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INTRODUCTION

It is documented that on 22 September 1855 a game of football was played between miners and troops at the Commissioner's Camp on the Castlemaine goldfields.

As this game was played before codification it was likely that the game bore more similarity to English Association rather than Australian football or rugby union. This is supported by Football Historian Roy Hay in his book 'A History of Football in Australia: A Game of Two Halves.' Football had arrived in Central Victoria!

There were a number of sporadic games of soccer in Castlemaine or involving Castlemaine as far back as the early 1900s

But the World Game in Central Victoria really kicked off in the 1950s with the influx of European workers coming to help build the Cairn Curran Reservoir. They arrived in a region where another type of football held sway.

Central Victoria has one of the strongest Australian Rules competitions with the Castlemaine Football Club tracing its origins back to 1859.

It was in this atmosphere that a small group of passionate 'soccer' players began the first Castlemaine Soccer Club in 1952 with an attempt to form the Central Victorian Soccer Association in 1954. Despite the high level of interest from neighboring towns, this league faded and it was not until the early 1970s that the Central Victorian League idea was revisited.

The Bendigo Soccer League was formed in 1971 and Castlemaine joined in 1974. Castlemaine has continued its strong participation in the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League for 40 years with numerous junior teams as well as senior men and women.

Our World Game enables newcomers to actively participate in the local club and we have often welcomed overseas students, refugees and visitors into our teams.

Currently the Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club has an annual participation rate of around 250 players, male and female covering the 5 to 50s age group – certainly a club for all lovers of round ball football.

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Another exhibition of soccer was played at the Camp Reserve in 1915 as a 'novelty and an attraction', according to the notice on the front page of the Mount Alexander Mail.

In the mid 1950s the building of Cairn Curran Reservoir brought with it a wave of European immigration to Central Victoria. During that time Castlemaine produced a fine Soccer team which was made up of mainly immigrants from Scotland, England, Italy, Germany and Poland with a couple of Australians.

With no local league, games had to be organised with teams from other regional centres. In its first season playing teams from Bendigo, Ballarat and Maryborough, Castlemaine was undefeated.

Reports in the Castlemaine Mail of the time gave an indication of the team's popularity. Calling themselves 'The Old Arsenal Club' but known as Castlemaine Soccer Club, they drew crowds of up to 300 to watch the home games which were then played at Wattle Flat on Sundays.

At a Council meeting in July 1954 an attempt to stop the club playing at that venue and on Sundays was narrowly defeated by four votes to three.

Castlemaine players of note at that time were Jim Shepherd who had played for South Yarra and an Australian representative side, John Berry who played for Footscray and represented Victoria against New South Wales and Andy Berry who also played for Footscray.

The 1950s was an exciting time for a new sport in Australia. The following excerpts from Castlemaine Mail news reports follow these heady years where a few passionate souls brought the World Game to Castlemaine. Although not everyone was in favour of teams playing sport on Sunday – especially Councillors!

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SOLDIERS V. CASTLEMAINE.
SOCCER EXHIBITION ALSO.

Patrons of the Camp Reserve on Saturday next, will get their money's worth. A soccer (British Association) football match has been arranged between teams hailing from the North and South of England, of boys at the camp. This should prove both a novelty and an attraction. Mr Jim Buckley has kindly consented to take charge of the game, which will start at 2.30. At 2.30, the challenge match will start, and, judging by the play at practice of the camp boys, the Castlemaine team will have to be at their best to win.

SOCCER

Exhibition Match at Castlemaine

The premier teams of grade 1 (Castlemaine) and grade 2 (South Melbourne) will play an exhibition soccer match at Castlemaine to-morrow. A team of Melbourne schoolboys will also travel, and play against Castlemaine schoolboys.

Programme for To-morrow

The soccer programme for to-morrow consists of three grades 1 and two grade 2 matches, the most important being Heidelberg v. Footscray. This is a replay of the game on August 4, when Footscray won by 9 goals to 4. On the grounds that Footscray had included an unregistered player in the team, the protest committee ordered a replay. Footscray requires only one point from this match to escape relegation to grade 2, it having a better goal average than Heidelberg, but if it loses it will have to defeat Melbourne Thistle in the final match to remain in grade 1. Footscray and Melbourne Thistle will meet in the match postponed from July 31. The teams are evenly matched, but the result will not affect the premiership list. South Yarra will play its final game at Middle Park, 8.15. Kilda providing the opposition. St. Kilda's goal average is so poor that, even if it wins its two remaining matches, it cannot avoid relegation.

