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ACDC December Report

Auburn Primary School Concert: Last Monday evening I attended the Auburn Primary School concert. The gathering of parents and families filled our wonderful Institute building. The class items were very entertaining. **Well done kids!**

December's ACDC Meeting: The last ACDC meeting for the year, held this week, saw us farewell John Osborne who has served as Secretary of ACDC for the last 4 years. We thank John for his contribution to ACDC and the Auburn community. I would also like to thank Glen Osborne (who is leaving Auburn with John) for her contributions to ACDC as sub-committee Chairperson for the Auburn Cemetery and member of the Auburn Institute Management Committee. ACDC wishes you both well with your move into another chapter in your lives.

Melbourne Cup Proceeds: ACDC would like to thank Ali and Mick from the Rising Sun Hotel for their donation of \$812, being a half share in the profits of the Melbourne Cup Luncheon held last month at the Rising Sun Hotel, the other recipient being the Auburn Primary School. These funds have been donated to ACDC to be used towards the upgrade of playground equipment in the park, a relatively new portfolio for ACDC. Recently, ACDC applied for a Waterloo Windfarm grant for playground improvements. However, the application was unsuccessful.



Auburn Institute: What a great facility our community now has, in the Auburn Institute. During this year, the AIMC has run a very successful program of bookings and events. Highlights for the AIMC were the Winter Ball, Autumn and Spring Fetes, establishing the verge garden, installation of lighting suitable for art exhibitions, floor restoration, a new dishwasher (quick turn-around of cycles), new chairs are on order, and dance classes! ACDC wishes to thank the AIMC members, Tony Evans, Glen Osborne (resigned), Lisa Ziersch, Peter Newman, Andrew Cooper, Nona Burden (resigned) and Liz Pridham (ACDC representative) for their efforts during the year. ***Congratulations*** on a job well done.

Christmas Eve in the Park: All organisation is well under way for **Christmas Eve in the Park**. Don't forget the earlier start time of **5.45pm** for serving food, so we are able to present our feature entertainer this year, and still have time for Santa! Thank you to the Auburn Primary School students for their decorative artwork, which will be displayed in the park pavilion.

Australia Day Breakfast: This will be the next important date for your diary. **Sunday 26th January 2020, in Centenary Park at 8.30am.** Bring along your chairs, plates and cutlery (to



reduce use of plastics), and enjoy the food, friendship and music.

ACDC Community Awards: Please refer to page 7 of the Auburn Express if you can assist us with the proposed Honour Board.

On behalf of ACDC executive members, I wish all community members and families, a happy and safe holiday season.

Rhonda Seymour, Chair.



Taylors Wines would like to wish everyone a safe and peaceful Festive Season.

We have a selection of Christmas gift options available at our Cellar Door, and don't forget that we offer locals discount for full priced wine purchases.



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CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE PARK 2019
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- ◊ BBQ Dinner (gluten free/vegetarian available)
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Auburn's History Column:

John W. Castine, one of Auburn's great follow-up founders

On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of October 2019, descendants of John W. Castine, one of Auburn's pioneer families, held a reunion, visiting Auburn and Riverton townships. On Saturday the visit commenced with a self-guided tour of Auburn, concluding at the gravesite of J.W. Castine. On Sunday a family luncheon was held at the Auburn Bowling Club where bowling club members provided the catering. Some original documents, one specific to Auburn, a magnificent calligraphed picture presented to J. W. Castine, and a National Rifle Association Winning Award Certificate when he attended at Wimbledon, England.

John W. Castine arrived in South Australia in 1862. At the age of 16, he had left his family in Devon, travelling with four Blackwell boys on the AMICUS, which was carrying cargo for G & R Wills and other South Australian companies. John had the address to a well-known Adelaide merchant, Mr Charles Goode. After working for Mr. Goode for four years, he and a friend Francis Goss, set out for Auburn, where together they decided to conduct a general store.

The surveyed eastern side of Main North Road wasn't released until 1866. The plan of the township named "New Auburn" was for Section 260, Lower Wakefield River Special Survey.

It was C.1866, at 4 King Street (now owned by Maureen Robb and known as "Daisy Manor") that John Castine, with a borrowed £10 to open his first store, set up with Francis Goss. These young men took turns to cook and at night slept on shop counters. Descendants were delighted that Maureen invited them in to



see her home. Descendants also had the opportunity to see some early Lodge official honour boards in the dressing room of the Institute, with the Castine name prominent.



John William Castine married Nannie (nee Barkla) - Grandparents of Haymond.
Nannie was the first wife of John William and was born on 21st November, 1835 and died on 7th January, 1909.

Photo: John W. Castine and Mrs Nannie Castine (nee Barkla) married Auburn 1868

John Castine married Nannie Barkla, daughter of William Barkla of "Koonowla", who had the Corn Mart built by the December 1868 harvest, when Nannie and John were married in St. Johns Church, St. Vincent Street. In January 1870 Castine & Goss advertised that in consequence of effluxion of Partnership, they had on the market the whole of their Stock-in-trade as General Storekeepers, including spring-cart, spring-dray, harness to suit each, and a stack of good hay. Francis Goss, a shoemaker, bought a business in Manoora in 1872, later a business and residence at Saddleworth in 1878.

