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The Voice of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre

College Campus Back On The Agenda

Recently the Mount Alexander Shire announced they were intending to proceed with the lease of the Etty Street Campus of the Castlemaine Secondary College, the site where we hoped to locate the main hub of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Project. Members will recall that we were well along with plans to be part of the redevelopment planned for this Campus once the main college functions had moved to their new site.

Last minute complications with the intended uses for the Etty Street Campus saw the redevelopment of the site put into limbo as the College required some spaces to remain in place for a limited number of college classes. This caused limitations on what uses could be permitted on the remainder of the site. The Board of the CHRC then took a decision to retreat temporarily from our position until future Campus use could be more clearly defined. It has taken the best part of 12 months to reach the arrangement now being proposed whereby the Mount Alexander Shire can become the new leaseholders of the campus for a peppercorn rent and then sub-lease to the intended community users with Workspace Australia as the lead lease-holder.

This is similar to the original proposed arrangement but with the College taken out of the picture apart from the few

spaces they still require for limited classes. The Mount Alexander Shire Council has called for all interested parties to make submissions for inclusion at the Etty Street Campus to be considered at a special meeting of the Shire Council on November 24, 2017.

Consequently the Board of the CHRC has made such a submission based largely on our original plans, with some adjustment due to the facilities and equipment within the Etty Street Campus being largely disposed of by the College late in 2016.

Preliminary discussions have been held with the Shire CEO and the President of Workspace Australia with regard to the Etty Street Campus but much more work is still to be done before any decisions can be implemented.

The Board has prepared an audio visual presentation to reinforce the CHRC proposal and explain it in a clear manner and this will be used in future negotiations. Obviously it will be some time in the new year before the situation becomes clearer and we will report to members and supporters as soon as there are further developments.

In the meantime the revision of our Business Plan has been completed in readiness for any anticipated involvement at the Campus. Members wishing to access a copy of the Business Plan should contact Chairman, Larry O'Toole by email for an electronic copy. <info@graffitipub.com.au>



Above: The Etty Street Campus of the Castlemaine Secondary College is back on the agenda. The CHRC Board have plans for our hub to be established at this site using sections of the Trade block and Gymnasium.

Coffee And Cars Cruises Launched

The past couple of months has seen the CHRC Coffee and Cars cruises get under way with a successful launch on September 17 followed by a second cruise on October 15 and another on November 19. The Coffee and Cars Cruises depart from Mostyn Street, Castlemaine outside the Visitor Information Centre on the third Sunday of each month from September to April.

The inaugural cruise travelled from Castlemaine via Newstead to Maldon. Participants were free to make their own way back to Castlemaine at their leisure.

The second Cruise departed Castlemaine and also went to Maldon but this time via the Calder Freeway and Fogarty's Gap Road.

The third Cruise departed Castlemaine and proceeded to Harcourt's Goldfields Track Cafe via Elphinstone and Harmony Way. Vehicles were displayed around the cafe on arrival.

Having two stops on the initial Cruise proved to be confusing as almost everyone stopped at Newstead and then many participants inadvertently followed one car to the Maldon Railway Station which wasn't the intended destination. To avoid such confusion a decision was made to only have a single destination on subsequent Cruises and this has worked well.

Participants are asked to make a donation to the CHRC at the start of each Cruise and sign a participation form for insurance purposes. CHRC members can join the Cruise free of charge but most are electing to make a donation anyway, which is most appreciated.

The board of the CHRC would like to express our appreciation to members Kim Michelmore and Malinda Melbourne for organising the Coffee Cruises each month.



Above: HG Holden panel van belongs to CHRC board member Con Soldatos. It has LS Chevy engine swap.

Below: Visitors from Darwin were John and Jean Wilson in their Model A roadster with camper trailer attached.

Below Left: Satin black Rambler with gloss black highlights was a newcomer to the Coffee Cruise.

Bottom: Sitting outside the Visitor Information Centre in Castlemaine prior to the cruise is Ian Ellis' '58 Chevy and Rod Hadfield's Lincoln low-rider that has hydraulic suspension.



Model Car Show Proposal

An approach was made to Alan Barton, model car columnist in *Australian Street Rodding* magazine and primary organiser of a very successful show in WA for advice on staging such a show in Castlemaine. He responded with a very comprehensive set of guidelines that will save the CHRC hours of pre-planning and allow us to avoid any pit-falls of starting from scratch.

The Board is currently checking possible dates and venues for the show and would like to hear from anyone with ideas or relevant information for the show. At this early stage the favoured time of year is May to August to avoid clashes with other major rodding events.



Above & left: Pictures shown here are from a model car show held in Los Angeles, USA in July, 2017 and give some idea of what a CHRC model car show might look like. This show also included low-rider bicycles which is another aspect that the CHRC could consider for inclusion in our own show in 2018. Our thanks to Alan Barton for supplying a comprehensive overview of show organisation based on a similar model car show held annually in Western Australia.

December General Meeting 2017

Instead of a guest speaker for the 2017 December General Meeting that is also our Christmas break up there will be a Powerpoint display by Chairman Larry O'Toole showing aspects of the Etty Street College Campus and examples of similar projects from various places around the world to give members an idea of how the concept might be developed on that site.



The meeting will be held on Friday December 15 at the Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street, Castlemaine commencing at 7:30 pm.

There are many aspects of the CHRC plans for the Etty Street site that have comparable examples in other developments and this Powerpoint presentation has been put together to be used when negotiating with other interested parties with regard to the use of the Campus site. Some of the relevant material is from the SEMA Garage and Petersen Museum in Los Angeles, both of which contain sections that are very close to the CHRC proposals and illustrate how it might all work.

The powerpoint presentation is constantly being refined to ensure we have a concise, descriptive presentation that doesn't take too long to deliver.

Following the presentation there will be supper and socialising to bring our year of activities to a close.

Anyone with an interest in seeing the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre develop and expand can become a member of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited. Annual membership is \$100.00 or you can take advantage of our extended membership offer three years \$250.00; six years \$500.00 or 12 years \$1000.00.

Send cheque or money order to CHRC Limited, PO Box 1080, Castlemaine 3450. Call Vicki Farrell for credit card payment or make direct bank transfer to BSB 633000, 131166829.

Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited are as follows; General Meetings December 15, 2017, March 2, 2018 and the AGM is to be held on Friday June 29, 2018. Unless advised otherwise, all meetings will be at the Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street (Melbourne Road), Castlemaine at 7:30pm.

■ For further information call Chairman Larry O'Toole on (03) 5472 3653 or Secretary Vicki Farrell on 0418 510 352.

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