

Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club CASTERNOTES APRIL 2026



The Chief Speaks



Presidents Report

Welcome club members to another edition of our club Newsletter.

After the March long weekend things have been pretty quiet around the Club.

Our next meeting is to be a barby lunch at the shed to help those travelling, and not have to navigate home late at night. More about the logistics of that in general business.

Gerard and Brian gave the meeting a rough account on where this year`s Tractor Trek will be going, which sounded really good. Thanks guys for getting things organised early to give attendees plenty of time to get their ducks in line.

The saga of the missing soup spoon has me baffled ! I rang the Digby pub to check to see if it was still sitting down there somewhere from our Christmas luncheon, but no joy. I thought it was in the gift bag with my Christmas Kris Kringle gift packed in a small cardboard box with the gift in the bag also. I realise, in my old age my memory isn`t what it should be, but I have just about exhausted all other theories as to where it may be. Kerrie chose my gift, and read the note related to the soup spoon, but most likely didn`t realise it was in the bottom of the bag. Gerard assures me that Kerrie didn`t receive it, so now that puts doubt in my mind on whether I have my story straight, so this looks just like another episode in the whereabouts of our treasured soup spoon.

That`s about it from me, sitting on the balcony looking out on Morton Bay in Brisbane visiting the family as a lovely sea breeze wafts in. See ya

Gain Lowe

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VALE MEMBER PETER DISHON

Once again our club has received sad news of the passing of another member Peter Dishon. "Dish" as he was affectionately known, joined our club quite recently and proudly displayed his beautifully restored F.J. Holden sedan at our February meeting.

Peter came to Casterton over 40 years ago and was a well respected teacher, both by students and staff at the Casterton High School.

He was a very community minded person. A Life Member of the Casterton United Cricket Club of which he had a collection of memorabilia, and also Life Member of the Casterton Cricket Association.

He was also an avid follower of Melbourne his favourite footy team.

Peter suffered ill health for some time but his condition became worse and passed away in Melbourne on the 28th March.

Our Club extends its sincere condolences to his daughter Lisa, sons Scott and Mark and families, also to his many friends & associates.

Irene Hornibrook

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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This heatproof cork stand was cleverly made and presented to our club by Lee Sandford. She assures me that Jan Collins and Honey Carlyle assisted by contributing the collection of corks.



CMEC General Meeting

March 24th 2026 at Club shed.

- Meeting Opened:** 7.30 p.m. Prospective new member welcomed by all present.
Peter Crosbie from Coleraine- “V.W. Camper”
- Members Present :** Jeoff & Jill Hortle.J.Johnston. M.Hamill. B.& P.Johnston. M.McArlein.
B.Pettingill. I.Hornibrook. W.Eldridge. N.Guthrie.G.Lowe. P.Jones.
D.& G.Arthur.
- Apologies:** A.Hornibrook. E.Humphries. B.O`Connell.
- Minutes:** As published in current newsletter were accepted on motion of
Bruce Johnston Seconded by Phyllis Johnston. Carried.
- Business Arising:** Nil.
- Treasurers Report** Credit Balance reported and account passed for payment on the motion of Irene
Hornibrook seconded by Di Arthur. Carried.
- Correspondence In:** Various Club newsletters
Bank Statements.
Mt Gambier V.V.C.V.C. Invite to Around the Garages on 12th April 2026
- Correspondence Out:** Phone call to West Currie re Tax.
- .Soup Spoon.** Gavin explained circumstances leading to misplacement of spoon. He will
follow up and inform at next meeting.
- Tractor Trek –** Nov 27/28/29 -2026 Gerard & Brian.
The Trek this year will be south of Casterton in the Digby- Dartmoor area.
- Tour 2026** Wrap up- Irene- Enjoyable weekend had by all participants.Visitors gave a
glowing report on all activities. Irene thanked all members for their input. A
small profit was registered from this event.
- General Business:** Club Secretary to follow up re West Currie tax questions.
Ideas called for Tour next year.
More input wanted for newsletter.
Membership application – Peter Crosbie- Approved by all present-
Welcome Peter.
- Reports :** Gavin & Robin inspected local blokes collection recently. Very big and
enjoyable. Could have spent more time there (comment by Gavin)
- For Sale:** Suzuki Ute for Sale – Gavin
- Wanted:** Nil.
- Door Raffle:** Neale Guthrie/ Paul Jones.

Meeting closed 8.15 p.m.

Next meeting Sunday April 26th 2026 B.B.Q. Lunch supplied at Shed . 12 p.m

Club Events

April 26th	Club meeting at shed B.B.Q. supplied 12.00 p.m.	

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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
- Tractor Trek is held last weekend in November
 - Gerard Baker 0427327779
 - Trucks, tractors, cars, stationary engines are eligible to enter
 - Camp sites and full catering available on-site

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FROM THE EDITOR

It feels like we`ve gone from a short autumn straight into winter, as today`s temperature is 12 degrees and continuing rain.

Remember our next get together is a Sunday B.B.Q. at the club shed on April 26th at 12.00 p.m. Meat is supplied by the club, followed by the monthly meeting.

Welcome to our new members Peter & Jeanette Crosbie, hope you enjoy many happy outings with our club.

I guess the annual hibernation of Grey nomads will have second thoughts this year with the price and scarcity of fuel in some areas. We are missing our yearly trip to Darwin. Our family up there have told us that it`s the wettest season they`ve seen in the 11 years that they have been there so don`t mind missing that.

The Kelpie Festival will soon be upon us, so time to start on our projects of showing off your pride and joy and taking part in the street parade.

Irene Hornibrook.

The quick thinking farmer. A farmer sees thieves stealing his tools. He calls the police who say there are no officers in the area. The farmer waits ten minutes, calls again and says, "don`t worry about it, I just shot them". Within 10 minutes three cop cars and a helicopter arrive. The sergeant says, I thought you said you shot them "The farmer replies 'I thought you said there were no officers in the area'"

HOW TO KNOW YOU`RE GROWING OLD

*Everything hurts – what doesn`t hurt doesn`t work.
The gleam in your eye is the sun hitting your bifocals.
Your children begin to look middle aged.
A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.
You turn out the light for economy instead of romance.
Your knees buckle but your belt wont.
Your back goes out more often than you do.
You put your bra on back to front and it fits better.
You sink your teeth into a steak and it stays there.
You know all the answers but no one asks the questions.
Your black book obtains only names ending in M.D.
You look forward to a dull evening.*

