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MUSEUM HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am—2pm
or by appointment. Group bookings welcome.

Admission: Adults \$5, Children and students free.

Membership: Single \$20, Couples \$30, Junior \$5.

BULLETIN ISSUED: February, May, August, November.

GENERAL MEETINGS: 2nd Saturday – March, June, September, November 10am at Museum.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 1st Monday of month at 10.00am at Museum.

Mafeking Lamp



PRESIDENTS REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Holy, Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2025. The last 3 months has been rather slow due to Christmas and New Year and the Museum closed for a short break. Our museum christmas party went off very well with all enjoying the meal and our other festivities. Many thanks Dorothy for organizing our lunch a great job, also thanks to Heidi for organising our games Thanks once again.

BBQ's were few as December and January we don't hold them, a poor response at these times. Coles also has a great set up, sincere thanks to DIY and Coles for allowing us a time slot as without these times our money would be very limited.

A huge amount of time and effort has been put into applying for grants, for carpets, computers, kitchen, book case etc all requiring urgent and serious upgrades. Many thanks to all who give lots of time and effort. Gail, Dorothy, Geoff, Wayne and any other person involved. Time and effort a huge thankyou to all.

Our Christmas raffle made an excellent profit, five very happy winners. Thank you very much to our members who donated all the items. Last but not least thanks to our great ticket sellers. A huge thanks to all.

We are looking forward to another very busy and Happy New Year in 2025.

Warren Armfield
President

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On Sunday 2nd March we are having a day trip to Lawrence Museum. We leave Casino Museum at 11am. (we will car pool). Lunch will be at the Lawrence Hotel (at your own cost) or you can bring your own and have it in a park. We will visit the museum at 1.30pm. Please reply to museum by Wednesday 26th February.

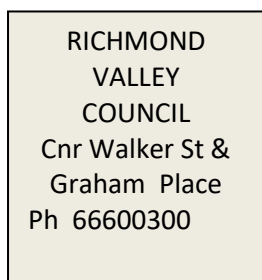
THE MAFEKING LAMP (RRE)

In April 1901 Mr M Jones, Monumental Mason of Lismore, completed the public memorial to be erected in Casino honoring the heroic defence made by the beleaguered garrisons in St Africa. It is the form of a street lamp and pillar, supported by a marble column and pedestal on a freestone base. The marble column carries the bronze pillar with glass globe lamp surmounted with stamped copper and brass. The lamp will be lit with acetylene gas.

The monument was selected by the committee from a number of competitors from Sydney and elsewhere. There is an inscription 'Erected by public subscription 1901' The War Memorial Fund Committee arranged for the lighting of the lamp with gas by generator at 'Miss Mooneys corner', from which a line of piping will connect to the lamp.

An editorial recorded the event of May 4th Friday evening last will long be remembered by the residents of Casino and District, not alone from the fact, it being the anniversary of the birthday of our late beloved Queen, but also the handing over to the Municipal body of Casino of what is known as the Mafeking Memorial Lamp. At a public meeting twelve months ago, the erecting of a monument at the request of some townsmen, to commemorate the gallantry shown by the defenders of Mafeking be considered.

Inscription of the besieging and relief of Lady Smith, Kimberley and Mafeking make up three sides. As will be seen, one side is left blank, and when the war is over, on it will be inscribed the names of all Richmond River soldiers who have fallen. A very large crowd had assembled, and the Casino Band was stationed at the lamp, while on the balcony of Mr Stirgess hotel (Commercial) were to be seen a good many people amongst whom were member of the committee and the Mayor, Ald McDougall and Alderman of Casino.



A TRIBUTE TO BERYL MANYWEATHERS. (RRE 1992)

Beryl Runa Constance Manyweathers was born on February 24th 1904 in Richmond New Zealand. In her early years she came to live in the electorate of Richmond, then in 1933 she married Richmond Manyweathers and lived on the banks of the Richmond River until she was called home on November 23rd 1992. Beryl dedicated a whole lifetime of service to Casino and district. This she gave unselfishly to our community, especially as mayoress for 18 years and as wife of Richmond, an elected State Member of Parliament for five years.

During this time she had an unique experience of personally having met three Queens. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Queen Sirikit of Thailand. One of the highlights of Beryl's career as mayoress was when she was hostess to Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip on their royal visit to Casino in 1954.

Red Cross had always been one of her special interests She had been active in Red Cross since WW2. During the days of WW2 she was the branch's Welfare Officer providing refreshments for troops travelling through Casino. In 1978 Beryl received the society's Distinguished Service Award. In May 1991 Beryl was honoured by being granted honorary member, Life Membership of the Red Cross. Together with her husband Richmond she helped to establish the Casino Historical Society in 1965. Beryl was secretary for

many years and editor of the monthly bulletin.. So many organisations honoured her as patroness. She was also Patron of a lot of other clubs. We were honoured to have Beryl Manyweathers give so much of herself to Casino.



BERYL MANYWEATHERS

Historically Speaking

A flashback to a part of the Richmond District history was found in a newspaper discovered under the floor of a cottage in England. The advertisement dealing with Runnymede and Virginia Stations appeared in the “Empire” on January 19th 1853. This paper was published by Henry Parkes, a newspaper proprietor and publisher at ‘The Empire’ office in Hunter St Sydney. The newspaper was found during a visit to England by the President of the Rural Bank Mr C R McKerihan who gave the paper to the late Sir Michael Bruxner who was the Member for Tenterfield. (Virginia Station adjoined Mr Clark Irving’s well known Casino run Tomki) and about 35 miles from Runnymede.

