

# Historical Happenings

## *Special items in our newsletter:*

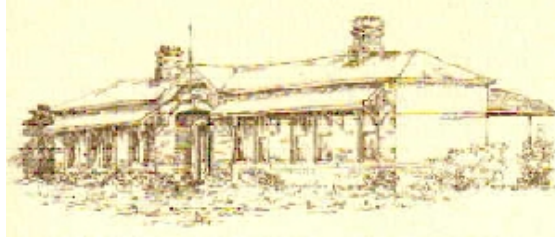
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- famous journalist  
buried in our new  
cemetery.



Casterton Community Museum

## Special Dates for your diary

Hello all,

November 23<sup>rd</sup> was the finale of the Women's suffrage at Parliament House. We had our photographic exhibition there and a lovely day was had. Photographs of the day further in this issue.

Launch of "Our Shire, Our Past" exhibition at the Casterton Town Hall Was held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm**

Our member Jim Kent officially opened the exhibition and did a great job. Thank you again.

### **Casterton New Cemetery Mapping Project**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10am to 12noon

## *Current Happenings*

Shift to the Visitor Information Centre.

Discussions have been productive and looking very positive.

A paper is being prepared for the Shire with the view of forming an agreement.

More next issue.

**Last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December for the year , recommencing 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

### **Sunday December 7th**

Re scheduled State School Trip to Strathdownie and Wilkin area. Meet at Railway station at 10am.

BYO your lunch, drinks etc.

John McGrath, Lyn Tait and Marie Ross to lead us around the Wilkin and Strathdownie areas.

See you all at the Railway Station where we will car pool on the day.

### **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

End of year dinner at the Merino Hotel, 7pm. Cost \$17.00. Please contact Ros by the 12<sup>th</sup> December to confirm your attendance.

### **Looking For.....**

#### **Research requests**

Any information on **George Cook** father of John Cook. John Cook was born in Casterton in 1855 and married Elizabeth Murrell of Strathdownie.

#### **Any information on Mary Denman nee Beaton.**

Daughter of Donald Beaton who came out on the Flora McDonald with his father John and step mother. Donalds sister Christian was in Mary McKillops first class at Penola.

**If you have information relating to the above please contact**

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Our display at the Womens Suffrage finale held at Parliament House on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009



Our banner displayed before it will be sewn together with the other banners from around the state.



The original petition on display in Parliament House as part of the final celebrations.

## Calendar of Events 2009

Meetings held 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month 7pm.

Visitor Information Centre, Casterton

### General Meetings

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** – BBQ at Visitor Information Centre. Meat and Salad provided.

BYO Drinks.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** –General Meeting - Guest Speaker – CFA = TBC

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Annual Dinner – Guest Speaker John Basarin (TBC)

No meetings June and July

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**– Annual General Meeting

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** – General Meeting

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – General Meeting

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – End of year dinner

### Outings – Theme - Aboriginal Sites around the district.

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> – Wando Vale, Chetwynd. Lunch at Sloba & Illya's home.

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> – Robinvale, Dergholm – Lunch at the Dergholm Hotel

Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> – Merino/Digby – Lunch at the Merino Hotel

Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> – Stathdownie – Lunch to be advised



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**DELAMORE WILLIAM MCCAY**  
**Famous journalist buried in our New Cemetery**

**Obituary**

(1877-1958)

Born on 8 January 1877 at Castlemaine, Victoria, sixth son of Rev. Andrew Ross Boyd McCay, Presbyterian minister, and his wife Lily Ann Esther Waring, née Brown. Educated at Castlemaine Grammar School.

In 1906, Delamore joined the Melbourne *Argus*.

Delamore reported the inauguration ceremonies of the Union of South Africa in 1910.

In 1912 he was recruited to work on Sir Hugh Denison's Sydney daily *Sun*.

His brother Adam who was also in the journalism business was the first 'Peter Persnerkus', an identity later assumed by Delamore.

Delamore was appointed news editor from 1915, and was associate editor in 1917-19. He became editor of the *Sun* in 1919.

Delamore served as London manager and editor of the Sun-Herald Cable Service in 1921-24, returning as editor of the *Sun* in March 1924.

Appointed editor-in-chief of Associated Newspapers Ltd in 1934, next year he led the Australian delegation to the Imperial Press Conference in South Africa.

From 1937 he was London representative of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, returning to Australia in 1939 to become secretary of the Australian Newspaper Proprietors' Association (1939-48), and of the Australian Newspapers' Council until he retired in 1950.

Both Delamore and his brother Adam earned reputations as outstanding journalists. Delamore was recognized for his political commentaries and editorials as well as for his verse, marked by 'delicacy of perception' and 'incisive wit'.

Delamore ('Del') too was remembered by a colleague as 'an explosive personality' with 'an inexhaustible fund of quite original expletives'.

Delamore McCay retired to Casterton, Victoria, where he died on 19 May 1958 and was buried with Anglican rites. His wife and four daughters survived him.

He and his wife Frances Eva McCay are buried in the Presbyterian section (E15).

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