



Castlemaine Pioneers and Old Residents' Association Inc.

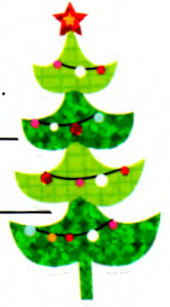
Reg. No. A 0006803 W Est. 1880.

Faulder Watson Hall & Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker Street, Castlemaine.

• President: Graeme Barry 5472 3768 • Secretary: Wilson Bunton 5472 3186 •

All welcome to meetings held on third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. Annual Subs: \$30.00.

Newsletter – December 2018. Christmas Edition.



Old Telegraph Station, Barker St Castlemaine December 2nd 2018. Weather, yesterday a hot north wind, last night, torrential rain and today a cool south westerly making it a good working day. On the subject of work, your hard working secretary (u.p.) is doing just that, Cleaning, vacuuming, dusting and generally tidying up after the aircraft & tank production line workers had finished. Yes folks, not one but two Sopwith Camel World War 1, fighter planes and a Tank, courtesy of our own workshop team. the reason this newsletter is early, THE EXHIBITION, this weekend 8th & 9th December, and I want to remind you re- your duty times. Sat & Sun 10am -1-30pm & 1-30pm – 5pm. If you can spare the time to help cover these 4 shifts your blood is worth bottling. This is vital for the success of the exhibition, the **setting up** on **Friday** 7th 10 am until late, and **the pulling down**, Sunday night and Monday morning. We are all old hands now, and we know just what to do. Your committee has spent a bit of money on your behalf recently. Tomorrow I pick up a Pioneers Publication, a nice Quarto size booklet containing some nice old photos taken from our collection. A nice Christmas present. At the Dec meeting as part of the Show & Tell a nice lapel badge of our logo will be presented to all members present. 32 members have said they will be attending this last meeting of our 138th year at Run Rabbit Run. There is still room for more. \$35 buys you, nibbles, fruit squash drinks,(alcohol drinks at bar prices, which you buy your self), a 2 course meal comprising a main meal & sweets, along with top shelf after dinner mints tea & coffee. And there's more folks one of our members Barry Palmer will be providing nice suitable background music and there is even more! Mixed in the Show & Tell segment is a modern story of today, involving Thompson's modern technology, space, oil rigs and some very skilled Castlemaine tradesmen "Be there or be square". The end of this column is looming up and it is the Christmas edition, so from your committee a very special **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



Last week a person who specialises in repairing and restoring very old documents, spent a day in the Telegraph Station rescuing some of our old miners rights. They had been crudely and roughly mounted for public display many years ago, by well meaning members using glues of the day. Displayed two or three times and then put away, never to see the light of day until June this year. They will be restored, photographed and stored in a controlled atmosphere building for scholars in the future to study. The photos will be displayed in our building for the public to view.

Now a little bit of in-house news. A few members are still feeling a bit poorly. To you all, Father Christmas will make things better I am sure. We want to start the new year on the right foot, No Sickie's Right! I want you all sitting on that big Limo of a coach we use for our February excursion. At the last meeting it was decided to go ahead with it. A nice trip down to one of Melbourne's magnificent old mansions Roponlea, for a guided tour, a nice morning tea on the way down. Lunch at a nice venue at a reasonable prices, with a menu to suit most requirements, and then a visit to Science Works on the way home. You are getting culture, technology and a great day out with friends and all for \$40 (you pay for your own meal) everything else included. We need to fill 40 seats to break even, and that is what it is all about. A nice day out, in comfort with friends. If we can fill the other 15 seats that would be nice, and we could put any money raised to next years trip.

Memory Jog re-Show & Tell Night It will be held on the ground floor, no steps or stairs just a nice flat floor. I haven't mentioned the train so far other than to say "all seems well" touch wood, I am going to talk about Trucks. At the last meeting Vin Cappy donned his Rotary cap and exhorted us to support the Rotary Truck Show. So, On Sunday morning I joined the crowds lining the street to watch well over 100 Big Rigs parade down Barker St, I saw "octogenarian member George Dawson driving his beautifully restored truck, mixing it with the Big Boys, those



modern road monster monsters, and doing it well. The well preserved old driver with his old well restored truck, gave the procession "Real Class". Now, back to the good old days.

100 YEARS AGO 18th December 1918.

Mr. Reid moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Atkin for the gift of pictures to the Association. Seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried. (That is just how it was written folks). Mr. McLean moved that the rules of the Association be revised and the matter be referred to the following members to attend to the same, Messers Taylor, Docking, Borland, and the mover- seconded Mr. Elvish, and carried.

50 YEARS AGO 12th December 1968.

Meeting opened at 7-50pm. Apologies Nil. A letter was received from the Gem Club apologising for using the hall without a firm booking. The treasurer reported an income for the month, Subs \$2.40c, Rent \$90.00, Donation 20c. Accounts: C/Mail 60c. H.W. Lawson \$6.30c.

Hall Keeper \$16.00. General Business. A report was given by members, of the good attendance and good work done at the Cairn at Barkers Creek. After a lengthy discussion on the use of monies from the Thompson Bequest, it was decided to rest the matter in the Trustees hands. The meeting closed at 8-30pm, and a jolly social evening was enjoyed by all.

Now folks this list of dates is to go on the fridge.

FRI DEC 7th EXHIBITION SETUP. 10am.

SAT/SUN 8th 9th DEC EXHIBITION 10am-5pm

THURS DEC 20th SHOW & TELL 6pm Start

JANUARY MEETING 2019. THE FIRE STATION Barker St 6pm Start.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20th 2019 EXCURSION. 8-30 am DEPARTURE.



Castlemaine Pioneers and Old Residents' Association Inc.

Next Monthly Meeting:
Thursday 20th December 2018.

Guest Speaker
Show & Tell + Christmas Festivities
at Run Rabbit Run
Family and friends welcome.

Pioneers and Old Residents' Association
208 Barker Street, Castlemaine 3450

