



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 – September 2018

Castlemaine Sunday 2nd. Weather, a heavy frost then the clouds rolled in preserving the frost and making for a cold day. Sitting at my window, looking out over a garden bed full of daffodils, one caught my eye triggering off some great memories of our late treasurer Ken Lerversha. The daffodil is one of a few bulbs from Ken's beautiful old home Pine Hill, in Burnett Rd. It is very pleasing to the eye, as are the memories of Ken and of days gone by. Here it is Wattle Day and we are surrounded by them. Fantastic specimens on suburban lawns and the bush is absolutely chock a block with them. Wattle Day was an important day when I was at school, although I seem to remember it to be in August, today it hardly warrants a mention. To me it brings back memories those care free days of the 1950's, 60's & 70's, when life was much slower, simpler and we had time to smell the roses. Wow K.153. Has just steamed by, looking absolutely magnificent She has just returned from a major overhaul, and is running like a two year old colt. Enough of this, on with the job. Still on the subject of trains, our guest speaker at the August meeting was Bill Chapman speaking about, live working model steam engines, complete with Pam, a gorgeous exquisitely proportioned and stunningly beautiful model, that Bill often squires around Model Railway Events. Now before some of you get carried away thinking, "scandal in the family", I hasten to add Pam is a model steam engine. Pam sat centre stage on the big cedar table that came out of an old Chewton pub in the meeting room, a credit to Bill's model making skills. Bill gave us an insight into the scale model movement, especially the model railway at Eddington. Also about the man who designed Pam. It was a great night, a lot of us blokes wished we had kept our model trains, and the discussion at supper allowed us to relive our youth. Twice I heard the comment "*It's only now that I realised just how much my parents must have struggled to buy that train set*". Now as you all know, we always conduct our January meeting in someone else's place, Bill has kindly offered

the Fire Station Museum. Another great night The December Show & Tell Night, (5 capital letters in a row) on Thursday 20th December will be held upstairs at member Peter Bottomley's restaurant Run Rabbit Run. It will take the form of our meeting, food & drinks along with the Show & Tell segment. Cost to be advised. Its funny how things connect. Among the stuff we got from the National Trust late last year, was a picture of a rather stern looking Scotsman dressed in a kilt. In last months newsletter I wrote about the large cedar table and chairs donated to us by a family in Brighton, they wanted it to come home. Well the table and chairs, Scotsman and Run Rabbit Run are all interconnected and the story will be my contribution to Show & Tell. Planning for the February Excursion is underway A coach an overseas (small) trip will be the go, based around some very old history. Save the third Wednesday of February next year. Cost & details next month. The December 8/9th exhibition plans are coming together. A nice display was put together almost overnight and put on display in the Information Centre, inviting the public to attend. The theme based around our famous W.W.1. Montage and the work year 9 students at Olivet Christian School have done for the past 4 years. Castlemaine 1913 the surrounding Shire, the home they left. The war and the experiences the soldiers on the montage experienced, and Castlemaine and the surrounding Shire, the home they came back to. The interior of the hall is looking great, painters have been in and repainted the East wall after the electricians moved 2 wall lights. New locks have been fitted to both the exterior & interior double doors. For Seniors Week in October there will be a display of communication equipment in the Old Telegraph Station. It will be open to the public on the Tuesday & Thursday of Seniors Week from 10am – 3pm. gold coin entry. A few words about the Sick List. When I visited Lin Macdonald, she appeared and sounded well. Clive Sharplin is slowly improving, Elizabeth is looking forward to getting him home soon. Things seem to be

moving in the right direction. **KEEP IT THAT WAY!**

100 YEARS AGO 25th September 1918.

Letter was received from Mr. Mrs. Newton re the Associations letter of sympathy. From the Premier relative to the associations application for a grant of £50 towards renovating the old cemetery at Moonlight Flat. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Mr. G.W. Plummer in reference to the death of his son Walter, who was on active service. Re framing of photos presented by Mr. H. Lawson, Mr. T.F. Reid kindly offered to attend the same. A ballot was taken for Messrs Hodson & MacGibbon, both gentlemen were elected members as Old Residents. It was reported that the report on electric lighting was not ready.

FIFTY YEARS AGO 12th September 1968.

Meeting opened at 7-45pm. A visit was paid by the President & Secretary of the Historical Society

Their President Mr. Ray Bradfield spoke first and gave our members a fine talk on the societies activities. The secretary Mr. M. Blume outlined other activities. they were well received by our members and thanked for coming along by our President Mr. S. Normington. It was moved by Mr. T. Nesbit sec E. Daw that a letter be written to the City Council to see if they could help us with a grant towards the financial upkeep of the hall. A representative of the Gem Club asked for a reduction of rental for use of room. Moved G. Rilen sec F. Edwards that the rent be reduced from \$11 to \$8 per month, carried. Discussion on Picnic: Date 10th November leaving at 10am.

This months Guest Speaker is John Rowland, manager of Golden Days Radio, which is heard in many parts of the world, as well as here in Melb. Something different and very enjoyable.



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Next Monthly Meeting:

Thursday 20th September 2018 at 7-30pm
At the Old Telegraph Station 208 Barker St. Castlemaine.

Guest Speaker: Mr. John Rowland of
Golden Days Radio
Family and friends most welcome.

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