



Castlemaine Pioneers and Old Residents' Association Inc.

Reg. No. A 0006803 W Est. 1880.

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 – May 2022. Mother's Day (If it wasn't for us Dads, no Mum's!)

Mothers Day The Old Telegraph Station C/Maine
A cold crisp late autumn morning, winter not far away. Our Red Wattle tree is starting to bud showing a yellow tinge, a sign of a vibrant burst of colour in late winter. Now a bit about the train. Until recently the poor hard working Jclass engine has been working hard, pulling 8 heavy carriages, covid and social distancing (you know) When the train is full, the diesel is called on to help it up the steep incline opposite our house. Now that some covid rules have been relaxed it is no longer called for, and the Jlooks just so right. Yesterday it did a special run using some old carriages from the 1800's, A real blast from the past. The last meeting gave us a couple of nice surprises. The first, one of our new members Greg Planke, gave us a brand new photocopier/scanner and a sparkling microwave oven, many thanks. Now the secretary can re-heat his often cold coffee and cinnamon doughnuts. Speaking of doughnuts, yesterday the chief and I went to the Spudfest at Trentham. Thoroughly enjoyed it, learnt a lot about the humble spud and the industry built around it. Old men, women and children working in the fields around Trentham. Of the huts they lived in, the hard lives they had, and starvation. All this, almost on our door step. Its history over shadowed by the story of gold, some 12 to 15 miles away (as the crow fly's). Back to the doughnuts, (the show stopper), in my opinion was the hot jam doughnut made with potato flour, smothered with sugar and stuffed with jam. The queue was I kid you not, at least 200 people long. The second surprise came via David Bailie. A nice thoughtful local had an early large poster of old telephones. He wanted it to go to a good home, thought of us and gave it to David to pass on. It will be scanned, copied and a copy will be on display at the September Transport Exhibition, (transportation of news). Tis the merry month of May, the last month of Autumn. Winter not far away nor June when the treasurer unlocks our coffers, to receive your membership money. Then, along comes July, and our (trumpets) **A.G.M.** (more trumpets).

Included with this newsletter are two forms, one is a membership renewal form, please fill it in and return it to me. I am not deliberately being awkward. To have an up to date membership list on hand at all times is a must. Waiting for the monthly bank statement to see who has paid and who has not, can and does keep our list, up to 6 weeks out of date. If you use direct debit please put your name on your payment at the bank and mention it when you return your form to me. The second form is an application form for a position on the committee. All positions become vacant on the committee at this meeting. So if you are interested, fill in the form and get it back to me by the night of the full moon, the 14th of JULY 2022. Incidentally on this day in 1881 U. S. outlaw Billy The Kid was shot dead. Now, *On with the Motley!* Domestically speaking all seems well. One problem goes another two or three appear. Bills are still being paid, everything seems to be under control. At the March meeting Heather Juniper gave us some tantalising snippets About her maternal grandfather *William Kerr*, of his life and times. At the conclusion I was left as were many of you, wanting to hear more. So it was, with Robin Taylor's story at the April meeting. To me, a "blow in", settled here in 1971 (a frequent visitor since 1951) and being a Pom as well, I have never fully to come grips with the various family Blood Lines. There are many Taylor's in town not all blood related. Robin married a Taylor, not related. One of our members living in Lara was a Taylor (one of Robins mob), very confusing. To my mind both stories in March and April had common threads. The heading off into the unknown without the security blankets of today, "no phone, plane etc". Starting and building new lives for themselves, wives and children too. And lots of hard work. Along the way they did so much to help build this country, state and community that we live in and enjoy today. I have decided to put both stories out in a special supplement later this year. Both Heather & Robin will tell us more in the near future. The full story must be told.

