

"The Pioneer Suffragettes of Casterton and District"

The last weekend in August saw the Photographic Exhibition of the Suffragette Women of Casterton and District and the launch of the book "The Pioneer Suffragettes of Casterton and District"



Booklet "The pioneer Suffragettes of Casterton and Distict"

Whilst the weather was against us (it actually just poured rain all weekend!) the crowds turned out to view the exhibition which was part of the Digby Revisited weekend which was held on the last weekend in August.

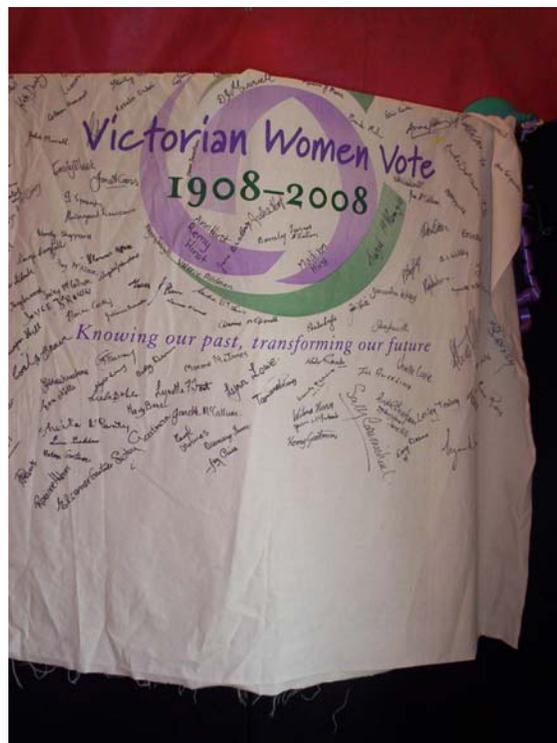
Ms Gayle Tierney, Upper House Member for Western District flew in from Geelong to launch the book, which was planned to be in our Family History Marquee but with the inclement weather we were fortunate to have an area in the Mechanics Institute which did the trick!



Ms Gayle Tierney, launching the book in the historic Digby Mechanics Institute (below)

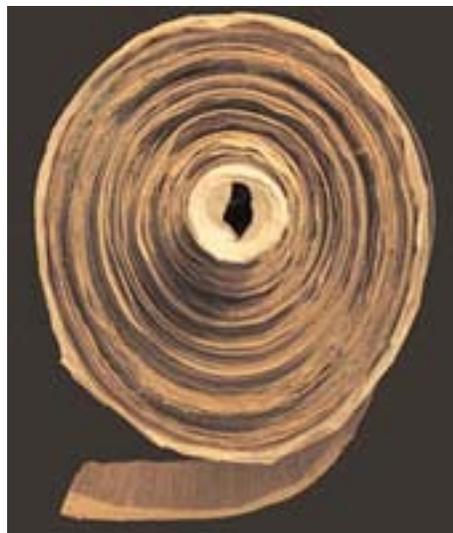


Our women's Suffrage Banner was on display as it makes its way around the district for signing by the women of Casterton and District, with it being next on display at the Casterton Memorial Hospital 100th anniversary celebrations from the 6th to the 12th October and then on to Chetwynd Hall for their 100th Anniversary on the 25th October.



In November, the banner will be on display in Melbourne as part of a final exhibition to be held in the grounds of Parliament (lets hope it doesn't rain this day!) where it will be handed over so it can be sewn together with the other banners so it can reappear no doubt in another 100 years.

This time though we should know most of the signatures from Casterton and District through the recording of names and addresses of those that signed the banner.



Part of the Photographic Exhibition and
Memorabilia from the Casterton Community
Museum which formed part of the Photographic
Display on the Day



What a great celebration we have had for this 100th anniversary of Women's right to vote and the wonderful petition of 1891 which was a great feat to get the signatures of women from around Victoria.

The booklet produced is available for sale at a cost of \$10.00 and is available by sending a cheque/money order for \$10.00 or by purchasing from the Visitor Information Centre, Casterton when visiting Casterton.

All funds raised go towards the preservation and conservation of memorabilia at the Casterton Community Museum

Our website is
www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/casterton/historicalsociety

Where this outline of the exhibition is available to be read by visitors to the website and also our newly revived newsletter is available for download which has an information on the weekend at Digby.

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