HOTEL - IMPERIAL NOW CECIL. (RRE)

The Imperial Hotel was situated on the corner of Walker and North Streets Casino. Robert Whiteman bought the unoccupied land in 1883 and was living there in 1884. He is listed on the Casino Rates notices as occupying the land in 1884. He continued with ownership of the land until his death in 1905 when he left it to his wife Sophia Catherine Whiteman of Brisbane on 30th November 1905.

From the 17th October 1904 to 28th February 1908 the mortgagee was listed as Andrew Joseph Brown. The land was leased to Thomas Holloway from 1908 until 1917. Mrs Whiteman was the owner of the Imperial Hotel until 26th March 1917. Mr John Webster was the licensee in c1912 until January 1917. Webster’s name was on the front of the hotel in the photograph of Casino c1912. Webster complained to Tooth & Co, about the high rent, no drinkers and the uneconomic position of the hotel. He also stated that Mrs Whiteman the landlord of the premises was not interested in financing renovations so subsequently Webster lost his licence..

As Richard Saunders took over the licence in 1917, Mr John Bryce of Brisbane had bought the hotel from Mrs Whiteman on 17th April 1917 and injected money into it. This licensee, Richard Saunders and his wife started doing major repairs to the interior of the hotel themselves. It was decided that the hotel should be shifted closer to town and was moved to the corner of Centre and Barker Streets where it would be adjacent to the “Cattle Sales” holding blocks. Richard Saunders applied for a transfer of licence to this site and it was approved by the Licensing Court on 5th October 1918. It was thought it would take three months to shift the hotel to its new site. An advertisement was taken out in the Casino and Kyogle Courier, from 8th October 1918 to 15th February 1919 notifying the public that pending removal of the hotel to the new site, a temporary bar was set up at the corner of Centre and Barker Streets. The advertisement ceased to appear in 1919 suggesting that the bar closed due to the influenza epidemic when public gatherings were banned

The changing of the name from Imperial to Cecil. We don’t know why it was called the Cecil. The local folklore is the hotel was named after Cecil Anderson the local auctioneer. Cecil owned the property next to the old site of the Imperial Hotel in Walker Street and was granted by Sophia Whiteman right of way over the lane between the hotel and his building on 17th October 1904. Cecil died in Casino 16th February 1947.

Our Christmas Raffle was drawn on the 13th lucky winners were, 1st, Hank Van Twout, 2nd S Fisher, 3rd Sue Franey, 4th Dorothy Sullivan, 5th Gerry. Thank you for supporting us.

Enjoying our Christmas Party

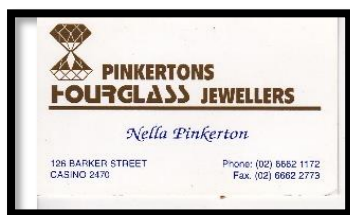
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Warren & Geoff drawing Christmas Raffle



CASINO FOOD CO-OP
Chairman
John Seccombe
PH 0427633127

JACQUELINE YATES
Chartered
Accountant
North Street
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*Why do men have dogs and not wives.
The later you are, the more dogs are excited to see you. Dogs don't notice if you call them another dogs name. Dogs like it if you leave a lot on the floor. a dog's parents never visit you. never have to wait on a dog they are ready 24 hours a day.*

CDHS 2005

FEBRUARY			
WED 5TH	B DENNIS	W ARMFIELD	
THUR 6TH	G AUSTIN	M ANDERSON	
FRI 7TH	D SULLIVAN	R LANE	
WED 12TH	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
THUR 13TH	G AUSTIN	D JAMES	
FRID 14TH	D SULLIVAN	R LANE	
WED 19TH	W ARMFIELD	S GIBSON	
THUR 20TH	G ROONEY	M ANDERSON	
FRI 21ST	S GIBSON	C KING	
WED 26TH	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
THUR 27TH	B DENNIS	R LANE	
FRI 28 TH	G AUSTIN	M ANDERSON	
MARCH			
WED 5TH	G ROONEY	W ARMFIELD	
THUR 8TH	S GIBSON	C KING	
FRI 7TH	W ARMFIELD	R LANE	
WED 12TH	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
THUR 13TH	G AUSTIN	B DENNIS	
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WED 26TH	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
THUR 27TH	W ARMFIELD	S GIBSON	
FRI 28TH	G AUSTIN	D JAMES	
APRIL			
WED 2ND	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
THUR 3RD	B DENNIS	S GIBSON	
FRI 4TH	G AUSTIN	R LANE	
WED 9TH	J HEDISON	D JAMES	
THUR 10TH	G AUSTIN	D SULLIVAN	
FRI 11TH	S GIBSON	C KING	
WED 16TH	G ROONEY	W ARMFIELD	
THUR 17TH	R LANE	W HOLLIS	
WED 23RD	G ROONEY	D JAMES	
THUR 24TH	D SULLIVAN	M ANDERSON	
WED 30TH	S GIBSON	C KING	
PLEASE PH WAYNE 0414241512	OR Dorothy 0418660276	Closed Good Friday and Anzac Day	
IF UNAVAILABLE			