

**Casterton Motor
Enthusiasts' Club
CASTERNOTES
FEBRUARY 2024**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Saturday 9th March at 9 a.m. saw a gathering of cars and people assembled at club shed for our annual tour.

With the temperature set to soar above 40 degrees, the day was moved to an earlier time slot to cater for the cars and people alike. Never the less the "Pieracle Classic" was under way at 9 a.m.

A procession of cars left Island Park heading out Mount Gambier Road turning left down Dartmoor Road on the way to the historic property "Pieracle" which our hosts Andrew Leanne Luke and Brad Balkin are overseeing five generations of their family on this iconic property.

The procession was led by the "T" Model Fords which Geoff Baulch had organised.

First stop was near Range Road where Geoff gave us a short history of the site on which the Killara school once stood. Then off to the Pieracle homestead going through the stately gates to be greeted by Andrew and Luke in the setting of lovely green lawns which made a perfect place for everybody to gather.

A morning coffee was on offer as our President Gavin welcomed the crowd of around 80 people and 32 show cars. Andrew then gave us a history lesson on the story of Pieracle from first settlement till today, very informative and obviously well received by the listening crowd.

This was followed by Geoff Baulch giving a detailed history of the Killara school which he attended as a child. The school house was shifted to Pieracle some years ago and sits in all its glory on the property. Geoff then took groups to the school house explaining normal days in those times.

Then off to the woolshed to see the history and listen to stories of days gone by.

By now it was lunch back under the shade in the lovely garden for those who brought their running board lunch, and if not the club had the barby going with sausages and hamburgers. Next was the presentation of trophies for the best exhibit of the day.

<u>AWARDS.</u>	Best Overall Car	Luke Balkin. Ford Galaxy.
	Best Local Car.	Graham Mutch. Sandman Van
	Best Unique Car	Leslie & Graham Dines. Morris Minor
	Best Classic Car.	Geoff Baulch. "T" Model Ford
	Judges Choice.	Neale Guthrie. E.H. Holden Premier

Each winner gave a short history of their car and story of how it came into their possession. Finally Club President Gavin thanked the crowd for their attendance and presented Andrew and Leanne with a small gift of appreciation for the effort they put in to present such a lovely garden for us to run our rally while keeping cool. A special thank you went to Luke for his mammoth job of social media work and advertising as well as his background music while everyone sat and chatted during the morning.

By 2 p.m. a very successful day was wrapped up before the real heat set in.

Many thanks to those who assisted with the organisation of the event, we have had nothing but positive feedback. Well done to all involved.

Gavin Lowe
President.

As our newsletter editor is away this month photos from the tour weekend will be included in next newsletter.

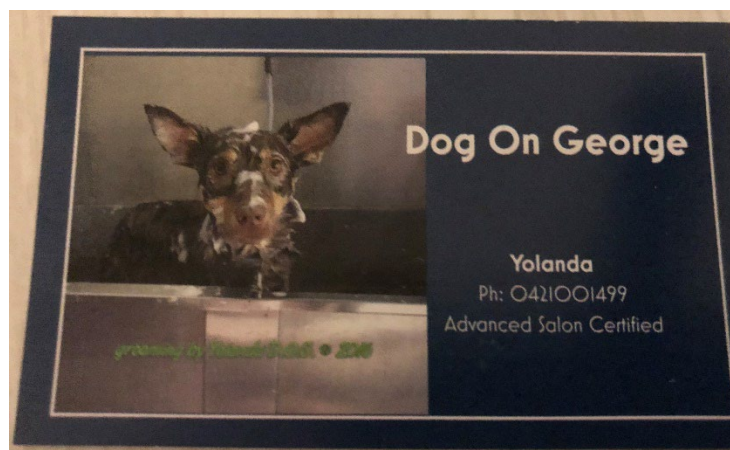
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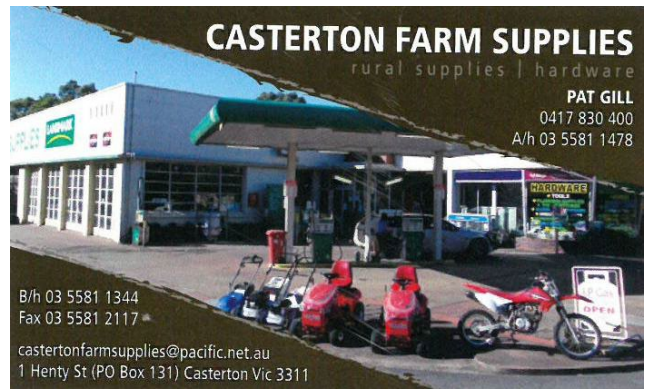
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CMEC General Meeting –27th February 2024

At Club Shed

- Meeting Opened:** 8.00 p.m
- Members Present:** Jeoff & Jill Hortle. I. Hornibrook. B. & P. Johnston. B.Burgess. J.Johnston. N.Guthrie.G.Baker. B.Pettingill. B. O’Connell. P.Jones. E.Humphries
- Apologies:** J.Bilston S.& J.Colquhoun. A.Hornibrook. S. & D. Sylvester.Di James. M. McArlein. K.Robins.
- Minutes:** As published in current newsletter – were accepted on motion of Irene Hornibrook Seconded by P.Johnston. Carried
- Business Arising:** Run to “Pieracle” is on Saturday 9th March
- Correspondence In: -** Various Club Newsletters.
Aust. Post. Box account
- Correspondence Out: -** Nil
- Treasurers Report:** Credit balance reported and accounts passed for payment on motion of Elaine Humphries seconded by Paul Jones. Carried
- Soup Spoon :** Awarded by Gavin to Irene, apparently seen ushering a young fella into a back room at the local pub recently
- Pride of Ownership/Tractor Trek: Weekend Nov 23/24 2024**
C0-Ordinator. Gerard Baker...Tour still being finalised. Corndale Lake Mundi area & Cemetary swamp
- Tour '24**
Final arrangements for our small gathering
Friday night. Meal at Pub
Saturday. Trip to Pieracle area and talks by owners and Model T Club visitors.
Lunch at Pieracle
Meal at club shed at night of Pulled Pork & Beef Rolls and Fruit Salad.
- General Business:** National Hotel in Coleraine is opening for business and meals on Sundays.
May be a future club run as venue.
Card to be sent to Dawn Davidson on the passing of Ross.
- For Sale:** Nil
- Wanted:** Nil
- Hot Air:** Nil
- Door Raffle:** Phyllis Johnston. Gerard Baker
- Meeting Closed:** 8.48 p.m.
- Next Meeting:** **March 26th 2024 at 8.p.m at Club Shed**

Month	Club events	Community and other clubs' events
March 26	<u>C.M.E.C. Meeting at 8 p.m.</u> <u>At Club Shed</u>	

Club Meetings

4th 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 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
 - 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

- 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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