

Casterton and District
Historical Society Inc
Newsletter

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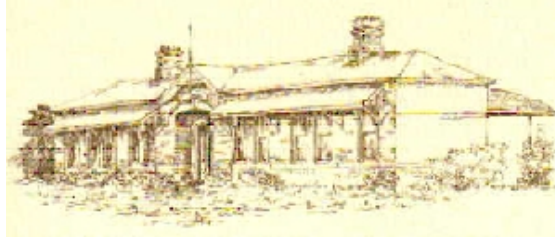
Historical Happenings

*Special items in our
newsletter:*

Special Dates for your diary

Calendar of Events

Obituary - Mrs Annie Jeffreys



Casterton Community Museum

Special Dates for your diary

**Looking For.....
Research requests**

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We have had a request for newspaper articles from the Casterton News related to the "Casterton 50" bike race. The request was for information on 3 years of results of the race for the purpose of research related to the race. We were able to provide these for the Melbourne based organization.

Hello all,

Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Recent grant success:

Updates:

Casterton New Cemetery Mapping Project
Meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am to 12noon
Recommencing 7th February 2009
Roman Catholic Section

February meeting – 18th - BBQ at Visitor Information Centre 7pm. Meat and Salads supplied. BYO Drinks. An invitation has been extended to the Art and Craft Association to attend this meeting as well to discuss the move to the VIC.

Calendar of Events:

The Calendar of Events has been revised for 2009 and is on the 2nd page of this newsletter.

We have been successful in receiving a grant for \$5000.00 from Heritage Victoria for a Significance Assessment of our museum. This grant will enable a registered historian to come to Casterton for 3 days and assess our collection for its significance.

The outcome will provide us with a report which can be used to help acquire funds for restoration, preservation and management of items within the museum collection.

Exhibitions:

At the VIC this year will be coordinated by Joan Bilston. Thanks Joan for your wonderful displays!

**Jan Lier
President/Archivist**



Resources available for research via

Microfilm:

Coleraine Albion & Casterton Advertiser 1868 to 1875

Casterton News 1875-2007

Glenelg Shire Rate Books from 1864 to 1954

Portland Borough Rate Book

Microfiche:

Various State School pupil registers from around the district.

Casterton New Cemetery Burial Register

Research can be done by Historical Society for a cost of \$10.00 per hour.

Please contact Jan Lier jlrier3@bigpond.com
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Calendar of Events 2009

Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of the Month 7pm.

Visitor Information Centre, Casterton

General Meetings

February 18th – BBQ at Visitor Information Centre. Meat and Salad provided. BYO Drinks.

March 18th –General Meeting

April 15th – General Meeting

May 20th – General Meeting

No meetings June and July

August 19th– Annual General Meeting

September 16th – General Meeting

October 21st – General Meeting

November 7th – Annual Dinner – Guest speaker John Basarin – author “Beneath the Dardanelles”

Outings – Theme - Aboriginal Sites around the district.

Sunday March 29th – Wando Vale, Chetwynd. Lunch at Sloba & Illya’s home (TBC)

Sunday May 24th – Roseneath, Dergholm – Lunch at the Dergholm Hotel

Sunday September 27th – Merino/Digby – Lunch at the Merino Hotel

Sunday November 29th – Stathdownie – Lunch to be advised

Outing with Lyn Tait – Wildflowers around Wilkin - October - Date to be advised

TAKEN FROM THE CASTERTON NEWS

BURIED MAY 13TH 1939

Passed away

Mrs. Annie Jeffreys

The death occurred very suddenly on Saturday afternoon at her residence "Lyndhurst" Henty Street Casterton of Mrs. Annie Jeffreys, relict of the late Mr John Jeffreys. The deceased had sustained a broken leg and severe shock in a motor accident near Kerang on the evening of Monday 24th April, and after treatment at the Kerang Hospital by Dr. R. Munro, formerly of Casterton, with her daughters, Mrs. Ethel Leake and Miss Elma Jeffreys, who also sustained injuries in the accident, she was brought to Casterton on Tuesday evening last. She appeared none the worse for the long journey, and her condition was regarded as satisfactory, but about 9.15pm on Saturday she quietly passed away.

Mrs. Jeffreys was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Cox and was born at Portland on November 11th 1854 and was thus 84 years of age. Her husband, Mr John Jeffreys, died some years ago and there are three daughters and two sons as follows: -

Ethel (Mrs John Leake, Casterton) , Maude (St Kilda), Robert (Marong) , Ernest and Elma (Casterton). One daughter, Alice, is predeceased.

One brother, and three sisters survive, as follows: -

Mary (Mrs McDonald, Sandford), Elizabeth (Mrs Mitchell, Sandford), Maggie (Mrs Retchford, (Melbourne) and Mr James Cox (Sandford).

Deceased was well and highly respected in the town, being one of the most active lady workers for the Casterton hospital at the time when the annual bazaar was held and supporting the first move to establish it, and continuing as a strong supporter at all times.

The Ladies Benevolent Society which did untold good work for many years in the early days of Casterton was also well supported by deceased, who through all her many activities found time to be an active member of the Church of England supporting all its organizations and regularly attending the Church services. In her case, Scripture can be aptly quoted " She rests from her labours and her works do follow her".

The funeral took place this afternoon, a large number of sorrowing friends following her remains to the Casterton New Cemetery where the interment took place. The coffin bearers were four nephews of the deceased; Messrs Russell Cox, Richard Mitchell, Edgar and Claude Jeffreys. The Rev. Leslie Burgess conducted the burial service, and Mr. C. A. Anderson carried out the mortuary arrangements.

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