room 7/- (Perhaps the secretary had unsettled them). Ed.

**50 YEARS AGO** 11<sup>th</sup> August 1969.

(Another short one).

The meeting opened at 7-50pm with 16 members present and 9 apologies.

Income \$58.40c. Accounts \$19.65. Balance \$218.94

General Business. President J. Wilson thanked

Mr. Barnes for a load of wood delivered to the hall.

Meeting closed at 8-15pm.

Not much to report in this column, so I delved into some old dockets in our collection.

**MAX CASSIDY**, Auctioneer & Estate Agent  
Stock & Share Broker Insurance Agent  
Wholesale Fruit Salesman. 53 Templeton St.  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec goods, £10-17-6d.

**BASSETT BROS.** To Mr Martin  
Castlemaine Wood & Chaff Mills Templeton St.  
Wholesale & Retail Produce Merchants.  
Best Blocks, Briquettes, Coke, Chaff 7 Grain.  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 1951 Shearing Plant £55-14-0.

**L. STEVENS & CO. PTY. LTD.**  
Contractor & Timber Merchants.  
Barker St South Castlemaine.  
To Mr. E.J. Martin. December 1950.  
Hardwood £4-15-5d.

**TAYLOR BROS** Wood & Chaff Cutting Works.  
Produce Store Forest St, Wood & Produce Doveton St.  
Mr. Martin. 3 bags bran £2-8-9d  
1 bag pollard £1-0-5  
1 bag meal £1-9-6-d  
Total £4-19-0



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*Next Monthly Meeting:*  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7-30pm**  
At the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine.  
Guest Speaker.  
The Launch of our Web Site.

**Family and friends most welcome.**

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