

CASSOC Bulletin

December, 2022



President's message

Dear all,

The first Christmas for the Castlemaine Society is upon us. The year has seen some great progress for CASSOC. We have formally been incorporated, have had a major win in VCAT, have set up a website, established a memorandum of understanding with *Gold Camp is Castlemaine*, held a number of events and have consistently been in attendance at Council meetings. Although we are a new group we know that our profile is building.

I would like to thank the Committee and the core team of supporters for their efforts during 2022.

Looking forward, I encourage all members to consider being more active in their involvement with the Society. This could be by way of professional skills, helping on a sub-committee, assisting at events, reviewing papers/reports, making a financial donation and of course by encouraging new members.

Many issues and concerns need attention and input and the workload should be spread beyond just a few dedicated members. Please consider getting involved and spreading the word of our organisation to interested friends and family.

I wish you and your families a great festive season.

Regards,

Colin Moore

PRESIDENT– Castlemaine Society Inc.



Colin, doing some heavy lifting himself during recent rains!!

Our Trunk Your Junk information stand



On 26 November, CASSOC had an information stand at the 'Trunk Your Junk' event organised by the Castlemaine Historical Society at the Campbells Creek Community Centre. There was quite a bit of interest from the public, and some new members joined. Thanks to Lou Citroen and Bryon Cunningham for their efforts to make this a successful promotional opportunity.

Left: Bryon manning our stand

CASSOC's first birthday celebration

Next year we will celebrate CASSOC's first birthday at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens Tearooms. There will be drinks and nibbles, some light entertainment and a birthday cake. Members and their guests are invited to this celebration.

Date: **Tuesday 28th February, 2023**, Time: **5:30 – 7:00 pm**. Pop it in your diary!



Update, join or donate on our new website

Find out more on our website at <https://castlemainesociety.org.au> for up-to-date information on the various projects we support, how to join up as a member or to make a donation (or both!).

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VCAT approves supermarket proposal

Sad news: VCAT has approved the Lascorp proposal for a large supermarket and liquor store development at the old Gasworks site at [2 Duke St, Castlemaine](#). Our thanks go out to all those involved in the ultimately unsuccessful effort to preserve the integrity of this entrance to Castlemaine.

Change of State Minister for Planning

Richard Wynne retired from State Parliament at the November election. Over his time in the Bracks Labor government he held a number of Ministries - Housing, Local Government, Aboriginal Affairs and was Minister for Planning from the start of the Andrews Government until the recent November election. He is replaced by Sonya Kilkenny, who holds the portfolios of Planning and Outdoor Recreation.

UNESCO World Heritage bid for Central Victorian Goldfields

UNESCO World Heritage bid for the Central Victorian Goldfields is a partnership of 13 local governments and regional organisations, academia and the private sector, with the Honourable John Brumby and the Honourable Denis Naphine as patrons. Preliminary funding has been obtained to develop the bid. CASSOC supports the aims of the bid and is actively working to support Mount Alexander Shire's role in this. For more information about the progress on this bid see our website at <https://castlemainesociety.org.au>

A Federal E.P.A established

Federally, Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek has established a new Environment Protection Agency which will have greater oversight of development proposals (see The Age, 9/12/22, p.5). The new legislation "... would include streamlining project assessment processes and improved regional planning processes to indicate where development could occur with minimum impact to the environment and to provide protection for threatened species, world heritage sites and ensure greater engagement with First Nations Peoples."

Housing and Neighbourhood Strategy consultation wraps up

The consultation period for the Housing and Neighbourhood Strategy - Shape Mount Alexander has now concluded and you can find a summary report on <https://shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au>. The reference group is to meet again in early February, 2023

CASSOC Committee meetings

The CASSOC Committee continues to meet regularly. We thank the Cumberland Hotel who provided a meeting room for us on a number of occasions.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24th January, 2023.

We wish you a joyous Christmas and happy New Year!

Enjoy the Christmas and New Year break, and we look forward to your support in 2023. Please feel free to forward this bulletin to interested friends and family.



Season's Greetings