Moreland, which has a home fixture against Castlemaine, requires both points to secure promotion. It has five matches to play to complete its programme and can gain the premiership by winning them all. The decision of the protest committee will be the result.

Hundred SOCCER HERE SUNDAY

Castlemaine will play Bendigo in an inter-town soccer match at Wattle Flat on Sunday afternoon. It will be the first inter-town game to be played between Castlemaine and Bendigo in many years.

Castlemaine and Bendigo are discussing plans to form a Central Victorian Soccer Association embracing soccer as far away as Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough and Kyneton. Arrangement for the match to be held in Castlemaine on Sunday were completed yesterday. Castlemaine will likely play in white shirts and Bendigo in blue.

Castlemaine's team will be announced on Saturday. Any player interested should contact the secretary, Mr John Berry, at the Mail office today.

£20 HOOKEY TOURNAMENT

The prize money will be offered at the Hookey Tournament in the Library Hall tomorrow night. The Tournament is being organised by the Queens of Youth Committee, and proceeds will assist the Lions Appeal.

SPENCER - WINS 24 MILE TOUR

Chester Amateur Cycling Club.

Sunday Sport COUNCIL GRANTS USE OF WATTLE FLAT

An attempt to prevent Castlemaine Soccer Club having use of Wattle Flat for Sunday soccer failed at Thursday night's meeting of Council.

The move was defeated by a narrow margin of four votes to three against it.

In a letter to a previous Council meeting, the Soccer Club had requested use of the flat on Sundays.

Decisions on the application had been held over for a Council meeting on Thursday.

Mr. G. R. Conway, president of the Soccer Club, said that the club had been granted use of the flat for Sunday soccer for many years.

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BENDIGO FAVORED IN SOCCER MATCH

Bendigo should prove stronger than Castlemaine in their first soccer clash on Sunday at Wattle Flat.

Tomorrow's match will be the first step in preparing a strong combination for future matches.

Castlemaine players will be combining for the first time against a visiting soccer side. Previously matches have been played between sides selected from local players.

The club has decided to experiment with more than 15 players in an effort to find a strong combination for future matches.

Players had their first practice match last Sunday and it should be some time before their merit can be properly gauged.

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The Australian is Graham Hootch who has had some experience of competitive soccer in Melbourne. He is likely to fill the outside

Castlemaine's Soccer Team Hits New High

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Matched against such strong opposition, Castlemaine were expected to gain only experience from the game.

Instead they played shoulder to shoulder with City players throughout the match and gave the visitors a hard struggle.

The clash drew the largest crowd ever to see a local soccer match in this district.

Goalkeepers: Castlemaine, Kioat, Butterfield, Berchick; Footscray, J. Berry, Alex, Glennie.

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"Respectable" Soccer

Soccer and respectability were coupled at Council on Thursday.

The old Arsenal Club applied for permission to use Wattle Flat Reserve for a match with Bendigo players, next Sunday.

In moving that the application be granted Cr. A. L. Barnes, who was president of Castlemaine Football Club last year, said with a smile:

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MONDAY MAY 26 1913

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1 1915

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 1934

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 1952

Castlemaine Soccer Club which was formed at a meeting on Wednesday night, took its first important step by electing a committee to raise funds.... They are Chairman (Mr. J Jenings), Messers G Jelly, V Semerank, J A Berry, A Berry, J Edwards, A McDermid, G Hocking, C Berry and secretary (Jim Berry).

SATURDAY JUNE 26 1954

Castlemaine is expected to play an important role in the formation of a Central Victorian Soccer Association, according to plans discussed this week. Teams showing an interest so far are Bendigo, Kyneton and Castlemaine. Maryborough and Ballarat are two other teams likely to be interested.... A club was formed in Castlemaine last year. Anyone interested in playing should contact Joe Taylor Hargraves Street or the Secretary of the Castlemaine Club (Mr Jim Berry) as soon as possible.

