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The Voice of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre

## First CHRC Model Auto Show A Big Success



**LEFT:** Models of several different scales were displayed at the first CHRC Model Auto Show held at The Old Castlemaine Gaol. Alan Chapman's model of local rodder Peter Swift's black T bucket at far left attracted lots of comments from local residents, as did Glenn Rewell's ultra detailed bare metal '30 Model A coupe at the rear.

**BELLOW:** Chris McConnell brought along some special models on the Sunday that were 3D printed as parts and assembled in similar fashion to conventional plastic model kits. These outstanding custom made models attracted a lot of attention from the crowd.

**BOTTOM:** The Tony Steiner Collection was the winner of the Mayor's Choice award. Tony's collection consisted of models of Hot Rod Magazine cover cars that were displayed in front of the cover from which they were derived. Unfortunately Tony passed away only one week after the show after a long illness, but he must have been proud of his Mayor's Choice award.

The first Castlemaine Model Auto Show was held in mid July, the first time the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre has attempted such a show and it went off with a bang. It drew competitors from the surrounding area and from Melbourne with some interesting highlights that we didn't expect. One was the exhibition of several hot rod models that had been 3D printed in parts and then assembled – the wonders of modern technology! Such was the response to the show that it will become an annual event for the CHRC, but next year it will have to be held in a larger venue. Date will be about the same time in July during the school holidays.

Interestingly the largest group in the show were the pre-'48 hot rods. There were also some custom built slot cars displayed, one of which, a sixties style speedway car, had been made many years ago from brass. Add in some artistic hand-crafted models like Glenn Rewell's dragster, '30 Model A coupe and Harley motorcycle, plus some billycarts and Stefan Nechwatal's veteran mini Mack truck and you have a show with some real variety.

The CHRC also organised a one-off coffee cruise to coincide with the Model Show on the Sunday. It took participants on a short cruise through Harcourt and Faraday and back to Castlemaine, ending at the Model Show where there was coffee and food available. The normal CHRC Coffee Cruises will resume in October and continue through the warmer months. (More pics page 3.)



# Chairman's Report and AGM 2018

The past year has been one of somewhat continued frustration with regard to the major aspects of our overall project, but a positive one in that we have made significant progress with individual aspects such as event promotion.

Kim Michelmore proposed that we start a monthly coffee and cars cruise style event last year and kindly offered to organise each outing. These Coffee and Cars Cruises ran from September to April and were quite successful in raising our profile and providing some enjoyable times for participants. While we didn't attract huge numbers to each individual cruise, overall we did attract a wide variety of cars and often the participants at any one cruise were a different group to those involved in the next. One problem that did arise during this period was that, despite planning for the third weekend in each month to avoid clashes with other major events, clashes still occurred that limited our ability to attract more participants. For the next cruising season, the board is looking at the possibility of running some of our Coffee Cruises on a week-day evening, particularly when we can take full advantage of daylight saving, in an effort to limit clashes with other weekend events. More about this when our cruises get under way again in October.

Last year I reported that we had pulled back from the Castlemaine Secondary College Etty Street Campus proposal until a clear way forward could be indicated by Mount Alexander Council and State Government agencies. I am happy to report that there has been significant progress in that regard over the past couple of months and we are now involved again in negotiations for access to the old college site. In fact there is a meeting of the three main parties (Council, Workspace Australia and CHRC) as soon as the second week of July 2018. The major sticking points that stalled access on this site appear to have been addressed through provisions in the recent State Budget to fund the completion of the new campus for the College, which should result in the Etty Street Campus being released from Education Department control.

In the meantime, we have been maintaining our connections with the VACC, Kangan TAFE and the RACV as we will be relying on support from these bodies to enable the CHRC to establish our resource centre at the campus.

Related to our overall resource centre project was a tour organised by the CEO of Mount Alexander Shire, Darren Fuzzard in December 2017. This was hosted by the CHRC and designed to showcase the benefits of our hobby and industry at the local level to our Shire Councillors and their senior staff, representatives of Bendigo Bank, VDC and local automotive publishers. It was an enormously successful day with all participants completely stunned by the extent of activity in the few

places we were able to visit in the time allowed and the value to our local shire in employment and expertise. It has been quite evident since this exercise that our standing and respect within the community has enjoyed a significant boost.

The Boogaloo Invitational event has grown rapidly to a significant place in Australia's rodding events calendar and we made an agreement with promoter Des Russell to supply firewood for the on-site campers as a fundraiser. This was very well accepted and patronised, resulting in the sale of a complete truck-load of wood at \$20.00 per barrow load. The CHRC benefited to the tune of almost \$900.00 as a result. It is likely that this will become an annual project for us as there is a plentiful supply of wood from the Gowar property and the work crew from the gaol gather and cut it for us.