Bleechmore's used the corn store as an Auction Mart and Castines later used the Mart along with their business then in "Claridges" now known as "Terrior" restaurant. Barkla sold the Corn Mart to the Forester's Lodge. CWA has owned the building since 1947.

J.W. Castines's first son, Ern, was registered as having been born at "Prospect Cottage" East Auburn (**have you got "Prospect Cottage" on your house or house deeds,**



the Auburn National Trust would like to know where that cottage is).

John's eldest two sons attended Auburn Public School, Ernest commencing 30.11.1874 and Sidney 01.03.1876, with the school admissions register listing the parent as J.W.Castine, Auburn, Storekeeper.

On the death of Mrs. Claridge, John was able to purchase the building in 1904. His son Ern had been managing this store before he went on the land at Watervale c1900. John managed a store at Riverton from 1877 until 1884 when his lease expired and he had gone into politics, so his second son Sid was called on to take over this Auburn store. He managed this store until 1914 when a drought caused problems of payment from farmers and this also coincided with the start of WWI.

The Castine family always had horses and buggies for private use but also drays to transport their merchandise to and from customers. These were the days before rail

came to Auburn, the nearest railhead being at Saddleworth, so some merchandise had to be collected from the Saddleworth railway yards. At the rear of this store the stables have since been converted into two B & B units.

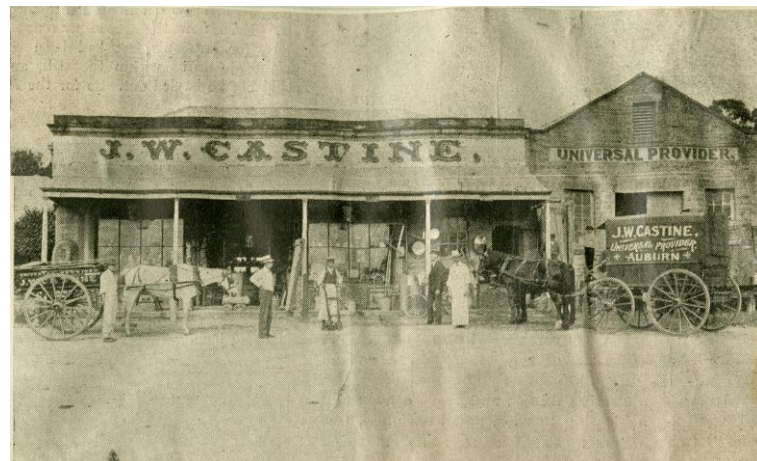
For the church, John was a Synod member for most of his life and in 1925 John William Castine and his son Sidney Barkla Castine donated the land on which a new rectory was built, to the Synod of the Church of England, on the western side of the church. (The former rectory is now Rae Burfield's home).

To be continued...

Kay Lambert, Auburn National Trust.



Castine and Goss store, then Edwin Boord's Hardware Store



JW Castine store



J W Castine & Son on the day of the official opening of David Smith's Auburn Store

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Auburn Brigade News **Auburn Brigade is still recruiting for new members**

Auburn CFS Brigade is still recruiting for **Volunteer Firefighters**. Ideally, we would hope to recruit 4-6 persons – men and women. The Auburn Brigade has lost a few members recently due to people leaving the district or retirement. People of all ages are welcome. The Brigade has a “Dad’s Army” crew of retired and semi-retired people to cover the working day from Monday to Friday and provide a safe environment for citizens, while the majority of members are at work, some working away from Auburn.

The Commitment: The Brigade meets weekly on a Tuesday night throughout the year. Each week there are different activities – a monthly meeting; a monthly training night; maintenance activities and general collegiality.

How to join:

- Contact Jeff Seymour – Brigade Training Coordinator on 8849 2389;
- You have to be 18 years or older, be able to pass a Police Check, and have at least an average level of fitness.
- Once all the application processing is finished for your membership, new volunteers complete a weekend of basic training.

George Sugars – Captain
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CAN YOU ASSIST?

ACDC Australia Day Community Awards.

ACDC would like to establish an 'Honour Board' showing names of recipients of ACDC *Australia Day Community Awards*. Can you help with the years where no name is listed? Or, perhaps no Awards were presented? Do you know? Please contact Rhonda Seymour on 8849 2389. Any assistance provided would be greatly appreciated...thank you.

Jan 2000 Helen Williams (1999)

Jan 2001 Steve Collins (2000)

Jan 2002 eight nominees' names found, but not sure who was awarded certificate.

Jan 2004 Michelle Young

Jan 2005

Jan 2006

Jan 2007

Jan 2008

Jan 2009...Auburn express said no official breakfast, but community members did meet

Jan 2010

Jan 2011 Gerald Moore

Jan 2012 Tom Marling

Jan 2013 Kay Lambert

Jan 2014 Helen Smith

Jan 2015 Judy Searley

Jan 2016 Peter Lane

Jan 2017 Auburn CFS, Eric and Helen Whiteman

Jan 2018 Bob Parkinson, and Brian Byrne

Jan 2019 Taylors Wines, and Mr. Ric Becker