



Christmas at Gowar

The December General Meeting of the CHRC Limited will take place from 12 noon on December 13 at the Gowar property. This meeting will take the form of a Christmas breakup for members and guests and provide the opportunity for everyone to take part in a walking tour of the property. Participants should enter from the gate at the northeast corner of the property on the Maldon Road. This is the safest entry/exit to the property when there are a number of cars doing so at the same time.



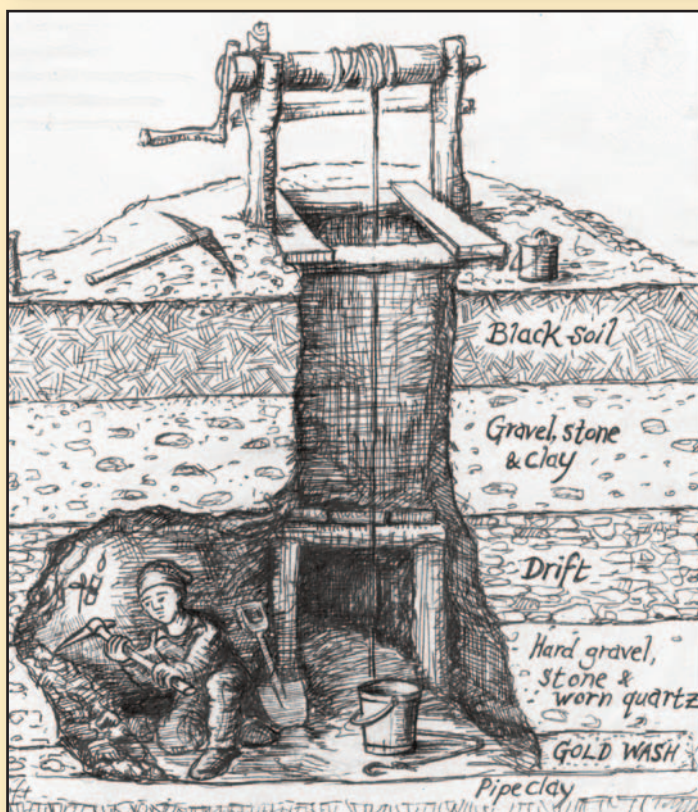
Once inside the property proceed straight south until you see the shearing and hay sheds and park adjacent to those buildings. The picnic lunch will be held in this area and there will be a toilet available. Any business considered urgent will be dealt with during the picnic and this will be followed by a walking tour of the property when participants will learn all about the fascinating history it contains and our plans for its future. You will also get the chance to experience the many different aspects of the farm property at first hand.

At various times the property has been used as a mining site, fruit gardens and for cropping and grazing. There was a hotel situated in one section of the property on the Maldon Road and the ruins of the Talbot's Halfway House are still evident on the allotments immediately adjacent to the Maldon Road at the eastern end.

During the walking tour the proposed layout concepts for the property will also be pointed out so that you can appreciate the wonderful opportunity it represents.

Left: The remnant mining activity showing the scores of holes that originally would have looked like the diagram below left with windlass in place. Development of this area as a tourist attraction would see examples of the mines reinstated similar to that shown in the diagram.

Below: Fantastic maintenance work has been completed by the prison work crews as shown below where the entry to the shearing shed and tank stands have been renovated and new water tanks, supplied by Central Septics of Chewton, installed. Visitors will have the opportunity to examine this work at first hand during the Christmas Picnic.

