



# 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 – September 2022. 7 weeks to the exhibition, & 15 to Christmas.

The Old Telegraph Station Barker St Castlemaine Fathers Day weather; a fine spring day. The wattles are still going gang busters as are the spring bulbs. The Manchurian Pear trees around where I live are out, looking pristine in their whiter than white blossoms. The wattle birds, magpies, honey eaters, finches etc are having a wonderful time. Spring has really sprung. For those of you that follow my train news, J149 has started to come down backwards from Maldon. The reason why I don't know, but I will find out and report back. At the August meeting the President suggested that it was time to get away from our \$2 gold coin donation mentality. A spirited discussion took place, the secretary got done like a dinner, the entry fee to the October exhibition has been set at \$5 an adult, children under 16 free. And folks, we will have machines to allow "pay by card" the mind boggles. Your technology challenged secretary, is in a state of total panic, yet again. (only 9 months to go). Further discussions took place re- our Christmas meeting with Vice President Judy offering to have a chat with Buda. Final decision will be made at the Sept meeting. Age, weather and life in general has given some of our members a bit of a hard time health wise, these last few months. However it gives me great pleasure to report that Andy Graham is back home from hospital. Both the Cracknell's are in good shape again, George Showell is firing on all cylinders (he has finished his story A Decade from my Life). Graeme Barry is well on the road to recovery having just completed a Cylo Art trip to W.A. All seems well on the health front, (*touch wood*). The word trip triggered my memory, another trip out to Doug & Kerry Hansford's place to view their wonderful collection of Horse Drawn Vehicles and early local history. Date: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Departure Time: 10-30am from the Castlemaine Railway Station, Railway Hotel side. A look at the Steam Train before it sets out off to Maldon.

Followed by a scenic drive to Doug and Kerry's place, stopping for a Total B.Y.O. picnic lunch in the surrounding area.

If there is a **BLACK SPOT** (the dreaded black spot of Long John Silver) on the top of your newsletter, it means that your well over due, with your annual subs. If you have overlooked them, fine, just get a wriggle on and pay them. If you have decided that you wish to move on without us, that's also fine and we thank you very sincerely, for your past support this will be your final newsletter. The Guest Speaker at our last meeting Marion Orr *Growing Up as a Teenager in Belfast Ireland*, gave a glimpse of the very troubled times suffered and lived through by ordinary people, when opposing forces of religion, & politics clash. Marion spoke of how it affected her life, and the people in the where she lived Both sides living happily and harmoniously side by side. She spoke of the terror everybody experienced from the actions of a few bigot-*ted* sycophants from both sides. *Sycophants from both sides, Marions words* Unfortunately her computer could not talk to our projector, so we could not see her slides. In hind site I think that was just as well, we formed our own mental pictures. At the close of her talk and when the President asked for any questions, there was utter silence for a number of seconds. We were, I believed, stunned. Then the discussion started, which was animated and informative. Now onto more mundane things (*would you believe I typed out the 100 & 50 years ago segment from our minute books first, and they have gone, vanished disappeared into thin air*). The oft bursting water main saga has taken a twist. We contacted Coliban Water's "preferred" plumber to start the job a couple of months ago. Nothing happened. I finally got to speak to someone, learning that they did not actually do the work, they subcontracted the job out, and hadn't got around to it. "Who too?" I asked, Malcome McClure Castlemaine was the reply. I have contacted McClure's direct. A permit has to be got from Vic Roads to dig up Barker St,

which takes 60 days and is valid for 3 months. Hopefully it will be done by Christmas!



From our Collection.

Along with an old Journal / cash book, started I believe in Bristol England 1827, brought out to Van Diemen's Land, finally finishing up in Castlemaine. It started recording the sale of guns, powder & shot, dog collars & chain before moving on to wines & spirits & groceries. Along with this journal were a few sheets of paper pinned together, recording the minutes of the Directors fortnightly meeting of the Gentle Annie Gold Mining Company. These meetings were held at the company's offices 32 Collins St E. in 1872. At this time the company was being wound up and a sentence saying, the Castlemaine Share Holders must be looked after, making a Castlemaine connection. Below a copy of one of the pages.

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Directors fortnightly Meeting held at the  
Company's Office on Tuesday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1872 at  
1/2 past 4. O'clock.

Present James Clarke (chairman), D<sup>r</sup> Guise  
J. H. Roddick, W. Gaunson, & J. F. Butler.

