

Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club CASTERNOTES AUGUST 2024



Our President tucking in

Presidents Report

Hello readers another month passes us by and the spring weather is looming. Mind you I hope we get a wet season to boost the farming community, it's the old story in our small area if the farmers are doing well, the town does well so here's hoping. At our last meeting a lot of new ideas and input from the assembled gathering was noted in regards to streamlining the way our club runs. Some very positive ideas were tabled and discussed. Andy Best suggested we have a Sunday run and our next meeting on a Sunday, with lunch incorporated at our club shed. This was very well received and the meeting decided to go ahead with it for our September meeting, what a great idea Andy. So the job now is to get behind this new innovation come along and support it to give us an idea if we should continue on and do this more often.

Another big discussion was held regarding our newsletter. The topic was, do we need to have it monthly. One point about it, it is probably the clubs biggest single expense. Another factor is that club members are not contributing to the content. For the letter to be more viable we need people to put stories or pictures of their progress on recent projects, or maybe where have you been stories. All these things are interesting to our readers, it would be great to have some more input for the news, you have always got to remember every one has a story to tell . In saying all of this it is up to you members to get that information in to the editor. The feeling of the meeting was to make our publication only every second month, which at this stage seems likely.

Special thanks to Brian O'Connell for his very interesting and informative talk on his trip up north to the Mundi Mundi festival out of Broken Hill. Some of the information that Brian gave us on the enormity of the show was great to hear, thanks again Brian for your time to put together this great story for us. This is exactly why we have the part of the meeting for anybody to tell us if and where have they been. Top job on that one mate, it will be hard to top.

Well that's it, see you all at our September run, meeting and lunch.

Gavin Lowe

C M. E. C. President

JUST A REMINDER EVERYONE

Our next club run is on Sunday September 22 to our Club Shed @ 11.a.m

B.B.Q. Lunch will be provided by the Club prior to the meeting

Come along for a social get together.

CLUB NEWS

The Club extends sincere condolences to Mutchy on the sad loss of his Mother Marie.

Our dear friend Jan Collins from Mildura is out of hospital after 9 weeks and resting up at home.

Notice that "Talisker Homestead" is having an Open House & Garden on the 19th October.

Talisker is a piece of pastoral history near Merino. It is an 11 bedroom farmstay and certainly worth a visit. It has been amazingly restored by the present owners and a credit to them for preserving this historic building. The heritage listed homestead {circa 1901} sits on top of a large hill and is a large U shaped designed Edwardian home. Access to the house will be via small guided tours, with timed tickets so as to arrange the amount of people in the home at any given time. You are welcome to join them in the gardens at any time.

Sounds like a good club run.

Gerard and Brian are busy mapping out tracks for the Tractor Trek in November. This has become a very popular date on the calendar for the club and Tractor enthusiasts. No doubt the boys will have some surprises in store for this year`s trek. You don`t have to own a tractor to take part, you can join in with any 4 wheel drive vehicle and see parts of the country that you haven`t seen before or hitch a ride with a vehicle.

Take a note of topics to be discussed at our next meeting e.g. monthly or bi monthly newsletter, club runs incorporated with monthly meetings, venue for runs etc. Give it some thoughts and come along on Sunday 22nd and discuss your ideas.

An engineer was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said {If you kiss me I will turn into a beautiful princess}. He bent over , picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said {if you kiss me I will turn into a beautiful princess I will stay with you for one week} The engineer took the frog out of his pocket , smiled at it and put it back in his pocket. The frog then cried out . {If you kiss me I wil turn into a beautiful princess I will stay with you for one week and do ANYTHING YOU WANT]

Again the engineer took out the frog, smiled at it and put it back in his pocket. Finally exasperated the frog asked {What is the matter with you ? I`ve told you that I am a beautiful princess and that I`ll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won`t you kiss me ?}

The engineer said {Look I`m an engineer. I don`t have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that`s cool}

A kind son bought a mobile phone for his elderly father so he could keep contact with him.

The father took the phone shopping with him the next day.

