

WCC CASTLEMAINE WEEKEND : 13, 14, 15 OCTOBER 2017 Program

(as usual, subject to change)

Friday 13	7.30pm	Dinner at the Cumberland Hotel (for those arriving Friday) 191 Barker Street, Cnr Lyttleton St., Castlemaine
Saturday 14		Morning free
	12.55pm	Meet at " The Mill " - 1/9 Walker Street https://millcastlemaine.com.au (might like to explore The Mill in the morning and have lunch there prior)
	1.00pm	Leave, in a sort of conga line, to explore various gold diggings sites (Route on map attached to email) <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Pennyweight Flat Children's Cemetery (Colles Rd)o Forest Creek Gold Diggings (Pyrenees Hwy, Chewton South side) Toilets hereo Garfield Wheel (North St, Chewton, off Pyrenees Hwy)o Chewton streetscape/cottages/buildings
		Grab some afternoon tea somewhere, or get takeaway to enjoy at Botanical Gardens. (No café at the gardens)
	3.45pm-ish	Botanical Gardens 1 Downes Street (Toilets at Walker Street end) http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Castlemaine_Botanical_Gardens Walking Map: https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/3423
	7.25pm	Sunset - Sunset : 7.38pm, Last Light : 8.05pm at Burke & Wills Monument , Mostyn & Wells Street
	8.00pm	Dinner at the Railway Hotel - 65 Gingell Street Don't be late (or too late). No orders taken after 8.30pm
Sunday 15		Sunrise - First Light : 6.12am, Sunrise : 6.39am From either
	6.00am	a) Mt. Alexander Regional Park, (leave 5.30am or earlier) OR
	6.00am	b) Carpark at the Old Gaol, 36-48 Bowden Street
		Option : from 8am, Breakfast is available at the Governor's Cafe, Old Gaol. Menu here : https://www.oldcastlemainegaol.com.au/the-governors-cafe/
	9.50 am	Meet at Railway Station , Kennedy Street. All day parking in Gingell Street, on the other side of Railway Line (could use carpark at Railway Hotel). Use footbridge to cross the railway line to the station.
	10.00am sharp	Leave Train Station for Guided walking tour , (1 hour) Will include Campbell Street heritage listed streetscape.
	11.00am	Return to Railway Station .
	11.15am	Steam train arrives and will turnaround on a turntable – slightly visible from the station. Better view from further up Kennedy Street. Turntable is near some green sheds – so we are told.
	11.30am	Those travelling on train to Maldon, to arrive at station (Mmnnn... will they?) Don't forget to get your ticket beforehand, not just have the coupon on the day.
	12 noon	Train departs Castlemaine for Maldon (A photo op all round – wavers and wavees)
	3.30pm	Last Train from Maldon arrives Castlemaine (Departs Maldon 2.45pm) Check timetable here : http://www.vgr.com.au/timetable.php

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GOLD DIGGINGS INFORMATION

Pennyweight Flat Childrens Cemetery :

<http://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/landscape/settlement/display/30727-pennyweight-flat--cemetery-and-pioneers-memorial>

Forest Creek Gold Diggings :

<http://www.goldfieldsguide.com.au/explore-location/114/forest-creek-historic-gold-diggings/>

Garfield Water Wheel

http://goldfieldstrack.com.au/Pages/What_To_Do/Details/Garfield_Water_Wheel.aspx

In your free time and on the way there or home, you might like to visit ...

FREE TIME

- **Information Centre**, located in the historic **Market Building**, Mostyn St. and pick up a town map.
- **Tour the Old Gaol**, (\$10 self-guided, 9am-4pm), <https://www.oldcastlemainegaol.com.au/day-tours/>
- **Anticlinal fold** – a geological oddity in Lyttleton St.
https://victoriancollections.net.au/items/58a03912d0cfd2f1_461139b
- Visit **Buda Homestead** (costs involved) Not open Saturday morning though. Could be Sun. afternoon.
http://www.budacastlemaine.org/html/s01_home/home.asp
- Check out the tiny cottages and buildings in **Chewton** (though we will be in that area when 'doing' the diggings.
- **Sunrise/sunset** chasers might like to venture out to **Mt Alexander Regional Park** – about 25 min drive via either the north or south end. Do a round trip! The top of the range is 'open woodland', glimpses of views, stunning rock formations. Better views possible if you're a mountain goat! Morning and afternoon light in the bush up there could be terrific. Brochure and Map here:
https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/315605/Park-note-Mt-Alexander-Regional-Park.pdf. Joseph Young Drive runs along the top of the range and is fully sealed, though narrow. There are less trees along part of the north end (Harcourt-Sutton Grange Road end) where clear views can be had. Any time of day will be rewarding throughout the range.
- **"Glitch" filming sites**. Kennedy Street, Railway Station, Old Police Station, Botanical Gardens, RSL, Expedition Pass Reservoir (out of town on Golden Point Road)
- **Other Gold Digging sites** : <http://www.fomad.org.au/sites.html>

ON WAY HOME (or not!)

- Follow the train to Maldon (No! Get ahead of the train). On the map, it looks like the rail line and road are close or intersect at several points. Could be photo ops.
- Mt. Alexander Regional Park
- Other Gold Digging sites (as in link above)
- Kyneton or Daylesford or Woodend - so many choices

Note:

All sites in our program are openly accessible to the public and are public spaces. Individuals enter at their own risk. We advise due care and diligence when exploring sites, especially the gold diggings areas. The Williamstown Camera Club cannot be held liable for any direct or indirect damages or losses arising out of accidental damage or injury. We encourage members to ensure adequate insurance cover for personal possessions.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND !!

**And, don't forget to wear suitable clothing, especially footwear.
Looks like warm weather, so carry water and keep hydrated.**