



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 – December 2022. Only 21 days to Christmas & 1 month to 2023.

To: *all our*
From: *readers,*



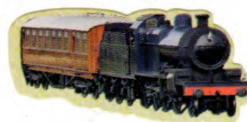
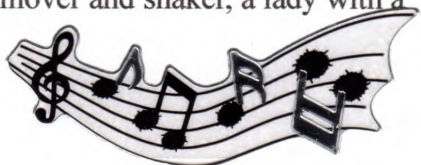
4th December The Old Telegraph Station Barker St Castlemaine. Spring has been and gone leaving a trail of destruction behind. Last Sunday the Chief and I travelled to Rochester to see Macca of Australia all over fame. We saw the damage that the floods had done to both town and crops in the paddock. Earlier this morning listening to Macca I heard a lady telling how her

house had been washed half a block down the street, her neighbours, one and a half blocks. We are powerless when nature flexes its muscles. The lady told her story in a matter of fact way, "that's what happened, I have to cope with it the best way I can and get on with life". I really admire the indomitable spirit of our country cousins. As you know the Transport Exhibition was a success in so many ways, socially, new members, living up to our Charter, and promoting Shire's history a keeping the memories and the achievements of our pioneer forefathers, on whose shoulders we sit on today. The Treasurer was happy when all bills were paid. So your committee decided on your behalf, to make a donation to a flood relief fund. Again living up to our charter. Last months meeting broke new ground. For sometime now some members who lived in faraway places have been asking for a daytime meeting. November was chosen and it was a success. So much so that a motion was moved, seconded and passed, "that a trial be held of holding the winter months meeting next year 2023, be held in the afternoons".

Another ground breaking move was the Guest Speaker Cass Ewing. A young lady born and bred in Castlemaine. Cass is the young person who brought the organisation into the world of computers. Also she wrote our Operations Manual an invaluable tool for the smooth running of the organisation. Cass who I described as a young person would in earlier days, would have been seen as a mover and shaker, a lady with a

good head on her shoulders. Its funny how we, as we grow older consider people 50 and younger as kids. Often not treating them as equals and of having no knowledge. Read this and reflect. Death, Before & After. Cass has written a book on steps that can be taken before the event. It make it much easier for those left behind. All the legal stuff wills, bank, insurance, where titles are kept etc The burial service, special wishes, the list goes on. Now most of us think about these things, put them on the to do list, feel good, Job Done. I have made a few starts to get my list going, but where to start. we as a society I believe "don't do death" very well. Most people don't like talking about it whether it be yours, or theirs, the exception being the Church and the Undertaker. Cass presented her book, The Yellow Book It is very reader friendly, gently winding its way through the legal steps that must be taken. The steps to take, so that your wishes are carried out, and removes much of the burden on those left behind. Its a good read, it has started me off on a task that I have been putting off for ages and folks, I kid you not, I am enjoying it.

After the talk was over the applause was loud and genuine. Sharing tea/coffee & top shelf biscuits (courtesy of the biscuit tin account), Cass was inundated by members interested in her book. Anyone wanting to know more, can ring Cass on, 0404871346. Next year, 2023. January 19th meeting Maldon bring a B.Y.O. picnic tea and meet in the Gardens. At 6pm. February Excursion: at the moment, uncertain. Details in January. The steam train has just arrived back in the Maine from Maldon and sends its very best complements of the season as do I, and all those that sit at the Top Table. **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



100 YEARS AGO 20th December 1922,
 President Mr. G. Williamson opened the meeting.
 The treasurer reported a credit balance in the
 current account of £12-15-8d. The following
 accounts are due: Mrs. Eacott £2-10-0. salary.
 Christmas Gift £1-1-0. Gas £1-7-0. Mail 8/-.
 H. Shelton 1/- Petty Cash 8d.

On the motion of Mr. Cameron seconded by
 Mr. Goldsmith a Christmas Gift of £1-1-0 was
 voted to Mrs. Eacott. Messrs H. Bradfield &
 A. Neems were elected Pioneer members, while
 Mr. J.E. Satchell was elected as a honorary
 member. On the motion of Mr. Fogarty, seconded
 by Mr. Reid, Mr. Charles Brown was elected a
 member of the committee, replacing Mr. Reils
 deceased. In closing the meeting the President
 wished each member the compliments of the
 season.



50 YEARS AGO 14th December 1972.
 The meeting was opened in the Faulder Watson
 hall with 24 members present and Mr. Gaulton in
 the chair. A letter was received from the Apex
 Club asking the association if they would let the
 Art & Antique Exhibition Committee use the
 Faulder Watson hall on the Labour Day weekend
 also would some of our members show them our
 committee and display rooms. Moved C. Hood
 seconded J. Harrison that the committee allow this
 Mr. J. Harrison moved seconded Mr. J. Wilson that
 a photo of members as well as the committee be
 taken, for the recording of the launch of the book
 Records of the Castlemaine Pioneers carried.
 It was then decided that all other General Business
 be held over to the February meeting, so that the
 Christmas Breakup could begin.



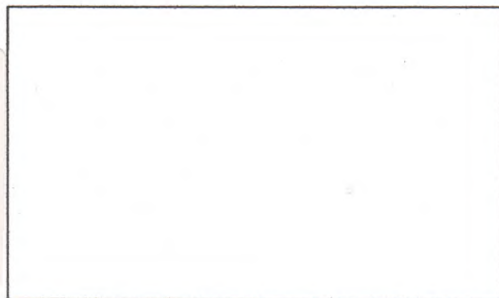
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Next Monthly Meeting:
 Thursday December 15th 2022.

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 Christmas Meeting at BudA
 Good Food, Fun & Frivolity, Live Music.
 6-30pm Nibbles etc. If you have not booked ring
 Russell 54723285 or Judy 0486029645.

Family & Friends most welcome.

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CHRISTMAS BREAK UP AT BUDA

Date : Thursday DECEMBER. 15th

Time : 7.00pm - 10 pm

If you have not yet booked we still have room for a couple more.

Could every one please try and wear something Christmassy it can be a small piece eg scarf ,head adornment tie etc or you can "Go the whole Hog" and join in, with a meal ,festive fun and frivolity. Don't forget its BYO. Cordial will also be provided. With tea/coffee available after the meal .

Bookings RUSSEL 54723285 Or JUDY 0486 029 645

BY THE END OF THIS WEEK PLEASE.,