



CASSOC Bulletin

Spring, 2023

Welcome to our Spring Bulletin!

It's been an incredibly busy time over the Winter period for the CASSOC Committee, with a number of 'irons in the fire'. So let's get straight into it and share with you the exciting upcoming events that CASSOC are running with and others we are supporting.

Please also check out our fabulous website at <https://castlemainesociety.org.au>

☀ Saturday, 4 November

Gold Camp Castlemaine auction

After the successful fundraising art auction in early August, *Gold Camp Castlemaine* is now presenting a *Jewellery and Decorative Arts Auction*. Under the hammer will be jewellery, ceramics and other collectibles donated by local artists and supporters.

Please come along and support it, as good fun is assured and refreshments will be available.

When? Saturday, 4 November.

Viewing from 1 pm

Auction from 2-5 pm

Where? The Tearooms,
Castlemaine Botanical Gardens

☀ Thursday, 23 November

UNESCO Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Bid Community briefing

CASSOC has auspiced this meeting to update the local community - and beyond! - on the bid to list the Victorian Goldfields (from Ballarat to Beechworth) on the UNESCO World Heritage register.

Guest speaker **Trevor Budge AM**, will update the community on progress on the bid, implications for the Mount Alexander region, and further steps to be taken.

When? 7pm, Thursday 23 November

Where? Castlemaine Uniting Church Hall,
Lyttleton St.

Please note: Parking in the church premises is limited, so please leave that space for mobility-impaired participants. Alternative parking is easily accessible and can be found in either nearby Lyttleton St. or Mostyn St.

RSVP: Please let us know if you are coming, as that allows us to plan for seating and for refreshments. Please contact us through either address below.

Email: castlemainesociety@gmail.com; or

Website: <https://castlemainesociety.org.au/>

☀ 'Why Castlemaine' forum deferred

A planned activity themed 'Why Castlemaine' has been deferred for now, but you can link in to the Mount Alexander Council Housing and Neighbourhood Report which may give similar insights. CASSOC is hoping to formally respond to the Draft Housing and Neighbourhood Character Strategy (go to <https://SHAPE.mountalexander.vic.gov.au>).

☀ 'Suitable development in heritage areas' Forum planned for next year

Early next year CASSOC hopes to present a forum on suitable developments in heritage areas. Look out for more details closer to the date.

The committee has been meeting regularly, following up on planning issues and building on links with the National Trust, Bendigo and Regions Branch and Ballarat's Federation University History Engagement and Preservation (HEP) Partnerships.

☀ Mapping significant trees

On 3 October, CASSOC Committee attended an informative presentation by Ivan Carter, Connecting Country's Engagement Coordinator, to learn about their new mapping portal which aims to engage the community, as citizen scientists, on the importance of old and significant trees across the Mount Alexander landscape, how to map them and protect them (go to <https://connectingcountry.org.au/we-need-your-help-mapping-our-old-trees-of-central-victoria/>).

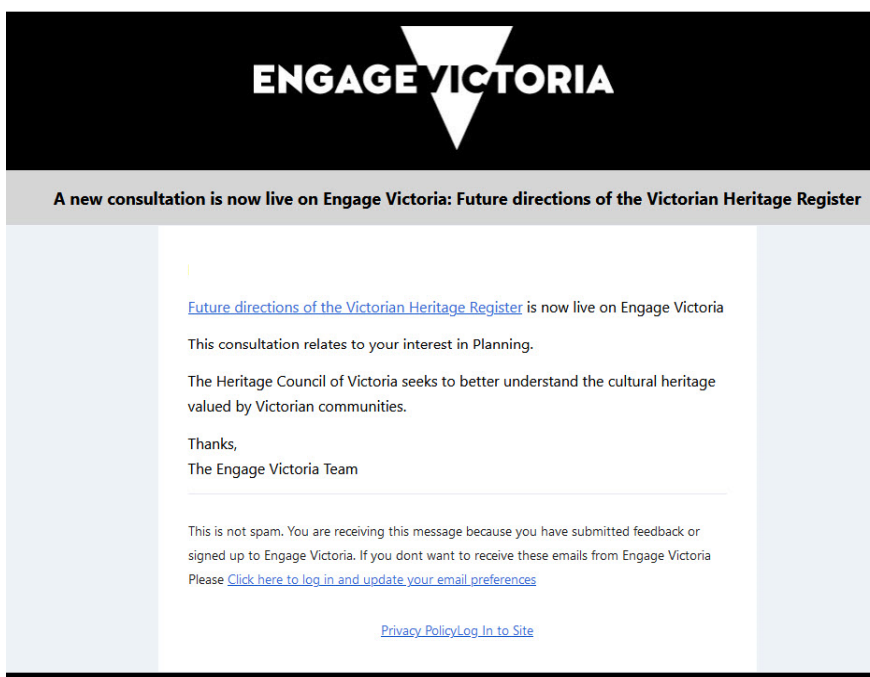
CASSOC supports Connecting Country's mapping initiative as it aligns with our aim to conserve both the *living and built* character of Castlemaine.

☀ Gold Camp Castlemaine - activity at the Reserve

CASSOC supports the efforts of Gold Camp Castlemaine.

For details, please look out for their recently released report about activity at the reserve or check their website at <https://goldcampcastlemaine.com.au/> covering survey work, instigated by DEECA, carried out at the reserve, MASC plans for temporary change facilities and a push for support to get planned footpath works into the 2024/2025 budget.

☀ Engage Victoria New consultation



TAKE NOTE:

A new consultation is now live on Engage Victoria.

Future directions of the Victorian Heritage Register seeking to better understand community heritage values and expectations.

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!).