

# **Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club CASTERNOTES JUNE 2024**



**Ford Ute owned by Ross & Heather Lovell**

## Presidents Report

Many thanks to those very capable people keeping the wheels in motion at the car club in my absence, good on you Brian standing in for me, I'm a little afraid people will find out how easy the presidents job really is. I have always felt that a good president is only as good as the rest of the executive, and I have no reason to doubt that thought at this stage.

Thanks must go to our outgoing treasurer Elaine who was always very efficient in her role but I do know she has a lot of other commitments especially with the lions club so thanks again Elaine. To Di who has produced our news letter Casternotes many thanks for your work we do appreciate your efforts.

Thanks to Jeoff for continuing on as secretary to support me and welcome to Andy Best for taking on the role as treasurer, I only had to ask and he was more than willing to help out, also Brian our diligent Vice president which I heavily rely on, thanks Brian.

By the way Brian I won't be home for our next meeting so I hope you are available to sit in the chair for me.

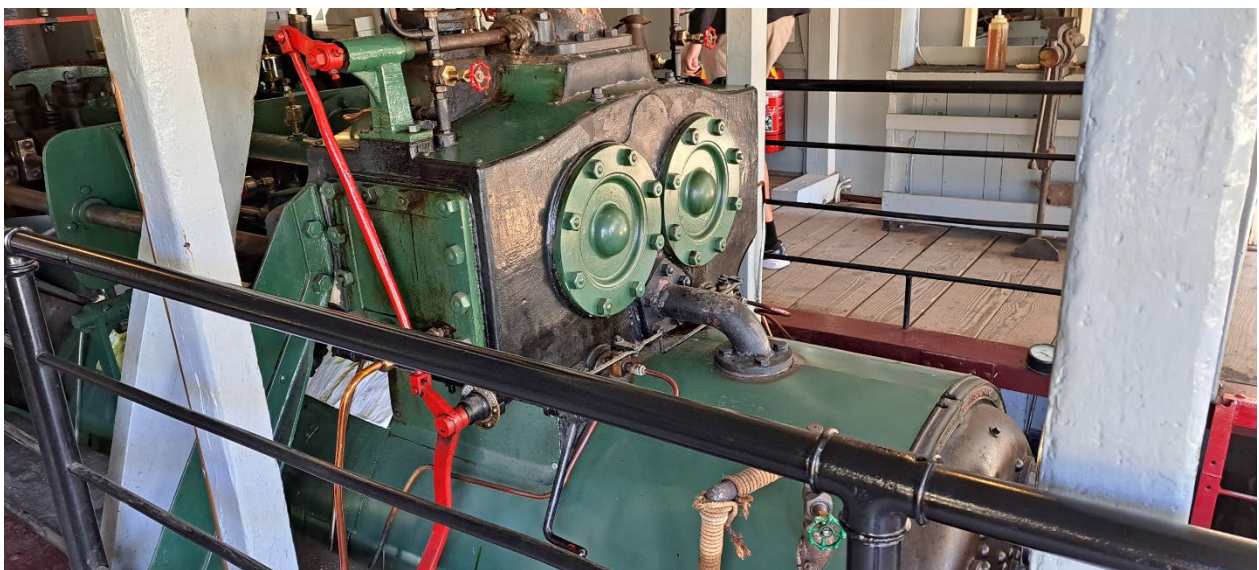
Thanks to all the others who do their bit for the club we need your input to keep the show rolling.

Lois and I are at the moment in Charlieville having spent the last couple of weeks with family in Brisbane and now heading out to Quilpy before starting to head south on our way home going through Cunnamulla and Lightning Ridge and who knows from there.

I have some good photos for later newsletters if I can work out how to get them from my phone to the newsletter. The big news is I could have a new newsletter editor on board just let me work on that one

Club President

Gavin Lowe



Engine from paddle steamer in Echuca.



## Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club

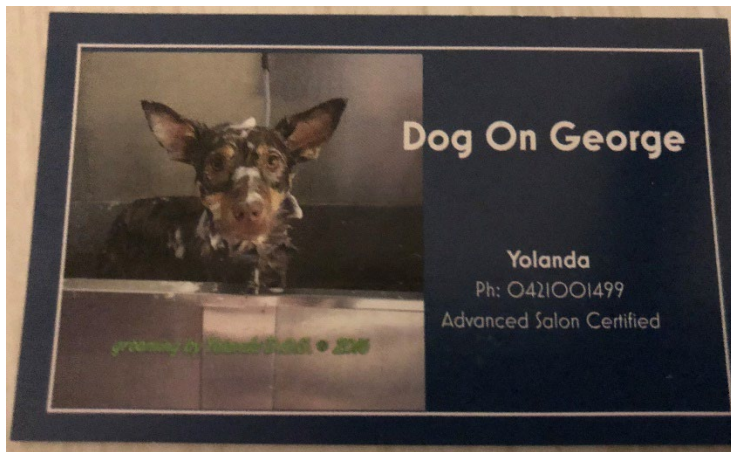
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### Foundation Life Members

2. Jim Kent (dec)  
6. Garry and Jenny Thompson  
10. Jeoff and Jill Hortle

11. Keith Beaglehall (dec)  
14. Arnold and Irene Hornibrook  
16. Greg and Julie Lindsay



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## **CMEC General Meeting –25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

At S.S.C.

- Meeting Opened:** 7.30 p.m. by Vice President Brian O`Connell.
- Members Present :** Jeoff & Jill Hortle. B.O`Connell .A. Best. B.& P.Johnston. M.McArlein. J.Johnston. E.Humphries. P.Jones. P.Murphy. M.Hamill
- Apologies:** G,Lowe. B.Pettingill. G.Baker. K.Robbins.S.& J.Colquhoun.. A & I. Hornibrook. S.Gregory. Di James
- Minutes:** As published in current newsletter – were accepted on motion of Mark Hamill  
Seconded by P.Johnston. Carried
- Business Arising:** Defibrulator still to be checked.
- Correspondence In: -** Various Club Newsletters.  
Bank statements.
- Correspondence Out: -** Nil
- Treasurers Report:** Credit balance reported and accounts passed for payment on motion of Elaine Humphries seconded by Phyllis Johnston. Carried
- Soup Spoon :** Gavin – retains it again as he hasn`t let us know who he wants to give it to.
- Pride of Ownership/Tractor Trek: Weekend Nov 23/24 2024**  
Nil report.
- Tour `25** Labour day weekend. Irene absent tonight.
- General Business:** Nil
- Wanted:** Nil
- Hot Air:** Nil
- Reports:** Kelpie Parade- another good turnout for parade.
- Door Raffle:** Bruce Johnston. Elaine Humphries
- Meeting Closed:** 7.50 p.m.
- Next Meeting:** **July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 at Senior Citizens Clubrooms. @ 7.30 p.m.**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Club events</u>	<u>Community and other clubs' events</u>
<b>July 23</b>	<b><u>C.M.E.C. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.</u></b> <b><u>At Senior Citizens Clubrooms</u></b>	

#### **Club Meetings**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Clarke Street, Casterton**

- **Meeting times April to September 7:30pm**
  - **Meeting times October to March 8:00pm**
  - Articles and photos for inclusion into the club newsletter are due by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of each month
  - Committee meetings are held as required, min 4 per year
  - The AGM is held each year at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in June at 7:30pm
  - Over the Labour Day Weekend each year the three-day Labour Day Rally is held by the club
    - The Annual Pride of Ownership Day is held by the club on the last weekend in November at the Fire Brigade Track,
  - The Club, through its Club Captain, organises social runs on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month Noss Retreat Road, Casterton
- Contact
- Gerard Baker 0427327779
  - Trucks, tractors, cars, stationary engines are eligible to enter
  - Camp sites and full catering available on-site
  - Features include Tractor Trek

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JOAN`S BEST FRIEND

## VALE. JOAN BILSTON

This month sadly we lost another of our long term members Joan Bilston.

Joan was born in Ballarat on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1927 the eldest of three daughters to Thomas & Irene Bilston who were living at Strathdownie at the time.

They soon moved to Wando Vale where Joan commenced her education at the Wando Vale School until an epidemic of sickness in the area prevented her from attending school, so subsequently was home schooled by her mother to reach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

After she finished her schooling she went to live in Melbourne where she stayed with her Auntie.. While in Melbourne she worked with an Advertising Agency where she met her partner Basil Stafford. Joan was introduced into the Fashion industry by Rubean Keam after which she conducted her own Frock shop "Zilla" in Toorak.