100 YEARS AGO 31st May 1922.

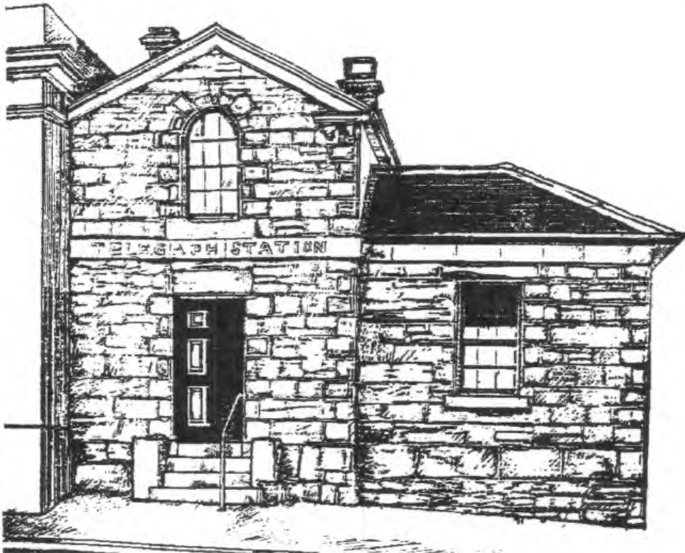
The meeting was opened with Mr F. A. Goldsmith in the chair. After the April minutes were read and confirmed by Mr. Yandell and Mr. Martin, the treasurer reported a credit balance in the current account of £25-17-4d, with the following accounts for payment:

Borough Rates-	£6-6-8d.
Mrs Eacott	£2-10-0
Gas Company	10/6d
Insurance (furniture)	7/11d
Workers Compensation.	5/-
Petty Cash (secretary)	1/-

Mr. Yandell moved and Mr. Owen seconded that the secretary obtain an estimate of the cost of renovating the interior of the hall, carried.

50 YEARS AGO 11th May 1972.

The meeting opened at 7-15pm in the Faulder Watson hall 12 members present and Mr. Ottery in the chair. Owing to lack of numbers at the working bee, it was abandoned and will be held Tuesday evening the 11th May. Owing to the fact that Mr. "Red" Garten, hall keeper moving from Castlemaine to Melbourne, this position has been vacant. It was therefor moved by F. Edwards seconded J. Wilson that Mr. Barnes be appointed. It was moved by Mr. Felix Cappy that to avoid the misuse of the hall and foyer a lock be placed on front door, that several keys be cut and be placed with the booking clerk, and signed for. It was decided that a key be put on permanent loan to the "Midland Provincial Grand Lodge". The secretary was asked to write a letter to council over the state of the channel and curbing in Barker St. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. G. Chapman of Chewton for his donation of old Photo's.



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Next Monthly Meeting:
Thursday May 19th 2022

At the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Robert Cowling

The History of Cowlings Hardware Castlemaine

Family and friends welcome. 7-30 pm.

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Nomination Form for Annual General Meeting.

I Nominate for a position on the committee.

Name: Signature Secunder.

I Nominate for the position of President.

Name: Signature Secunder.

I Nominate for the position of Vice President.

Name: Signature Secunder.

I Nominate for the position of Treasurer.

Name: Signature Secunder.

I Nominate for the position of Secretary.

Name: Signature Secunder.

Nomination forms filled in and signed accepted by the secretary up to 7 (seven days) before the meeting.

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Membership Renewal 22/23.

(Tax Invoice ABN 13 046 114 512)

Dear Member,

Our annual subscription of \$30.00 per family is now due & payable. No GST is applicable. Our Social Club charge is \$2.00 per meeting attended. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month.

We look forward to receiving your renewal membership.

To ensure our records are up to date please complete the following with your subscription:

Family name: Title & Initial: First name:
Mail address: Post Code:
Phone: Partner's first name (if wishing to be a member):

We hope you will continue as a member and help preserve our heritage and trustee properties.

Once completed, please return this slip to the above address.

Payment can be made via cash, cheque or EFT using the following details:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank BSB: 063 509 Account Number: 1002 8096 Account Name: Castlemaine Pioneers & Old Residents Association Inc.

NOTE: Please use your surname & first initial as the reference.