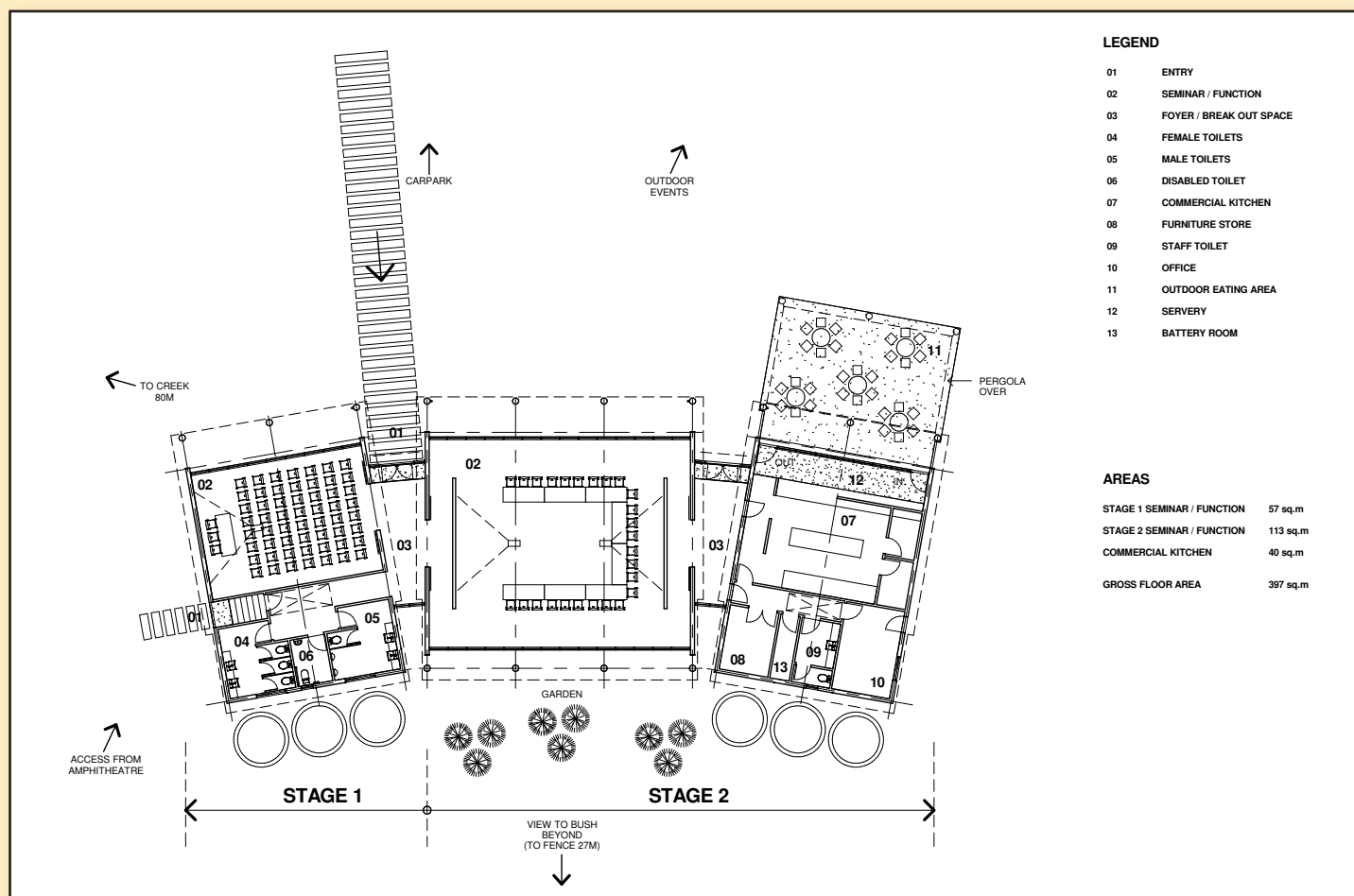


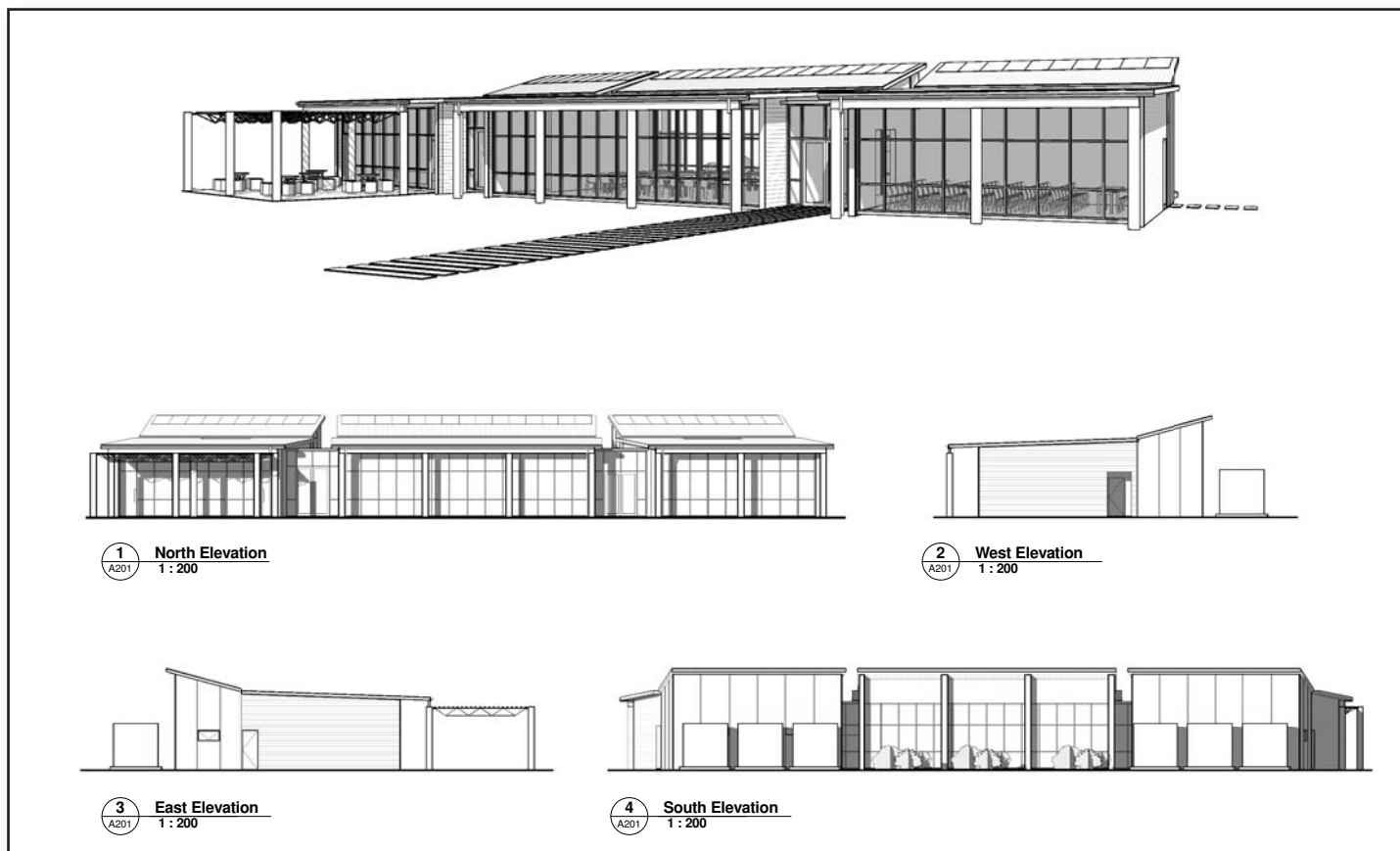


Right: There is evidence of a puddling machine installation and tunnelling having been undertaken on the Gowar property. At top is the scarred earth where tunnels have been dug into the hillside to intersect with holes dug into the top of the terrace in the background. The puddling machine was apparently located in the area in the foreground of the picture. The diagram above is of a typical puddling machine of the gold mining period when the Gowar field was active in the 1850s. Maybe a working example could be re-established as part of a tourist precinct in the future?



Below: Architect's concept plan for the possible layout of the service building for Gowar Park. Visitors for the Christmas Picnic will be able to see where it is proposed to locate this building. On the back page are the conceptual elevation views for the building.





Future Meeting Dates

The next general meeting of the Castlemaine Hot Rod Centre Limited is scheduled for Sunday December 13, 2015 in the form of a picnic at the Gowar property starting at 12 noon. A general meeting is scheduled for Friday March 4, 2016 at the Wesley Hill Hall Castlemaine at 7:30 pm and the AGM will be held on Friday June 24, 2016 at the Wesley Hill Hall Castlemaine at 7:30 pm.

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

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 A/C 131166829.

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