Minutes of last Meeting were read confirmed.

Letter & Report from Mining Manager read to the Meeting.

Moved by M<sup>r</sup> Gaunson,

Seconded by J. H. Roddick.

That the a/c of men's Pay Sheet 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>  
September amounting to £8.10.6. & M<sup>r</sup> Smith's a/c of be paid  
Carried.

Moved by M<sup>r</sup> Roddick.

Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Gaunson.

That the Manager forward the Transfer of Lease  
Robert Smith to the Company to the Titles Office for issue of  
certificate.

Carried.

Moved by M<sup>r</sup> Gaunson,

Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Butler.

That a call of one penny per share on the  
uncalled Capital Stock of the Company be made due and  
payable at the Company's Offices 32 Collins St. E. on Wednesday  
the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1872.

Carried.

### MONUMENTS - PLAQUES - FOUNDATION STONES.

Trevor & Keith have been searching out, photographing & researching all of the above in our Shire. To date they have recorded a hell of a lot, with many more to go. Below are 6 pictures of some well known ones. Can you give the exact location for each? Chocolates for the winner.



**100 YEARS AGO** 27<sup>th</sup> September 1922.

Meeting opened with Mr. G. Williamson (Pres) in the chair.

The treasurer reported a Credit Balance in the current account of £16-17-6d. A letter was received from the Castlemaine Borough Council donating to the Pioneers the old ballot boxes used at the Municipal Elections in 1856. Received with thanks. Mr. Eacott reported that an enjoyable euchre party had been held with the local Australian Natives Association branch on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, where the majority of the games had been won by the Pioneers.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

D. Borland repairs	£5-8-3d.
Mrs. Eacott	£2-10-0.
A. McKenzie plastering	£2 - 5- 0.
Taylor Bros wood	16 /-.
Gas Co	13 /-.
M.A. Mail Book	2 /-.

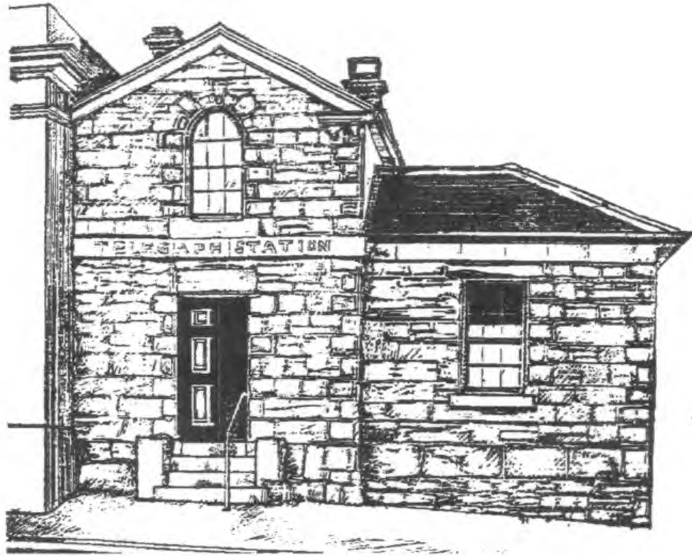
**50 YEARS AGO** 15<sup>th</sup> September 1972.

The meeting opened at 7-45pm, with 13 members present and the President Mr. Gaulton in the chair.

Treasurers Report: Moved by Mr. Riland, seconded J. Wilson that the following report to be correct, carried. (as written Ed)

In. Rent \$21.80c    Expenditure. Hall Keeper \$25.  
 Subs \$9.            Mount Alexander Mail    \$1-80  
 Donations \$40.60    Mr. K. Hall lettering    \$5.  
 Pensioners subs \$13.    Bank Balance \$374.80c.

A report from Mr Harrison; nothing as yet has occurred on the defining of the boundary of Calimna (sic) Park. Mr. G. Rilen reported that the Diamond Gully Cemetery was in reasonable repair, except some of the gold lettering was missing due to old age. F. Cappy said some 40 orders from the National Trust have been made for the new book being printed. A total order so far of 100 to this date, since the beginning of the month. *No readers, I did not find the missing page. I, the hard working secretary (U.P.), did it all again.*



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*Next Monthly meeting  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7-30pm  
Guest Speaker  
Mr. Panasonic subject  
The Early Telegraph Line  
Friends & Family welcome.*

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