

Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club CASTERNOTES JUNE 2025



Gavin recently visited the Stick Shed in Murtoa

Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club

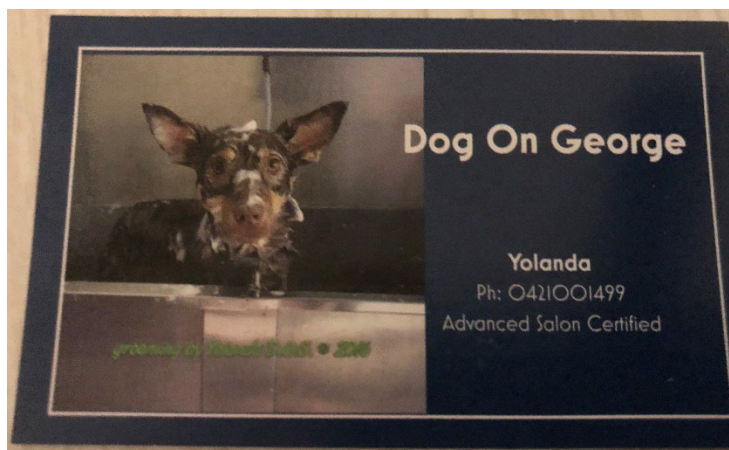
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Foundation Life Members

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

11. Keith Beauglehall (dec)
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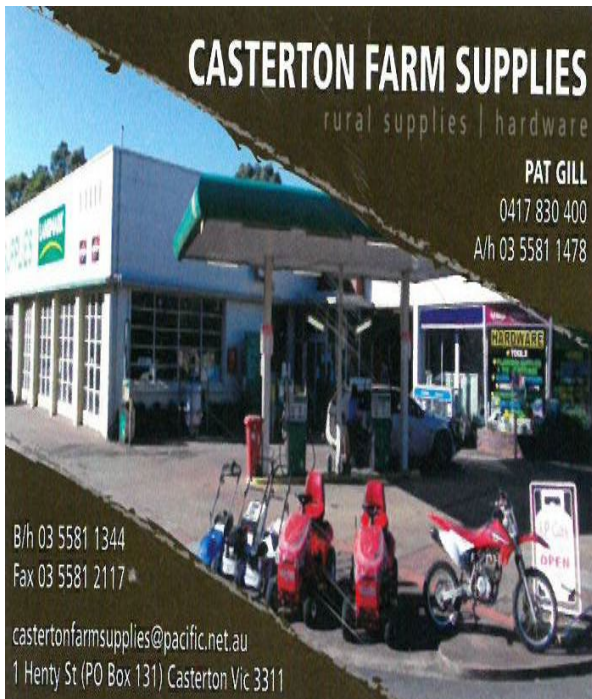
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FROM THE EDITOR

Looks like the club is stuck with me as your CasterNotes editor for this year.

Hope I can report of some club activities and what members are up to.

I`m back to having to have injections in my eyes for Macular Degeneration again so it becomes rather slow and very challenging. typing etc.

But it must be a club effort to report visitations etc. of where you have been and supply photos of Interest. These are best forwarded to club email address which is : cmeceditor@gmail.com or information sent in to me at 3 Roberts Street.

Anything you have for sale or items wanted can be included each month.

You will notice in the minutes that we will not be having meetings during the two winter months of July & August. So our next meeting is Sunday 21st September preceded by a B.B.Q. lunch supplied by the club.

As plans fly overhead now, passengers can easily spot Casterton by all the shiney new rooftops below. Seems nearly every roof in Casterton has been replaced or waiting for replacement following the hailstorm last October.

