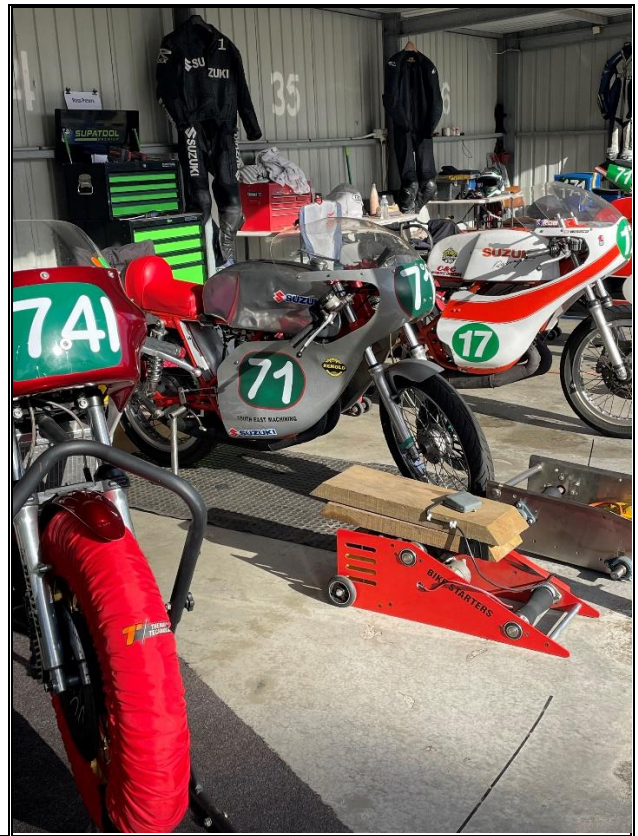


# Casterton Motor Enthusiasts' Club **CASTERNOTES** **JANUARY 2024**



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A mate of Bluey's invited us to this motorbike race at the very last minute! Knowing that I love motorbikes, Bluey said "lets go", so we packed our caravan on the Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December and headed to McNamara Park, just south of Mt Gambier.

The 'camping' grounds were superb and as we arrived we noted the grounds were filling up fast with both spectators and riders with their various assortment of camping rigs, from large customised trucks and caravans, to tents and even an old combi. On the race days, the pits were abuzz with engines warming up, riders donning their leather racing suits,

clean and colourful bikes both vintage and old, prepped and ready to go. Bikes ranged from the 1920s, pre-1951 500cc OHV and 750cc side valve, hand change, rigid frames, right through to bikes of the 60's, 70's, 80's to 1990.

Some of the riders themselves, would have been from the 1940's however, despite their age and stiff gait, rode with as much enthusiasm and confidence as the younger ones. There was a large contingent of riders, including a lady rider and one bloke who came all the way from the Northern Territory.

The weekend was fantastic and to say that I had an almost permanent smile from ear-to-ear all weekend from watching all the races; some spectacularly close, to wandering through the pits, chatting to the friendly, family-orientated riders, their supporters and spectators, and just enjoying the whole atmosphere, would be an understatement.

The park and facilities, the food and hospitality of the volunteers was beyond our expectations. The friendliness of all that were there, with their commitment and energy, was amazing. We were one of the last to pack up and leave on the Monday, and we were very impressed at how other campers and riders left the grounds clean and tidy.

I've got a feeling we will be back there again!

*Di James*

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## **President's report: JANUARY 2024**

Welcome to 2024, we hope everyone survived the visit from the big red fella and had a great festive season with family and friends. I am a little out of the loop having been away for the last two meetings and our Christmas breakup, by all accounts Brian did a good job running the show with some help from our people in the know, well done and thank you to all concerned.

Our next meeting will be at the club shed it is always a very popular night for socialising with friends so be sure to bring along your partners and join in. We will have to put together our long weekend agenda and sort out what has to be organised for it.

I was pleased to hear that Neil and Jill Guthrie have a new car in their stable, we will follow up with some photos for the next issue, just to keep you in suspense. I went up to Minyup last week to watch our grandson Billy playing representative cricket in country week we came back through Murtoa, the stick shed site, by my calculations it is about a two hour trip from Casterton if we decided to go at some stage, we will discuss it more later on.

I will put together a story and some photos of our trip for the next issue if I can work out how to get the pics from my phone onto this device, it's quite a challenge for an old mechanic, but the war memorial and the portrait gallery in Canberra were fantastic you could spend all day and still miss heaps of good stuff.

Well hoping to see you all at the club shed for our monthly meeting.

**President. Gavin Lowe**

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## **CMEC General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

C.M.E.C. General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 @ the shed with BBQ tea held prior to meeting.

Meeting Opened – 8.07 p.m.