The son decided to call his father while he was in the supermarket so gave it a ring saying " Hi Dad" Father replied "How did you know where I was"

The Caster Notes Editor position is still vacant ! If there is someone out there who can spare a little time to assist the club it would be so much appreciated



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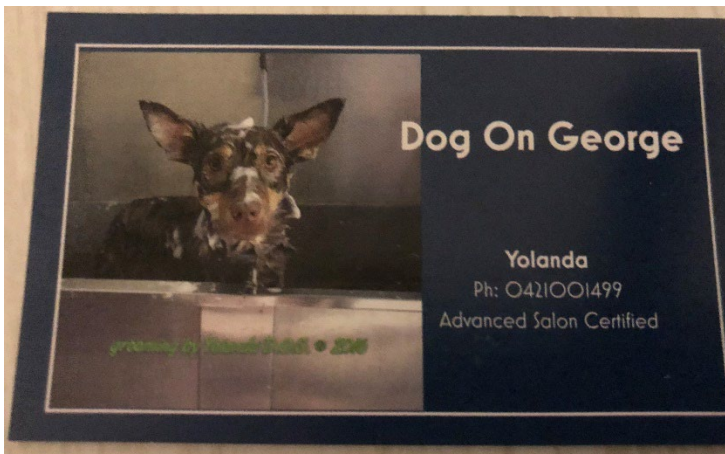
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MEMBERSHIPS – Due date is the end of May to keep your car registered please ensure you are fully paid up
Please Note New Bank Account Details

CMEC General Meeting 27th AUGUST 2024

At S.S.C.

- Meeting Opened:** 7.40 p.m.
- Members Present :** Jeoff Hortle. G. Lowe. G.Arthur. P.Burgess. G. Baker. B.O`Connell.
E. Humphries. P.Jones. S.& J. Colquhoun. B. & P. Johnston. A Best. J.Johnston.
- Apologies:** A. & I.Hornibrook. M.McArlein. B.Burgess. Di James.Jill Hortle. K.Robins.
- Minutes:** As published in current newsletter – were accepted on motion of Brian O`Connell. Seconded by Elaine Humphries.. Carried
- Business Arising:** Defib. Check – Steve Gregory absent tonight.
- Correspondence In: -** Various Club Newsletters.
Mt Gambier Club – Invite for upcoming Tour October 11.
Mil Lel weekendflyer- October 11.
- Correspondence Out: -** Nil.
- Treasurers Report:** Credit balance reported and accounts passed for payment on motion of Andy Best seconded by Paul Jones. Carried.
- Soup Spoon :** Gavin – Doesn`t want to give it away now- maybe already bolted on to the Suzuki bonnet
- Pride of Ownership/Tractor Trek: Weekend Nov 23/24 2024**
Final prep for run to be organiaed for next meeting.
- Tour `25** March 2025 Long Weekend Irene absent tonight.
- Club Captain.** Club run -Sunday 22nd September. Meet at shed for 11.00 a.m. B.B.Q.Lunch- Club to suppy meat etc. followed by monthly meeting @ 1.00 p.m. & general discussionre proposed changes for our meetings.
- General Business:** Further discussions re meetings-part of Sunday run.
Do we need a monthly newsletter or bi monthly?
Cost of postage main issue
Moved Elaine – that club executive meet to discuss proposed changes to our meeting & newsletter. All members present were in favour.
- Reports:** Hamilton Swap – plenty to see again this year.
Brian O`Connell – Broken Hill event – report in next newsletter
- For Sale:** Gavin has acquired another Suzuki for parts.
Andy still has Prefect mudguarads for sale.
- Wanted:** Nil.
- Hot Air:** Nil
- Door Raffle:** Paul Burgess. Gerard Baker.

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

Next Meeting: **September 22nd 2024 [Sunday]at Club Shed at 11.00 a.m.**
Club to supply B.B.Q. lunch

Month	Club events	Community and other clubs' events
September 22	<u>B.B.Q. at club shed followed by monthly meeting</u> <u>11.00 a.m.</u>	

+9Club Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month at Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Clarke Street, Casterton

- o Meeting times April to September 7:30pm
 - o Meeting times October to March 8:00pm
 - Articles and photos for inclusion into the club newsletter are due by the 9th 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 4th Tuesday in June at 7:30pm
 - Over the Labour Day Weekend each year the three-day Labour Day Rally is held by the club
 - o 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 1st Sunday of each month Noss Retreat Road, Casterton
- Contact
- o Gerard Baker 0427327779
 - o Trucks, tractors, cars, stationary engines are eligible to enter
 - o Camp sites and full catering available on-site
 - o Features include Tractor Trek

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The church gossip Mildred, and self- appointed monitor of the church`s morals, kept sticking her nose into other people`s business. Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake however, when she accused Jack, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old ute parked in front of the town`s only hotel one afternoon. She emphatically told Jack and several others that anyone seeing it there would know what he was doing. Jack, a man of few words stared at her for a moment then turned and walked away. He didn`t explain, defend or deny. He said nothing. Later that evening, Jack quietly parked his ute in front of Mildred`s house, walked home, and left it there all night.

Don`t you just love Jack`s humuour