



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 – November 2018

The Old Telegraph Station Castlemaine. Monday 22nd October 2018. Weather, A beautiful, beautiful day, spring is everywhere. I know you readers who devour every word I write, will notice that this newsletter is being written less than a week after the last meeting. I hear you wondering, why this is so? By the time you read this newsletter, your hard working secretary u.p. will have returned from a nice two week sojourn in Tasmania. The last meeting was a corker, Melva certainly knows how to work a crowd. Over the years I have asked many of you members for your story, with limited success. Most replied "Aw, I haven't done much. Not much of interest has happened to me in my life etc". Well Melva, wearing a red dress with 3 ironed starched petticoats and playing some nostalgic music of the 50s, brought out beaut stories. Just a few snippets with no names & no pack drill. One old grey haired gentleman told, how as a boy he used to play with other boys of a similar age in the little lanes, behind Barker & Mostyn Streets. There was a bakery come cafe called Blumes, and the young waitresses wore blue uniforms. Whenever the boys and waitress's met up, all they could talk about was Sin. Now he did not know about Sin, so he was often left out in the cold. Um! Another old man also with white hair, told how he and his friends took great delight in turning the black horse belonging to a rather stern local man into a Zebra. They would get some pipe clay and paint white stripes on it. Not all the stories came from the men. One of the ladies told of the day how her world of innocence was lost. "*Dad was a chook fancier and was well known for his chooks. He was a gentleman and I was "his little girl". I was young at the time and some eggs he had under a hen started to hatch. As they appeared from under*

their mother I tapped each one on the head to count them. I ran inside to give dad the good news, 12 little chicks. Dad came out excited, to find that my little taps had been to hard, only two had survived, both roosters. That was the first smack and only smack my dad gave me". Ah, Innocence lost. There were many good stories told, but space is important this month. Many thanks Melva, for a very nice and interesting night. More stories will appear later. Now onto matters that concern The Show & Tell night 20th Dec at Run Rabbit Run. Mine Host Peter has generously lowered the price from \$40 a head to \$35. Included in the price are, Nibbles Main course, Sweets Fruit squash drinks (alcohol at bar prices) and Top Shelf after dinner mints tea/coffee. Also Barry Palmer along with a singer from his band, will provide nice background music for the evening. This coupled with our Show & Tell make for a terrific evening, all for \$35. Friends and family most welcome. Firm bookings and money would be greatly appreciated at the November meeting. Now a Heads Up, re The Annual Excursion in February next year. Details have been finalised and are thus: A visit and tour of one of Melbourne's fine stately homes, Rippon Lea. Morning Tea on the way down. Lunch at your own cost (at a nice reasonably priced venue), followed by a visit to Science Works on the way home. Cost \$40 which includes bus fare, entry costs and morning tea. As an organisation we have grown to an awkward size. To big for the small 24 seater (which was not suited to us oldies), and to small to fill a big comfortable coach. We need a minimum of 40 people to make this trip viable. Make an effort to fill the bus with family and friends. It would be nice to have an idea of numbers and deposits (\$10) at the *December meeting. And just a reminder that*

the January meeting will be held at the Castlemaine Fire Station.

100 YEARS AGO November 27th 1918.

Here is a strange thing, no quorum meeting adjourned until 4th December. I wonder why, this is only 16 days after the end of the War? Anyway here are the minutes from 4th Dec 18. The treasurer reported a credit balance in the Savings Bank of £29-10-5d. The President reported that he had ordered a wreath to be placed on the coffin of the late Col Atkins, who was one of the Associations Trustees. The time too short for the association to do it any other way. The action of the President was approved. Accounts for payment Secretary's Salary £4-0-0 (today's?). Mr.G. Apps wreath. Water Rates £3-0-0. Gas £1-3-5d. Leader 14/4
50 YEARS AGO. November 14th 1968.
Correspondence: A letter from the Gem Club

stating that rental of the hall had commenced on the 1st of the 10th 16 and would be paid monthly. General Business: moved by J. Fogarty, seconded T Nesbit that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Mumford of the Lauriston Reservoir for his help on the day of our picnic. A discussion took place on what to do with the \$25 left over from the picnic. It was decided to place it into the Hall Restoration Fund. That all folks from yesterday. Back to the future, I forgot to tell you that the Show & Tell night will be on the GROUND FLOOR, no steps to navigate. *12th Jan 1857. Castlemaine, we are glad to say, is now in permanent communication by means of the telegraph with our neighbours at Sandhurst and with the metropolis. The permanent opening took place on the afternoon of Friday.*



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Next Monthly Meeting:
Thursday Nov 15th 2018
Guest Speaker

President Graeme to arrange

Family & Friends most Welcome

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