Members Present- G Lowe., Jeoff & Jill Hortle., E Humphries., P Burgess., B Burgess., G Baker., B & P Johnston., A & I Hornibrook., S & J Colquhoun., N Guthrie., J Johnston., A Best., W Eldridge., A Balkin., J Courtney., Archie.

Apologies- D James., J Bilston., M McArlein., L Balkin., K Robbins.

Minutes - as published in current newsletter were accepted on the motion of Elaine Humphries seconded by Neale Guthrie  
Carried

Business Arising- Nil

Correspondence In- Various club newsletters. Shire account for shed site.

Correspondence Out – Contact with Andrew re: Pieracle visit.

Treasurers Report – Credit balance reported and accounts passed for payment on the motion of Elaine Humphries seconded by Jill Colquhoun.  
Carried

Soup Spoon - Gerard handed it on to Gavin – who missed our Tractor trek with a trip to QLD.

Tractor Trek – 23 & 24 November 2024: Congratulations to all for a very successful 2023 event. Nominations for co-ordinator were called for. Gerald Baker volunteered to again co-ordinate the event with the help of Brian O'Connell and Brian Burgess.

Tour 2024 - March Labour Day weekend 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024– Discussion re event with Andrew Balkin.

Friday – Meet at the Shed - Tour to "Pieracle", arriving at 11.30am. BYO lunch - BBQ available – talk by Andrew about Pieracle and surrounds.

Saturday – Beef and pork 'pulled' rolls and fruit salad, \$15.00 at the Shed at 6.30pm.

Sunday – Socialising – BYO BBQ meat etc.

General Business.

- Suggestion that we invite Mt Gambier and Portland Clubs to also participate in our tour.

- As a Club run in the future it was also suggested that we meet halfway somewhere with Portland members.

For Sale– Nil.

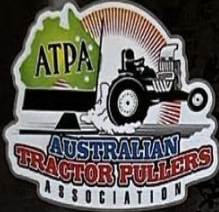
Hot Air. Nil

Wanted. Gavin – still looking for a project jeep to restore.

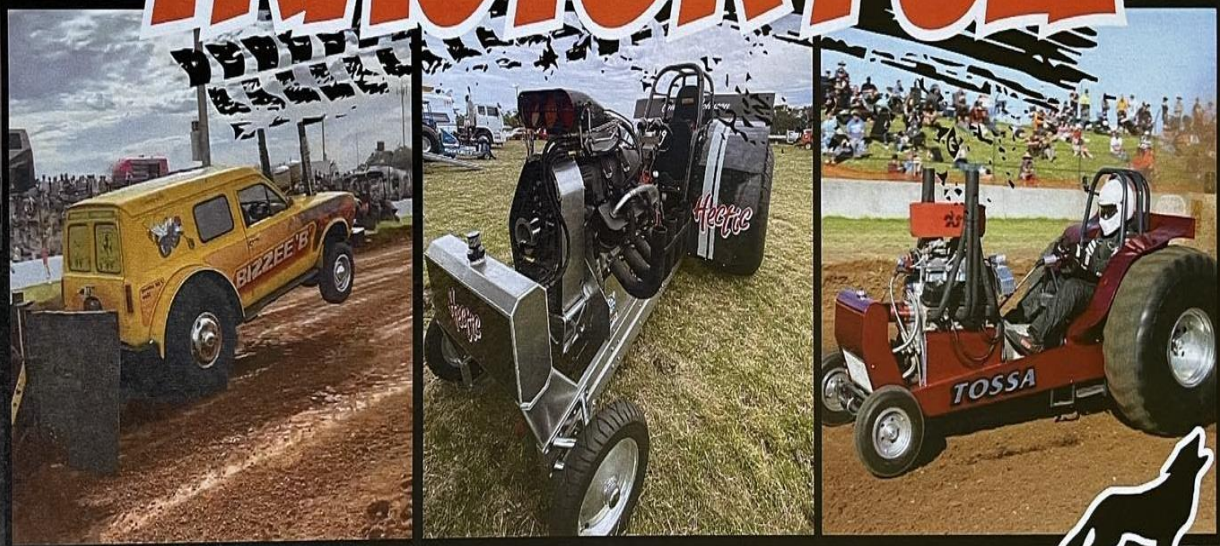
Door raffle: Archie and John Courtney.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: February 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8.00pm at Club shed.**



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## CLUB CALENDAR

<u>Month</u>	<u>Club events</u>	<u>Community and other clubs' events</u>
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Island Park club shed, C.M.E.C. meeting at 8.00 p.m.	
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Casterton Tractor Pull, Portland-Casterton Road, Casterton.	

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Club Caps	\$15		

## **Club Meetings**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Clarke Street, Casterton or the Club Shed**

○ **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in June at 7:30pm
- The Club organises social runs on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.
  - **The Annual Tractor Trek Day** is held by the club on the last weekend in November (23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2024) at the Island Park, Casterton.

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