THURSDAY JULY 1 1954

Castlemaine will play Bendigo in an inter town soccer match at Wattle Flat on Sunday afternoon. It will be the first inter town game to be played in Castlemaine and interest has mounted keenly during the week. Castlemaine will likely play in white shirts and Bendigo in blue.

SATURDAY JULY 3 1954

Castlemaine's first team for tomorrow is comprised mainly of Italians, Germans, Poles and Scots. An Australian will probably make up the eleven. The Australian is Graham Hocking who has had some experience of competitive play in Melbourne. He is likely to fill the outside right position. The other men have played in their home country and some have shown outstanding ability.... Castlemaine's team for tomorrow will be chosen from J Taylor, A Gregor, J Semerack, Z Zych, G Hocking, A Berry, J A Berry, J Berry, C Berry, F Vitkus, L Butterfield, H Kolesdi, A McDermid, G Jelly, T Sulyok and Jim Shepherd.

TUESDAY JULY 6 1954

Castlemaine showed splendid soccer ability in holding Bendigo to a draw before a crowd of more than 300 at Wattle Flat on Sunday. Scores were Castlemaine 2 Bendigo 2. It was the first time that Castlemaine players have combined together against a visiting team.....Castlemaine centre forward C Berry scored two goals from close range. A donation of more than 10 pounds was taken at the game and the club officials yesterday thanked the spectators for turning out to watch the match.

They said that the club had just been formed and were in need of funds to purchase soccer equipment. In summing up, the class of football did not reach any great height but should improve with more match practice.

TUESDAY JULY 20 1954

Castlemaine's superior positional play showed to advantage when it defeated Bendigo by three goals to one in a return soccer match at Bendigo on Saturday.

SATURDAY JULY 24 1954

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25 1954

Arrangements for Castlemaine to meet Ballarat Soccer team at Wattle Flat are well in hand. Former South Yarra goalkeeper Jim Shepherd is likely to play an important part in the last line of defence for Castlemaine.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5 1954

Castlemaine recorded one of its best soccer victories for the season when it defeated Ballarat City in a gruelling 90 minute match at Wattle Flat on Sunday. The match ended with Castlemaine in front by two goals to one... Castlemaine's chances received a severe blow at the start of the second half when centre forward Joe Thompson had to be rushed to hospital with a cut behind his ear. Playing with only ten men Castlemaine held a slight lead and went further ahead when Zych rushed in from outside left to snatch his second goal.

THURSDAY MARCH 24 1955

Castlemaine Soccer Club is expected to begin serious training shortly for the 1955 season and will embark on a money raising drive to provide equipment... by charging a membership fee of 10 pounds... the club hopes to provide a set of jerseys to players for its first match of the season. Colours will be black and white.

THURSDAY MAY 19 1955

For the first time regulation goalposts have been erected at Wattle Flat. They have been erected in the opposite direction to the Australian Rules posts already erected in the ground. The Castlemaine team is expected to appear in full dress kit for the first time ever. Its colours are green jerseys with red and white hose.

THURSDAY AUGUST 25 1955

With a superior exhibition of team work Castlemaine Soccer Club defeated Kerang 3 – 2 in an interesting match in Kerang last Sunday.... Scorers – Castlemaine: Butterfield, Larkarski, Boole. Kerang: Bovo, Bartos.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29 1955

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Despite the game having a presence in Castlemaine in the early 1900s and the positive start to the World Game in Castlemaine during the 1950s it was not to last. In 1956 Bendigo joined the Melbourne Provisional League and the euphoria of our own Midlands League petered out. Some Castlemaine players would have been involved with this Bendigo United team and this arrangement continued until the late 1960s when the desire for a local league again found a voice.

1970s



Castlemaine Soccer Club 1st Team 1974

Back row, left to right - Jim Nichol, Michael Nickoumous, Steven Gardener, Peter Golles, Bob Evans, Nick Rice, Ron Archer, Ian Grindley. Front row - Greg Ralph, Peter Noulton, Jim Shepherd, Mick Evans, Barry Scoles

The 1970s was a time of rapid expansion for the Bendigo Soccer League and for the game in Central Victoria. Many outsiders were sceptical about the future of soccer in Bendigo as they pointed out that the code had been started here before and had always collapsed after a short time. The BSL was created out of the former Bendigo United players, some who had played games against that first Castlemaine Soccer Club in 1954/55. This new league had been formed in 1971 with 4 clubs and each season new clubs were joining. By 1973 Bendigo had registered more than 300 players, 190 of them under 17 years of age. The game was here to stay this time.

