



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 the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. Annual Subs: \$30.00.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our 140th Birthday Year

Old Telegraph Station, Castlemaine 21 Jan 2020. Weather, a fine early summers day with a gentle South breeze. A welcome break from the heat. A Very Happy New Year to you all. **"Important Notice"**. The February Excursion! Change of plan. **New Plan**. Coach to Ballarat, leaving from outside the Market Mostyn St at 8-30am. Stopping for a B.Y.O. morning tea at Creswick. Then on to the Eureka Centre \$4 entry. Back on the coach to visit the Gold Museum \$13 entry (could be less), this will take us up to lunch time, so its is back on the coach to go to the Sports Club, meals range from just a few dollars. After lunch the coach will convey us to the Gardens to view the War Memorial Wall, and then take us on to the Mechanics Institute (when I was here last, I found it very interesting. Right up our alley, historically speaking). If we have time, we will visit The Old Colonists. We in years gone by were very friendly with them, sharing reciprocal card and smoke nights. This year you are only going to be charged the coach fare, which is \$30 each. The entry fees, plus lunch you pay at each place. **Another Important Notice**, please let me know if you are coming, so that I have an idea of how many seats are available to sell to the public. We need to fill 33 seats to cover costs. The date this great day out, Wednesday 19th Feb 2020. 8-30am start from outside the Market Mostyn St. back in the Maine by 5pm. Now lets get back to our Birthday. Did you know that, that great English icon, Tower Bridge celebrates its quasiquicentennial anniversary (now there's a word) this year. Folks, the Pioneers are older, by quite a few years, I kid you not. Question, "how many years older are we?" One of the worlds famous landmarks, is in tip top condition ready to face another quasiquicentennial number of years. We and Tower Bridge have a couple of things in common, Old age and an exciting future. The train is one of the threads that ties the newsletter and reader together, (no pun intended) Since it was first introduced it has garnered quite an audience. Occasionally I have not mentioned it and not one person, but several have. Diesel Y133 is working its heart out. Last Saturday it

did 4 return trips with the last one passing our house well after mid night. Now another item to discuss, *Our 140th Birthday Celebrations*. The actual date is the 17th of March. Our meeting falls on the 18th the opening day of our 4 day exhibition. So the committee has decided to hold a special meeting amongst the displays in the town hall starting at 7pm. Special guests will be invited, a caterer engaged to provide supper. Musical items, some very interesting old film and other item to entertain you. A small cover charge for members to help defray some of the costs \$10 (we have a couple of maintenance issues) but the organisation will cover most of the costs. So all of you members who live in far away places, here is great opportunity to make a long weekend of it. If there is enough interest we can hold an official meeting in the Old Telegraph Station, sometime over the weekend. This birthday bash over 4 days will requires quite a bit of man power, so please members, work out what hours between 10am & 4pm on each of the 4 days you are available and let me know at the Feb meeting. Last Thursday the 16th saw 20 members descend on Chewton for our January meeting. After a short tour of this lovely little village led by our dyed in the wool Chewtonite Vice President Keith, we lobbied into the smallest Town Hall in Australia. After enjoying our picnic tea Keith told us a little about the Chewton he was born in and grew up in some 80 odd years ago. As he spoke you could imagine the sights and sounds when the mines were going full bore. I was so surprised when he told us that the main street then stretched almost unbroken from where the Castlemaine Bus Line depot is, to way beyond the Red Hill pub lined with shops, businesses, and the odd house. Then Elaine Appleton what a fine Abassedor for Chewton she is, opened up "The Cupboards" where the photo albums are stored. A real the trip into the past got started then, memories were jogged and old stories flowed. One of those magic moments that just happen, it would have been nice to have had a tape recorder running to catch some of the stories. It was a great start to the year.

100 Years Ago Monday 22 February 1920.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held in the Faulder Watson Hall by the President at Eight pm. Present: G. Docking President, F. Goldsmith Vice President, T. Eacott, G. Douglas, F. Fogarty. J. Owens, R. Stinton and E. Taylor Treasurer. The President stated that he had called this special meeting "due to the conduct of Mr. Nettleton, who had refused to attend to instructions and had behaved in an objectionable manner by being abusive." It was moved by Mr. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. Fogarty, that Mr. Nettleton's services as Secretary and caretaker be dispensed with, forthwith, and that one month's salary be paid in lieu of notice. Carried. The President to engage a secretary for one month until more permanent arrangements can be made. (will Mr. Nettleton rise from the ashes, or is this the end for a secretary who does not know his place. **DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR EXCURSION SEATS 54723186** 50 Years Ago 12th February 1970.

Meeting opened at 7-55pm. J. Wilson President in the chair and approximately 15 members present. Correspondence, notice of valuation for the Faulder Watson hall was received. Improved Capital Value \$8900. Net Annual Value \$445. Moved Mr. Edwards seconded Mr. G. Rilen that the good lino be laid on the stage as suggested. The secretary to contact Mr. Reg Langdon about the lock that had been removed from the hall. Mr. T. Nesbit moved that a new lock be purchased. Mr. G. Rilen suggested that places of businesses be told the present secretary's address, to save accounts being sent to the wrong address. ("the Present" secretary sounds rather ominous some 50 years later. Has the organisation developed a rather cavalier attitude towards its secretary's I wonder? Sec/Treas). **DON'T FORGET TO PLAN SOME TIME TO HELP WITH THE BIRTHDAY EXHIBITION.**



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Next Monthly Meeting:

Thursday 20th February 2020 7-30pm.
at the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine

Guest Speaker

Come and be thrilled with stories of a Spitfire Pilot who flew 90 missions over Germany as told by his Grand Daughter Ann Rittman

Family and friends welcome.

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