



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.

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Newsletter – April 2024. Three weeks to our Major Biennial Exhibition

7th April The Old Telegraph Station Castlemaine. An overcast morning with a hint of winter in the air. The Camp Reserve is going “Gang Busters” with the Lions Club annual swap meet in full steam. There is a steady stream of Hot Rods travelling down Barker St bound for the Guildford oval and the Guildford Grumpies annual Show & Shine car show. Several groups of cyclist, joggers and dog walkers complete this early morning scene. A snapshot of a vibrant small country town enjoying its self on a nice Sunday morning. 7 am & your hard working secretary (U.P.) at work bringing you this report. I wonder if life is getting back to normal at last, after Covid? Lets hope so and we get good numbers through the doors of the exhibition. I always knew that sport has played a major part in the lives of the various towns in the Shire. I am astounded by what has come to life, as Greg puts the material he has unearthed, right back to the New Years Carnival held on Milk Maid Flat, way way back in the mid 1800’s. The public has been very generous loaning us their family sporting history. One of our advertising flyers was read in Ballarat prompting a daughter to ring her 94 year old mother to get in contact with us. Her late father was one of Castlemaine’s great all round sportsman. Result, a whole display of this man’s prowess. So members Promote, Promote & Promote the exhibition some more. Gather family & friends and bring them along to the Town Hall on Anzac weekend. Talking of the exhibition leads me onto the subject of “The Raffle”. Our raffle has always represents good value and this years is no different. Vin our Top Shelf raffle organiser has excelled himself, with many useful prizes 8 in all, both gourmet & practicable. A small sample: A Top Shelf hamper from Brendan Blake family grocers since 1999. An \$80 voucher from the Railway Hotel, bottles of wine, baskets of local produce etc. A luxurious Australian Waverley Mohair Throw, an Onko reversible blanket 2.2m x 2.4m. Vin has also sold a lot of tickets he would like those of you who took raffle books to return them at the next

meeting. We can’t let him do all the work, so I entreat (like the word?) you to Buy, Buy and buy some more. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Set up day for the exhibition is Thursday 25th April Anzac day. If you want to help with the setup trot along to the town hall after 10am & you will be welcomed with open arms. Greg is very worried about enough people to man the exhibition. I have told him not to worry, every thing will fall into place at the time. To ease his worries if you haven’t given him your name and you are not coming to the next meeting, ring me (54723186) and I will pass it on. If there is anyone out there with experience in the use of a 16mm projector, and you could show us how to use it, you would be a godsend. That’s enough on the exhibition. Now on with real life. The bills are still being paid, although this so called modern technology makes me wonder. Bill paying. Write and send a cheque signed by two authorised people, job done. Now, two people together in front of an impersonal computer screen, that demands absolute perfection in presentation to pay the bill. It then throws all the information up into the cloud (some where up there) to be hacked by all and sundry, and then we are charged by various parties. Also, ring to talk to a an official and you get an answering machine, and mostly no follow up or, “your call is very important, our operators are all busy and you have been put in the que.”. A couple of chapters of your book later, or the phone battery is flat, you give up. While on the subject of technology , the newsletter. It has turned out to be a can of worms. Those of you who get the newsletter via email have been asked by Liz to let he know that you are getting it. Some of you did respond, a lot of you did not, it only takes one short message to Liz. The shop window display has brought quite a few interesting items across my desk (more inside), it would be nice if a few of you quiet members, newbies perhaps stepped forward and put together a display. You will be given lots of help, if you want it and there is a small budget. The subiect matter is boundless as are our resources.

138 YEARS AGO April 30th 1886.

Meeting held in the Town Hall (the old one, that no longer exists) the President Mr. Mitchell in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. No correspondence. Mr. Seedorf gave notice of a motion, that this association donate £10 to the Castlemaine Benevolent Asylum. Mr. Cornish objected to the motion saying the rules of the association did not provide for money being voted for any purpose outside the society, he moved that no action be taken. The chairman Mr. Mitchell gave his opinion, nothing can prevent a notice of motion being made, unless the chairman over ruled it. The notice of motion was allowed to stand. Mr. Yandell moved Mr. Gaulton seconded that all members attend the funeral of their late member Mr. George Savage and that an advertisement be inserted in the local paper. The President and officers are to enquire into his circumstances and to act accordingly. Mr. Yandell stated that he had two more members to propose,

Mr. William Graham of Taradale who came to this country in 1853. The second also from Taradale who came in 1852 Mr. George Shortman. The meeting was then adjured.

49 YEARS AGO 10th APRIL 1975.

Meeting held in the Faulder Watson hall Mr. Barns in the chair. The treasurers report was accepted and all accounts passed for payment. Income rent & sales \$28.50 Expenditure \$28.60. Correspondence Nil. General Business. A report on the health of the caretaker was discussed, and his replacement was left until a suitable person was found.

Meeting closed at 8-30pm with 9 members present. *These snippets from the past are written straight out of the minute books, with no changes to grammar or spelling.* Ed.

That all for this month, a short newsletter, so much to do for the exhibition. See you there.



**Castlemaine Pioneers
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Next Monthly Meeting

Thursday April 18th 2024 – 7.30 pm

Guest Speaker
Final preparations for the Exhibition.

Family and friends welcome.

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