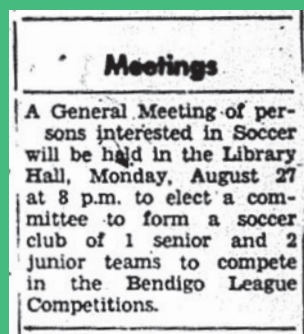


Peter Golles

In 1973 Peter Golles, like many other Europeans, had played the game since childhood and was keen to play again. Driven by this urge, he set about finding lads who could play the game or would like to learn.

Sympathetic landlords allowed him to display notices in public bars, and he also made many contacts at his place of employment which at that time was the Woollen Mill. In late August 1973 a meeting was advertised in the local paper for anyone interested in forming a

soccer club with the intention of entering teams in the recently formed Bendigo Soccer League.



This special meeting was held at the Library Hall in Castlemaine. Sufficient interest saw the new committee elected and within a fortnight, the Castlemaine Soccer Club practised at Maryborough with a complete side, two reserves and an encouraging group of spectators. The result of this first game was a 2-4 loss but this was still pleasing to the team. Only three out of the twelve had competed at soccer prior to the Sunday game. The first President was Jim Nichol and first Secretary was Eric Noulton and together with Joe Wilkinson, Ted and Barry Scholes they helped get the present Castlemaine Soccer Club established. Eric and Dessie Noulton were to be very keen and active members over the years.

Though they had been using the Western Oval for practice they were made aware that this could no longer be tolerated. So, the members of the newly formed club committee made desperate enquiries to obtain the use of a ground. After much endeavor they were rewarded by obtaining the use of Wesley Hill Oval. The Wesley Hill Progress Association consented to allow the Club to use this as its Home ground. Thus the main requisite of the club which aspired to join the Bendigo Soccer League was provided. Other requirements such as goals, nets, corner flags and players strips were still to be obtained.

Peter Golles made the goals which had to be portable to enable them to be removed from the field of play after each game, leaving the oval clear for football. Corner and linesmen's flags were made, and player strips purchased. The colours chosen for the strips inspired by Scottish team Hearts, were maroon shirts with white collars and cuffs, white shorts, maroon socks with white tops. Later they changed to maroon shorts and socks with white tops. Prior to the start of the 1974 season Castlemaine Soccer Club had applied to become a member of the Bendigo League and was accepted. One item of equipment was yet to be obtained, a set of goal nets. Fortune smiled on Castlemaine as Maryborough Soccer Club were unable to continue playing competitive soccer and generously gave Castlemaine a set of nets.

Even greater fortune offered a bonus in the form of Jim Shepherd's application to join Castlemaine. Jim had been involved with the previous effort to form a local club and league and was still a passionate soccer devotee. In the interim he had been playing with Maryborough and had won the 1972 BSL



Jim Shepherd

Division 1 Best and Fairest award. The club lost no time in having him registered as a player, and he has given a sterling service to the club both on and off the field ever since.

Their first Bendigo game was a practice match against the then League and Cup Champions Golden City which Castlemaine lost 19 – 0. This was followed by another practice match loss to Strathdale 10 – 0. Castlemaine's first ever win came in their third practice match against Seymour 1 – 0.

Mick and Bob Evans who had arrived in Castlemaine from England, joined the team at about the third game, which brought the number of team members who had actually played the game before to about 8, probably tipping the balance into the makings of a competitive team.

Castlemaine finished their first season in 7th place. Highlights of that season were a memorable hat-trick by Bob Evans in a 3-0 win over Echuca, who were also experiencing their first season in the BSL. Eaglehawk was the other new club to enter in 1974. Another moment to enjoy was the 5-2 thrashing of Colts at Wesley Hill. Castlemaine won their first trophy in 1977 winning the Bendigo Five-a-side Tournament.

