



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.

Newsletter – July 2018

Castlemaine, Sunday July 1st 2018. Weather, well what a frost and it promises to be a beautiful day. Attended the Farmers Market which seemed well attended, not sure if it is the produce, or the opportunity to promenade with your dog that is the major attraction. The nice looking maroon K class has just passed the window on its way down to the Maine. Now a report on the June meeting. It was a watershed meeting. Now I don't know if it was members moving up to their tropical residences for the winter, cosy heaters at home or just plain forgetfulness. Only 16 members braved the cold to come to the meeting, the first time for 18 months or so that attendance has fallen below the mid 20's. But what a great bunch the 16 were. 3 motions were put up, no speakers against them and all passed unanimously. No 1. A couple of years ago the secretary broached the subject of heating the Telegraph Station. One of the older brigade killed the discussion outright by saying "it's a bloody lot of money for a few months of the year". A chorus of "hear, hear" broke out. The secretary sat down, done like dinner. Last meeting he broached the subject again, and the response was, "a good idea". One minute later it was done and dusted. No. 2. Now folks I can't believe I am writing these words. A web page, email address, real estate in the sky, intranet, cloud computing. Internet banking, sales via the computer, Web Master, the poor secretary is in meltdown. The subject of the internet was opened, the response was hugely in favour and once again moved, seconded and passed in a flash. Now before I move onto the 3rd item, I will digress this time last year I wrote about the succession of the positions of secretary/ treasurer/ hall keeper and general dogsbody. Nothing happened at the Annual General Meeting,

and I did them for another year. The position of hall keeper has gone, there is a full time tenant in the hall now. Earlier this year I wrote about enticing younger members onto the committee. To do this we need to get some younger people to join the organisation. Most of us are on the wrong side of 70, but there is a very important job we can do for the club, that is to approach potential new members. Each of us at some point in time was tapped on the shoulder and invited to be part of this wonderful organisation. Only you know how much enjoyment you have gained from your organisation, and how, another might gain from the same approach by you. I well remember when I was tapped on the shoulder by our Vice President some 20 years ago, and what a great time I have had since. Membership regeneration is vital for the organisations continued success. To bring along a new member means that you are making a vital contribution to the vitality and prosperity of the organisation. Remember that members of the Fair Sex are most welcome, in fact the organisations first two Life Members were women. So lets make the 2018/19 financial year, a year of renewal. By the way, membership renewal is due now. Now onto item No 3. The November exhibition to celebrate the end of the First World War. It will be a weekend affair, based around the Montage and the work that the students of Olivet college have done, along with the work done by Mr. Tony Millar. Believe you me the work done, is fantastic.

After the meeting, Mr Peter Sheehan spoke about house painting. Yes I know the newsletter said The Restoration of the Chewton Town Hall, however, Peter decided to go up market for us (no offence to the Chewton Community), and he talked of his restoration work on some of the Grand Old Buildings in Collins Street, Brighton, South.

Yarra, Toorak etc. What a story he told and it will be re-told in glorious full colour in the accompanying supplement. At the last meeting the hard working secretary (unpaid), asked members to come along with a list of things they think would improve our comfort at meetings, or things they would like to do as a group, along with any general improvements to the Telegraph Station. Now that there is a tenant in the hall, there should be some money available to spend on ourselves. It was some meeting!!!! Now, **To whom it may concern.** Of late there has been a steady trickle of foreign currency into the donation tin, which then finds its way to the bank. The Biscuit Tin Account is **NOT** for money laundering. No Royal Commission into our finances thankyou.

100 YEARS AGO 10th July 1918.

On the question of installing Electric Lighting it was decided to compare the cost between gas & electricity over a 12 month period. It was decided to withdraw £100 from the Colonial Bank and place it a War Loan. The government to be asked for a grant £50 to help renovate the cemetery at Moonlight Flat.

50 YEARS AGO 11th July 1968.

Treasurers Report: Bank Balance \$226.92c
 Accounts: \$46.47c with additional \$42.92c.
 (an interesting item \$4.92c to the Bridge Pub).
 Mr.E.Franklin reported that a lock had been broken, and that a cupboard had been broken into. Moved R.Coles, seconded R.Hall a vote of thanks to the Bendigo Advertiser for having Mr.Ewing to report on the meeting.
 New President G. Normington. V.P. J Wilson.
 Sec/Treasurer R.Conn.



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Next Monthly Meeting:
 Thursday July 19th
 Annual general Meeting
 At the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine.
Extra Nomination forms on the table
You must be financial to nominate.
Family and friends welcome.

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