Irene

CMEC General Meeting

24th June 2025 at Senior Citizens Clubroom

Meeting Opened:	7.30 p.m
Members Present :	Jeoff & Jill Hortle .G.Lowe. J.Johnston. B.& P.Johnston. M.McArlein .B.Pettingill. B.O`Connell. G.Baker. B.Burgess. P.Burgess.
Apologies:	P.Jones. A.& I.Hornibrook. E.Humphries. S.& J.Colquhoun. S.Gregory. K.Robbins. Di Arthur.
Minutes:	As published in current newsletter – were accepted on motion of Bruce Pettingill. Seconded by Phyllis Johnston. Carried.
Treasurers Report	Nil report – Accounts as presented passed for payment.
.Soup Spoon.	Mark Hamill – no attendance ..keeps it again
Tractor Trek –	Trip organised out west of Casterton travelling on various bush tracks. More at next meeting 100ks. Travel. Take your own everything, lunch stop at Long Lead.
Tour 2026	Nil report
General Business:	Proposed Meeting changes- No meeting in July and August. September meeting to be on Sunday 21st September at shed for B.B.Q. supplied from 12.00 p.m. onwards Postage costs – Club to investigate possible ways to cut postage costs. Insurance – Secretary to check out other Insurance providers and report to next meeting.
Reports:	Gavin in Bendigo recently- attempted to check out the manufacturing facility that builds the Bushmaster vehicle. Unsuccessful
For Sale:	Nil.
Wanted:	Gavin still looking for a Jeep.
Hot Air:	Nil
Door Raffle:	Gavin Lowe. Brian Burgess

Meeting closed 7.55 p.m.

*TO ALL YOUNG LADIES OUT THERE THINKING OF GETTING A TATOO
REMEMBER
WHEN YOU GET OLDER A BUTTERFLY ON THE BACK BECOMES AN EAGLE IN THE CRACK.*

What car has the highest safety rating in Australia ?

The Toyota Camry {hybrid} achieved the highest overall weighted score of 88.4% and excelled in Adult Occupant Protection with a 95% score, making it the safest vehicle assessed in 2024 by Ancap Safety.

The Mazda CX-80 and the Zeekr X also earned top safety ratings, but the Camry stood out for its strong performance in protecting occupants.

Club Meetings

September 21st	B.B.Q. supplied at Club shed followed by General Meeting	

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
- 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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Reminder to Members.

Membership is due on the 31st May To keep your vehicle registered please ensure you are fully paid up. Bank Details. Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account number 163807795.
Family \$60 Single \$50. Please include your Surname as reference

A Bit of Club History

Our Club,s Inaugural meeting was on the 6th August 1989, so this year is the 36th year of continued operation of a very successful group of enthusiastic like minded people.

Many of the original members are still with us and active in the club.

We began with our first Rally on the long weekend in March 1990 with 60 entries and travelled to Bailey`s Rocks and Dergholm on the Sunday then to "The Hummocks" and Dunrobin on Monday.

Over the years our rally numbers increased, spread mainly by word of mouth, relating to the great hospitality of the Casterton Motor Enthusiasts Club.

Accommodation in the town was always a big drawback and many visitors were co hosted by members. The Town Hall was packed to capacity for the Sunday night Presentation dinner when prizes were awarded by popular vote for the most outstanding entries.

When Covid presented itself we were unable to continue with our Rallies but quite a number of staunch supporters returned every year as they had permanently booked accommodation from year to year. This has woven into a very stong group of friends who return each year. *Irene Hornibrook*

C.M.E.C. ANNUAL MEETING AT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBROOMS. 24TH JUNE.2025

Meeting Opened: 8.00.p.m

Members Present: As per June General meeting Minutes 24th June 2025

Apologies: As per June General meeting Minutes 24th June 2025

Minutes: Of the 24th June 2024 Annual General meeting were read to members present and were accepted on the motion of Brian O`Connell seconded by Bruce Pettingill. Carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Treasurers Report: In Irene`s absence Phyllis read the audited statements as prepared by Carmen Gorman of our operations for the previous year. A loss was recorded. The Balance sheet was tabled and accepted on the motion of Margaret McArlein seconded by Gerard Baker. Carried

Club Captain Coordinator: Nil report

President`s report: Gavin read to members present a report which will be published in newsletter.
Gavin declared all officers positions vacant for the elections of 25/26 year.

25/26 Elections {A} Accepted. {D} Declined

President- Jeoff Hortle nominated Gavin Lowe {A}

Secretary- Gavin Lowe nominated Jeoff Hortle {A}

Vice President – Jeoff Hortle nominated Brian O`Connell {A}

Treasurer – Bruce Johnston nominated Irene Hornibrook {A}

Assistant Treasurer – Jeoff Hortle nominated Phyllis Johnston{A}

Club Captain Co-ordinator – Committee

Librarian/Property Officer -Irene Hornibrook nominated Janine Johnston {A}

Editor/Publicity Officer - Jill Hortle nominated Irene Hornibrook {A}

Committee – Jeoff Hortle nominated Spencer & Jill Colquhoun {A}

Janine Johnston nominated Bruce & Phyllis Johnston {A}

Bruce Johnston nominated Gerard Baker/ Kerrie Robins [A]

Tour Co-ordinator-Committee.