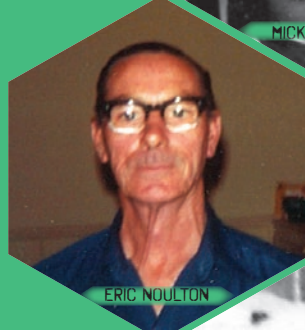
During the late 70s, discussion began regarding changing shirt colours to the traditional black and white of the city. A vote at the end of 1978 saw 7 in favour and 4 against having black and white as the first colour and maroon and white as the second colour. In 1979 season Castlemaine was relegated from Division 1 after not winning a single game – this was a low period for the club. As always, smaller regional towns have to field teams with the available talent and this is a variable situation dependent on employment and interest.



A proud Castlemaine team in 1977 display the clubs 1st trophy



MICK EVANS



ERIC NOULTON



BOB EVANS



JIM NICHOL

1980s

SOCCER TEAM VICTORIOUS



Castlemaine Soccer Club's senior team had a remarkable end-of-season match when they defeated Kyneton in the final of the Knockout Cup. 17/10/80
keeper J. Bacon to save again. REVIVED Kyneton revived after

Castlemaine kicked off the 1980s with their best season to date. The senior men's team coached by Celly McCuskey was promoted after winning the Division 2 Championship, the Division 2 Knock-Out Cup (beating bitter rivals Kyneton 1 – 0 in the final) and the Division 2 League Cup in the 1980 season.

Bob Evans was named the League's Best and Fairest and the Evans family was to make a substantial contribution to the club through committee, coaching and on-field involvement.

BIG SEASON FOR LOCAL PLAYER



The past soccer season has been a really big one for Castlemaine Soccer Club player Bob Evans – he has won not only the League Best and Fairest award in his division, but also the League top goalscoring title and his own Club Best and Fairest.

Guest of honor at the Club presentation night dinner, a League Board Member, noted the Club had a very successful year also.



The dinner, held at the

TROPHIES
The magnificent Club Trophies pictured, were presented by Jim Shepherd as follows:
Best and Fairest, Seniors Bob Evans, Reserves Robbie Noulton.
Most Improved Seniors Graham Dolphin, Reserves Tony Bateman.
And a Special Award was made to the Coach, Celly McCuskey.

the Club since it was formed.
Three gifts donated to the Club by Lindsay Stewart, Max Cassidy and Golden City Joinery were presented to three Lady Members who have given so much of their time and effort in catering for the needs of the Club.
During the remainder of the evening, the wide ranging repertoire of

The 1980 season also saw a great growth in juniors. The club fielded teams in Under 8, 10, 12 and 14 divisions. This highly successful season could not have happened without the great leadership of then President Kevin Paton who was also the President of the Bendigo Junior Soccer League. With the strong growth in the game locally and a lack of amenities, the club lobbied council for better facilities. Councillor R. McDonnell took up the club's cause and the result was the use of a new ground at Wesley Hill to be shared with the Hockey Club and North Castlemaine Cricket Club.

After a lot of hard work the soccer complex at Wesley Hill was completed and the club boasted the best lighting set up in the league which would allow them to train and play under lights. The club also turned out in black and white vertical stripe tops with black shorts with a white side stripe and black socks with white tops.

Around this time there was a push to start a new soccer club in the town, Castlemaine United, which would use the same ground and facilities. This caused considerable friction within the club and was the subject of many meetings. BASL was not very encouraging and so this idea failed to gain momentum but it took a heavy toll on the membership and committee.

From 1981 Castlemaine competed in Division 1 for the next five seasons and in 1981 Bob Evans topped the league goal scoring with 22 goals and missed out on the League's best and fairest by one point.

At Wesley Hill, work finally began on the storage shed which the club had been trying to get built since 1980. 1982 was another great season with both Peter Richardson and George Dolphin being awarded Best and Fairest for Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves. The drought ended during



380 Best and Fairest Award winners, Peter Richardson of Castlemaine and Mark O'Sullivan of Colts, with Stan Hodson, a past President of the B.A.S.L.



Stan Hodson with the Division 1 Reserves Best and Fairest Award winner, George Dolphin of Castlemaine.

the 1983 season making the grounds a much safer surface with an improved condition. The Dolphin and Hockley families were notable club contributors during these years with Ian Hockley being a regular ground marker at the Technical School.

