



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 – May 2019.

Castlemaine May 10th 2019. Weather Nice, cool & wet. 28mm's last night. I am sitting at my window writing this news letter. The telegraph station looks as if a bomb has hit it. Monday we pulled down the exhibition, everything was just stuffed into the old place leaving no room to move. The lounge room with a nice view of bush & railway,, a cosy fire and the smell of pea & ham soup simmering, lifes good. The exhibition was a success, the only adverse comments made to me were "2 days is not long enough". To all you members who worked so hard setting up & pulling down, a big, big thank you. Also a huge vote of thanks to all the others who helped in many ways. I am a Great Major General "pompous, telling people what to do and getting my picture in the paper". In spite of me, you all did good thank you. Now folks, the Annual General Meeting. July is less than 2 months away and all positions will be declared vacant. Nomination forms will be out with the June newsletter, along with renewal forms. It has been decided to leave the annual subs for 2019/20 at \$30. To those of you that pay your subs directly into the bank, it helps me a lot if you would fill in a membership form with all details asked for. Back to the A.G.M. A role that I would like to relinquish (get rid of), is Treasurer. We have been around for 139 years and have built up a good operating system that works well. Each position makes few demands on your time. Now I fill 3 roles and thoroughly enjoy myself filling them. But time has caught up with me, my mind and body is telling me to slow down, and I feel it would be nice too. I wrote earlier that over the years a good operating system has been built up, making sure there is someone to carry on when a member steps down, is part of this system. This Old Bloke gives notice that if re- elected

2019/2020 will be his last year on the Board of Management.

So members lets get together, and plan together, for a new secretary. A'h a driver experience train has just passed the window on its way down to the Mainie. A nice sight the engine, smoke and steam against a background of the green of gum trees and an overcast sky.. The train has been going gang busters since Easter, running the very old carriages on Saturday afternoons (some of these could very well be ones ,the Old Pioneer's hired back in the 1800's when they started the annual excursions to the Bay). I have been reliably in formed that old faithful K153 now all nicely restored will be pulling the Royal Train between Castlemaine and Maldon, on the long weekend in June. Truly a historical event for future historians to study.

Speaking of history, Castlemaine U.3.A. (University of the 3rd Age have passed on to us four bound volumes of their newsletter, containing a lot of their history since they began in August 1988. A worthy addition to our "Tomorrow's History Collection".

Saturday May 11th. The Old Telegraph Station. Still wet & cold.

The Mail is out, sales are booming and our exhibition got a good write up. And I am still my modest self. All jokes aside using the exhibition as a backdrop for the handing over of Elaine Appleton's historic collection to various Historic Groups in the area, was a nice thing to do. To the members who suggested it and did the afternoon tea, Thank you. As a bye stander it was nice to see the various representatives chatting over a cuppa and looking at one another's goodies, all good friends with a common interest.. Elaine deserves a medal, not only for the work she has done, but also for the way she generously shared it. Now folks, time to turn the page for 100 & 50 years ago.

100 YEARS AGO 28th MAY 1919.

An apology was received from the President owing to having to attend another engagement. The treasurer reported that the current account held £16-0-1d. A sympathy card was ordered to be sent to Mr. Fogarty relating to his recent accident. A letter of thanks was ordered to be forwarded to His Excellency Sir Arthur Stanley, Governor of Victoria for his kindly gift of a photo of himself, on the occasion of his visit to the Associations Rooms, during his stay in Castlemaine on the 10th April 1919. Mr. Docking seconded Mr. Nettleton that a full inventory of the associations furniture be made. Mr. Redfern moved that a good straw broom be purchased for use in the premises, seconded by Mr. Stinton.

50 YEARS AGO 8th MAY 1969.

Mr. Daw reported on a very generous offer by Mr. S. Stoneman re- painting the hall.

Moved T. Nesbit sec E. Daw that Messrs Holm, Wilson and Edwards be granted permission to order paint and anything else needed for the job.

It was decided to hold a working bee for preparation work. Mr. Fogarty donated the cost of a gallon of paint. After a discussion on the lack of publicity regarding the activities of the Pioneers, it was mooted that the Castlemaine Mail and the Bendigo Advertiser be invited to send representatives to the July Meeting.

(I know, different type face. The gremlins at work)

... duties with a fifty year gap. Also his military career



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Next Monthly Meeting:
Thursday 2018
Guest Speaker

Family & Friends most Welcome

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