November weekend/ Tractor Trek – Gerard Baker. Brian O`Connell. Brian Burgess elected at January 25th 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 Brian O`Connell seconded Phyllis Johnston that delegates attending Federation meetings be reimbursed for costs incurred. Carried.

Membership - Moved Gerard Baker seconded Jill Hortle that our memberships remain at Family \$60.00 Single \$50.00 Joining Fee \$20.00

Financial Moved Gerard Baker seconded Paul Burgess that we close our NAB accounts and continue with our Bendigo Bank card A/c Carried

Moved Margaret McArlein seconded Phyllis Johnston that our Financial and Auditing services be Bendigo Bank and West Currie/Carmen Gorman. Carried

Signatories Moved Gavin Lowe seconded Bruce Johnston that our signatories be any {2} President – Secretary- Treasurer -Assistant Treasurer. Carried

President Gavin thanked all for accepting positions before closing meeting.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome to our annual meeting of the Casterton Motor Enthusiasts Club.

The past year has shown some great signs for the Club. We have run some very successful events, which has been a great credit to our small band of working party.

The member numbers are not increasing . but the Club is not on it`s own. You speak to many other Car Clubs, and they are all experiencing the same lack of numbers, less people attending functions. So I think this is something we just have to accept and get on with the general running of our Club

Many thanks to our executives who have given me great support during the last 12 months. Brian, my Vice has been fantastic , always taking the chair in my absence and his input to the Social structure of the Club has been crucial to the Club. Well done, thank you Brian.

To Jeoff , as Secretary the biggest job in the club. Good on you mate. Just keep doing it and doing it well. Don`t know where we would find someone to replace you.

Irene, always there as a back stop, many thanks for your support. And to the many others my special thanks.

Our events the club run last year started with the Tractor trek , a huge success, due mainly to Gerard and his organising group. Thank you for your input. And then our tour in March was really fantastic for a small event. Our attendees were over the moon with the outcome of the weekend. Very enjoyable and well attended.

Our summer B.B.Q. meetings appear to be popular as well. We will try to pursue this idea as the better weather comes around. Good luck to our team for next year.

Hope to see you all back, bigger and better.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Lowe.

C.M.E.C. President

Good Samaritan deed of the month

Travelling home from town last week, as I crossed Deep Creek, I noticed ahead a B double wandering all over the road. I come up behind as he was travelling slowly, and he pulled off the road just before Jeoff`s gate. I pulled up to ask if he was ok, and what was the problem ? I thought he was dodging potholes but now in the wet roadside he was obviously stuck. The driver got out, but didn`t speak English very well.

He was from Melbourne, and had picked up a load of milk in Warrnambool heading for Adelaide, and the G P S sent him out through Dunrobin. At this point, while I was checking the truck for a problem, I realised the driver was nodding off behind the wheel, that`s why he pulled off and got bogged. I rang Jeoff, next thing we had two tractors ,one pushing and one pulling the sixty three ton rig out of the bog. The driver was very relieved and disappeared around the end of the flat. Thanks to Jeoff and the use of his machinery we were able to save this guy a lot of grief, without what could have happened if he kept driving and caused an accident from fatigue.

Thank you Jeoff





VALE –JAN COLLINS

Our Club received sad news on the 17th June that our dear friend and great supporter of our Club Jan Collins passed away. Jan, and her late husband "Curley" were annual visitors to our Rallies for 30 years. Even when we didn't continue with our Rallies, Jan and her band of followers said "Well we're still coming to Casterton for that weekend".

Last March, although very unwell she attended our Social weekend accompanied by other regulars.

She always had a smile on her face and such a loyal, kind and true friend of Club members. Arnold & I together with our son Dean attended her funeral in Mildura. This was such a large

tribute by her family, friends and members of the Mildura Club for her farewell.

Tributes were also shared from the Mildura R.S.L. and the Mildura Pipe Band both of which she was a great supporter.

Friends travelled far and wide to pay respect to such a valued member of the community.

Jan will be so sadly missed at our March Social gathering but her sweet nature will always be remembered by us all

Arnold & Irene Hornibrook



Gathering of friends at Irymple Hotel (Jan's favourite watering hole)