In 1984 Castlemaine 1st and 3rd Division were both awarded the BASL Sportsmanship Awards. Peter Richardson received further individual honours winning the Division 1 BASL Best and Fairest again in 1983 and 1985. Winning this award three times remains a league record that he shares with Colts United player Mark O'Sullivan.

State government regulations required community groups to become incorporated and our club was incorporated in 1985.

When club founding member Jim Shepherd retired from the game in 1985, BASL awarded him



Life Membership. But 1985 was a year of drama and transition with many original players and committee members moving on. The seniors did not win a game and the reserves team only won the last game of the season.

By 1986 Castlemaine were back in Division 2. In the middle of that year the executive committee of Webb, O'Grady and deVrieze was entrusted with the management of the club in a caretaker role after multiple meetings failed to attract a quorum. Committee meetings were held at member's homes, the local pub, the Education Centre or anywhere they could find a space.

In 1986 and 1988 George Papadimos was the Division's Leading Goal Scorer firstly in Division 2 and then Division 3. 1988 was a good year for the club being Division 3 Runner Up for the

League Cup and the League Championship. This was not a prize enjoyed by Castlemaine as the final was moved to Deniliquin by BASL in an attempt to incorporate Deni into the league the following year. The change meant players were unable to commit to the long trip at short notice and Castlemaine sent an undermanned team, consequently losing what it believed was a trophy certainty.

An interesting note in 1988 minutes was that 'due to the unavailability of the previous secretary, who is now in the services, the whereabouts of the minutes is unknown.' These things will always occur in a voluntary group.



Under 8 Team at the Technical School

1989 saw the amalgamation of the Bendigo Junior Soccer League with the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League, forming one junior and senior league for the region as the Women's league had already been combined in 1985. There was also a push for the juniors to play on Sunday which was rejected by the clubs. In 1989 the seniors lacked player numbers and commitment which led to the Castlemaine senior men's team disappearance from competition.



1990s

The start of the 1990s was a quiet time for the club. In 1991 we only entered a single junior Under 11 team in the Bendigo competition. The May minutes seek to investigate whether 'we have a size 4 ball for the team to use' with a motion to 'buy a new ball if there isn't one in the shed.' Things were grim but they were still positive. A motion was put 'that the following steps be taken to get the club going.' This was followed by 6 actions which ultimately resulted in changed fortunes.

Photo Identification for juniors was introduced at this time. For the first three years there was no senior team and only a small number of junior teams each year. In essence, Castlemaine Soccer Club became a junior club only. But this was to change for the better. In 1992 there were 26 children interested in playing soccer and the numbers continued to grow. The steadying team of Smith, Gowty and Taylor on the committee for 1992, 93 and 94 turned the club around at this time. The Kyneton Under 12 team were invited to use our Wesley Hill ground as their home during the 1992 season. This was to enable them to play in the BASL as some Bendigo teams would not travel to Kyneton.

1993 was a stronger year for the club with a return to senior football after a 3 year hiatus. In fact, the club was experiencing rapid growth. The seniors competed in Division 2 and was boosted by a contingent of prisoners and guards from the Loddon Prison. This arrangement continued from 1993 till 1995. As the minutes revealed: "The Loddon boys would need to be away from the prison for approx 6 hours...we would attempt to alternate training nights at Wesley Hill and the prison." 10 Loddon players would come out each week – 9 to play and 1 to be linesperson. One cannot imagine what our players must have felt entering those walls on training nights. 1993 also records discussions taking place with the Castlemaine City Council regarding combined clubrooms at Wesley Hill – a conversation which is still underway 20 years later!

At the end of 1993 the committee decided they could undertake a major fundraising effort in the new year and deliver the City of Castlemaine's Wheelie Bins. This was a huge commitment undertaken with energy and enthusiasm and driven by a passionate committee. Trailers, utes and manpower were called upon to assist. This provided an important boost to allow the club to be in a sound financial position. In fact the minutes extend "Congratulations to the

Castlemaine Soccer Club committee on their hard work in rebuilding the club." By 1997 the Treasurer Peter Richardson was arranging a club investment in Telstra shares which was a marked improvement from past years when the Secretary volunteered to pay player insurance from her own pocket until the club had the finances to repay it. Following on from that, they also delivered telephone books. The Hockey Club agreed to share their ground with the Soccer Club on the proviso that it didn't become too rough although most groups were reluctant to share facilities and it was rarely a happy, workable arrangement.