After hearing that a frock shop in Casterton was for sale she returned to the district and purchased "Judelles Frock Shop" in Casterton which she operated for 18 years.

Joan loved travelling all around the district co-ordinating fashion parades with Basil her partner being the compere, with profits going to local charities. One notable achievement was at the Nareen Hall doing a fashion parade when the then Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Fraser attended together with his wife Tammie who helped serve the supper. The proceeds of that evening went to the Nareen Red Cross.

After Joan retired from business she volunteered in the local Tourist Centre where she was able to give visitors local knowledge of the district. In her early years she taught herself to knit, which she , perfected beautifully, and her hand knits were always much sought after. She continued at the Information centre until the Glenelg Shire employed staff to manage it.

Joan, together with Basil joined the Casterton Motor Enthusiasts Club shortly after our formation with Basil becoming our second President of the Club. Joan was always the willing one to help out where ever she was needed. She became affectionately known as the Dot Lady who checked the meal tags at the Rally, and no one without a dotted name card got past Joan.

The entrants at the Pride of Ownership weekend always looked for that smiling face taking the registrations, and being a farm girl, Joan soon became very familiar with the makes of Engines and Tractors.

We sadly said farewell to our beloved friend Joan who was loved by us all and will be greatly missed in our town, the district and in particular a treasured member of the C.M.E.C

Irene Hornibrook



Joan`s special smile

**Annual Meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**Venue Senior Citizens Clubrooms**

Meeting opened 7.52 p.m. by V.P. Brian O`Connell.

**Members Present** : as per June 25 2024 General meeting .

**Apologies:** as per June 25 2024 General Meeting minutes

**Minutes** of the June 25 2023. A.G.M. were read to members present and were accepted on motion of Brian O`Connell seconded by Elaine Humphries.. Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil.

**Treasurers Report** : Elaine gave a report of our club operations for the previous year resulting in a small loss of \$389.94. The books have been audited by Carmen Gorman.

A balance sheet was read and tabled and accepted on a motion of Mark Hamill seconded by Marg McArlein. Carried

**Club Captain/Co-Ordinator** – No report

**President`s Report:** from May Newsletter – Gavin indicated that he will be available for President nomination again and thanked all club officials for another year of participation.

Vice President Brian declared all positions vacant and remained in the chair for 24/25 elections

**2024/25 Elections = {A} Accepted {D} Declined**

**President** - Elaine Humphries nominated Gavin Lowe {A}

**Secretary** - Brian O`Connell nominated Jeoff Hortle {A}

**Vice President** -Paul Jones nominated Brian O`Connell [A]

**Treasurer** Paul Jones nominated Andy Best {A}

**Assistant Treasurer** – Jeoff Hortle nominated Phyllis Johnston {A}

**Club Captain.-** Committee

**Librarian/Property Officer.-**Elaine Humphries nominated Janine Johnston. {A}

**Editor/Publicity Officer.-** Vacant

**Committee** – Paul Jones nominated – Spencer & Jill Colquhoun [A]

Gerard Baker . Kerri Robbins {A}

Bruce & Phyllis Johnston {A}

**Tour Co-Ordinator:** Committee

**November weekend Co-Ordinator** : .

Gerard Baker and helpers Brian O`Connell & Brian Burgess

Elected at March meeting.

**Federation reps:** Any 2 of President – Secretary – Vice President- Treasurer

**C.P.S. Signatories** : Jeoff Hortle {A} **Gavin Lowe {A}**

**Federation Delegate Reimbursement** = moved Paul Murphy seconded by Elaine Humphries that delegates attending Federation meetings be fully reimbursed for costs incurred – Carried

**Membership:** Moved Mark Hamill seconded by Paul Jones that General Meeting of April 2024 motion that membership be increased to \$60 Family, \$50 Single + \$20 Joining fee be formally adopted. Carried

Discussion re membership – Is it too much to increase, may deter membership applications.

Consensus agreed to leave existing motion in place

**Financial:** Moved Brian O`Connell seconded by Andy Best that our financial & auditing services remain- NAB/Bendigo Bank and West Currie- Carmen Gorman. Carried

**Signatories:** Moved Janine Johnston seconded by Bruce Johnston that our signatories be any two {2} – President – Secretary – Treasurer -Assistant Treasurer Carried

V.P. Brian O`Connell thanked all participating and accepting positions for the forthcoming year.  
Meeting closed 8.30 p.m.