



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.

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Newsletter – April 2021.

April 6th the Old Telegraph Station Castlemaine. Weather, a cracker of a day cloudless sky, with a gentle south breeze and a temperature of 25 degrees. Although I think the first frosts are not far away given the cool nip in the mornings. Easter has been and gone, I hope yours was as nice as mine. Lots of good food, Easter eggs, good company and family. Keith White has just celebrated another birthday 87 I believe, and still keeps his hand in as a mechanic, archiving and taking his good wife out for coffee. Happy Birthday Keith from all of us. Thursday 18th March the day after our 141st birthday, 18 happy members attended our first meeting for the year. Last year we only held two meetings Feb & Dec. So it was a nice feeling to be back home again. The meeting started on a nice note with President Russell welcoming a new member Marli Wallace into our organisation. There was not a lot to come out of the meeting, although one item from correspondence (via email) caught my eye. It was a request from a group of concerned residents re-the proposed building of two very modern style houses near our historic old Powder Magazine. They would be totally out of character, in this very old and historic part of Castlemaine. The request was for us to write to council and councillors opposing them. It was discussed and a decision "that no action" be taken. Which was fair enough as we don't discuss Religion, Politics or contentious issues that divide the community. We try to calm the troubled waters. A recent example is the major exhibition we held in the Town Hall, to unite the community after the bitter struggle to save the Western Oval, and it worked. But I do think now, is the time for the community to have a discussion about, "Do we preserve what is left of our historic heritage, for future generations to enjoy, or do we discard it and embrace modernism"? These continuing running battles between old and modern, divides the community we live in. If the Council was given strong instructions on this subject and acted on them, there would be a lot less conflict in our community. If everyone did the right thing, the

world would be a better place. Guest speaker Joan Sartori, secretary of the Newstead Historical Society, spoke about the restoration of two very early cottages one was Wattle & Daub, the other Original Stone dating back to the very early days of Clydesdale. The A.B.C. recently featured them on their show Australian Restorations. Wattle & daub and Stone construction of dwellings were brought here by the early settlers and considered Top Shelf stuff. Joan passed around some photos taken just before the restorations started. Time, wear & tear and the climate had taken their toll. The actual restoration will be the subject at a meeting later this year, by the owner who did the restorations herself. Joans involvement was her first hand knowledge of these two houses, having lived close by for many years. The two cottages had been joined together by a lean-to and was called Hillview. It was owned by John Yourn and his wife Avis. Joan spoke lovingly "I remember the cottages as a simple home that was purely functional, with none of what we take for granted today.... and simply filled with family love". "As a child and teenager we visited regularly, usually on a Tuesday, Cornish pasties were in the colonial oven, which we ate in the kitchen. Uncle Henry, had his own chair, a home made one and it still exists today. After lunch we would sit on a miners couch, Aunty would sit in her rocking chair which was home made from boughs taken from nearby trees. The sideboard was home made as were other bits and pieces of furniture. Joan has happy memories of her connection to Hillview, becoming a little emotional as she told her story, which was quite touching. We look forward to part two of the the Hillview story.

§ FROM our COLLECTION §

On the back of this newsletter is a photo of a Jam Dish with the following inscription on the lid, C.U.C.C. (Castlemaine United Cricket Club). Wednesday Team presented by R. Smith E.S.Q. Won by J. Stoneman. For best batting average Season 1905 & 6. It is a modest trophy from a gentle era, the name Stoneman is synonymous of so much that is good in Castlemaine. More next issue.

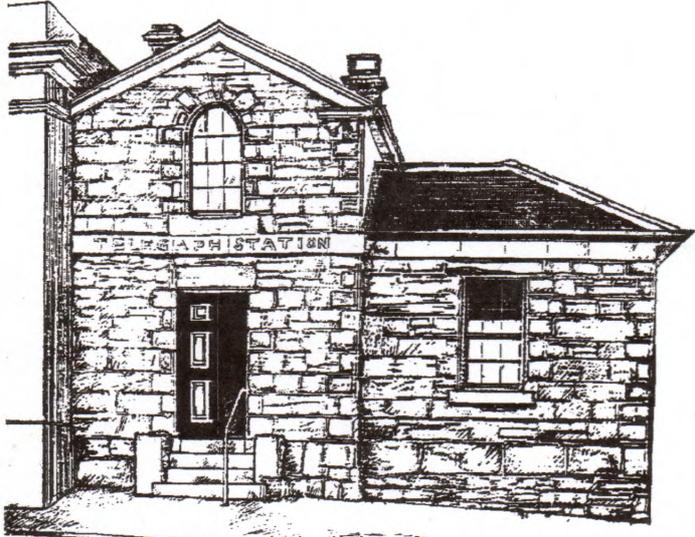
100 YEARS AGO 27th April 1921.

Mr. F. N. Goldsmith in the chair. Sad references were made on the death of the President, which had occurred at an early hour that morning with each member expressing sincere respect. The secretary was instructed to forward a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Docking and family. The secretary was authorised to pay the monthly accounts, and to represent the Association at the Jubilee Meeting of the Australian Natives Association that evening. The secretary was instructed to put a funeral notice in the Castlemaine Mail and to engage a cab for those attending the funeral of our late President. The meeting was then adjourned until the 4th May out of respect, and to the memory of Mr. Docking.

50 YEARS AGO. 8th April 1971.

The meeting opened at 7-45pm with 17 members present and Mr. Ottery in the chair.
Treasurers Report: Rent \$56.20c Expenditure \$20 for the hall keeper. Balance in bank \$295. 01c.

Moved F. Cappy seconded F. Edwards that rental of small rooms be increased from 75c to \$1. carried. The President welcomed brothers J & E Carthew into the organisation. It was moved by T. Nesbit (Mayor) seconded F. Cappy that this association make enquiries to have the book published, carried. Moved F. Cappy seconded H. Holm that the Bendigo Advertiser be given permission to publish a magazine in connection with the Association and the book, carried. It was decided to have a working bee in the Exhibition Room on May 2nd at 9am. Meeting closed 8-45pm
Recently I attended a book launch at the Harcourt Heritage Centre, and what a pleasant experience it was. The book, The People's Hero, The Career of Henry Hayden BA in Colonial Victoria, written by George Milford. Maree Edwards our local member launched the book and her speech made me ask her to speak at one of our meetings soon. I can't do justice to the book here, other than to say, "read it". A copy is on our book shelves. Ed.



**Newcastle Pioneers
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Next Monthly Meeting:
Thursday April 15th at 7-30pm

Guest Speaker.
Voices from the Past

At the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine.

Family and friends welcome.

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A few of the members
around The Table

left to right sitting.
Graeme Barry V.P.
Garry Hood Tres.
Russell Sheehan P.
Wilson Bunton Sec.

Left to right standing.
George Showell
Melva Graham
Vin Cappy
Lindsay Dale
Barbara Bunton
Joy White
Keith White.