In mid-July we are hosting our first Castlemaine Model Auto Show at the Old Castlemaine Gaol. This is another event initiated by Kim Michelmore who has put the basic program together and you will hear more about that from Kim shortly. We are having a one-off Coffee Cruise on that same weekend, starting from our usual place outside the Castlemaine Visitor Centre and ending at the Model Auto Show, after a short tour of the local area. I do wish to express my appreciation to Alan Barton of Perth who kindly offered us an extensive "blueprint" for running such a show, something he has had enormous experience doing for the past 20 years.

Our club permit services continue to prove popular with local owners and the number of vehicles now on our register has grown quite substantially over recent months. Many are appreciative of the fact that they aren't subjected to a "waiting period" before they can join our organisation as they often have to if joining a conventional car club. Most of the owners taking up the historic permit system through the CHRC have classic cars from the sixties and seventies.

Finally I would like to acknowledge several donations of historic material for the CHRC archives. Recently we received photos and correspondence relating to the Lew Band ute that has important information included in Lew's own handwriting, plus a collection of photos of the ute after the unfortunate accident that claimed his life. Our thanks to Alan Chapman and the individual donors for passing on these items to the CHRC. We also continue to amass printed books and magazines for inclusion and quite recently some "Weet-Bix" trading cards that feature Australian hot rods and customs from the early sixties.

My thanks to our board members for their diligent work over the past 12 months and our members generally for your continued support of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited.

Larry O'Toole, Chairman CHRC Limited.



# More Pictures from the First CHRC Model Auto Show



**ABOVE:** Large, appreciative crowds were attracted to the Model Auto Show at The Old Castlemaine Gaol.

**RIGHT:** A one-off Coffee Cruise was held in conjunction with the Model Show. Participants met at the Visitor Centre in central Castlemaine and then drove through Harcourt and Faraday before returning to The Old Castlemaine Gaol to take in the Model Auto Show.

**FAR RIGHT:** A couple more examples of Chris McConnell's amazing 3D printed models, this time a Ford pickup and a '32 Ford roadster.

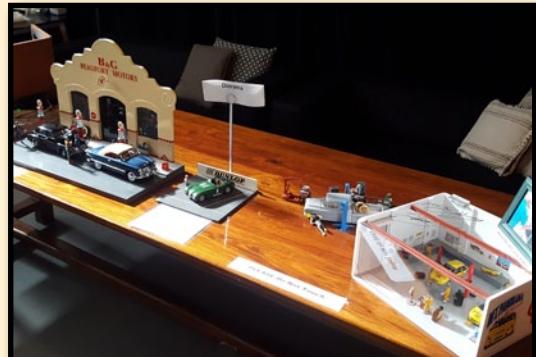
**INSET:** Outstanding truck models had their own dedicated tables with Ernie Hastas winning the class with his two models at left and in the foreground.

**RIGHT:** The front half of this table featured 1949-1964 models while the rear half had 1965 and later.

**FAR RIGHT:** Competition cars were popular as seen on this table with Glenn Rewell's "Best Scratch Built" dragster prominent in the foreground.

**RIGHT:** Rod Hadfield braved the winter cold in his veteran Model T Ford based Runabout for the start of the Coffee Cruise.

**FAR RIGHT:** Prominent in the Diorama section were the garage scenes of John Comber at far left and far right.



# Etty Street Campus Progress

Since the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre's AGM in June there have been ongoing meetings regarding the future use of the Etty Street Campus of the Castlemaine Secondary College. Some progress has been made and there is to be an on-site inspection and meeting at the Campus in mid September. This was to be held in late August but has been postponed due to the unavailability of State Member for Bendigo West, Maree Edwards on the proposed date. The inspection and meeting will be held between the local member, CEO of Mount Alexander Shire, a Workspace Australia representative, Education Department representatives and a Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre representative.

Following the September inspection and meeting the Board of the CHRC Limited will consider any outcomes and report back to the membership in due course. In the meantime we are continually updating the VACC, RACV and Kangan TAFE of our progress in order to keep them fully informed. Private discussions between CHRC and Workspace Australia representatives indicate we can work together at the campus in a complimentary way if and when access to the site is established.



**ABOVE:** A site inspection and meeting is to be held at the Etty Street Campus of the Castlemaine Secondary College in mid September 2018. The inspection and meeting will be held between the local member, CEO of Mount Alexander Shire, a Workspace Australia representative, Education Department representatives and a Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre representative.

## Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited are as follows:

General meetings for 2018/19 are scheduled as follows, but subject to confirmation:

September 7, 2018; December 7, 2018; March 15, 2019; and the AGM for 2019 will be on June 28.

Unless advised otherwise, 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.

## Community Enterprise Referral Form

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