1994 also saw the first Castlemaine Women's team take the field. In what was seen as the coup of the season, Castlemaine Women's team made the Knock-Out Cup final at Tom Flood against Eaglehawk and they surprised all by scoring the



1997 Castlemaine Women's Team

first goal of the match. Lyn McLean, representing Castlemaine, was the BASL Women's Best and Fairest winner twice. At a Special Meeting of BASL in July 1995 the motion was passed to allow girls to play in Under 13 and 15. One of the strengths of junior soccer was that mixed sex teams were permitted and encouraged in our league providing a pathway for females into the Women's team.

1996 saw Castlemaine field 6 junior teams, 2 senior men and a Women's team. Such was the positive feel around the club that 45 people



Boys and girls in mixed junior team

signed in at the Annual General Meeting – a very desirable attendance at any AGM. At this time, the senior men were wearing black and white diamonds and the women were wearing black and white flame pattern. After a BASL trial year in 1996 with 3 divisions, 1997 was a return to 2 senior men's divisions.

Under the Kennett state government, 1994 saw the amalgamation of Victorian Shires. A Commissioner was put in place for the transition years until the newly formed Mt Alexander Shire could hold elections.

During 1997 and 1998 discussions began in earnest regarding the concept of moving to Chewton Soldiers' Memorial Park. The committee, specifically Rob Schroeder who was also the club

representative at Wesley Hill, began extensive investigations around this proposal. At the end of 1998 the Shire had allocated funds for the necessary ground works to take place and the club was fundraising for their share.

In May 1998 Castlemaine had the pleasure of a clean sweep against Eaglehawk – the men's team won 4-0 and the women's team won 6-0.

After losing several talented youth players to other Bendigo teams, the club identified the need for a better junior system. A youth team was started as well as Rooball football for children too young for competition. In the first year of Rooball in 1998 there were 45 enrolments.



A Castlemaine Men's Team at Wesley Hill



1994 Castlemaine U12 BASL Champions



The Sports day was held to raise funds for the overall improvement of the Chewton Recreational Reserve and to prepare the grounds for soccer.



Lyn McLean (West) BASL Women's Best and Fairest winner. 1995, 1996 and multiple Club Best and Fairest winner. Also best player in representative squad 1995



JULIE GOWTY



LINDA NEWTON



Did the Seagull is pictured with just a few of the children who had their faces painted at the Castlemaine Soccer Club's Family Sports Day.



ROB SCHROEDER



ROB LEVERSHA

2000s

2000 was the Sydney Olympics and Castlemaine started the new millennium with numerous teams in the junior division, two senior teams and a new home at Chewton Soldiers' Memorial Park. The juniors were able to field teams in every age level from Under 8 to Under 14 consistently. The u13 team was League Champion and Knock-Out Cup Champion in 2001. By 2002 the club had 170 participants and new shirts for all players when they changed their colours to green shirts with gold, black and white trim, black shorts and socks. As with any change, this was a controversial decision and opinions were split on moving away from the traditional Castlemaine colours of black and white. For a couple of years after moving to CSMP the Chewton community and the soccer club held a Fun Olympics Dog Show at the park which was a fundraiser for the site - one of many fundraising projects.



The Chewton rooms were painted and the club was growing.

2005 saw Castlemaine make a long overdue return to Division 1 football, after being runner up in 2003 and losing only one match in 2004. They lost in the 2003 final at Tom Flood Arena in Bendigo 5 - 2 against Eaglehawk in front of very vocal and passionate supporters. Unfortunately the Women's team was disbanded after the 2004 season ending 11 years in the competition due to a lack of numbers and poor results. In 2006 when



Division 2 Premiership runners up 2003

the Socceroos made the World Cup selection 30 years after their last foray, soccer numbers rose. The formation of Football Federation of Australia (FFA) and the Football Federation of Victoria (FFV) in mid 2000s saw the birth of the A-League and a national competition which has raised the sport's profile and professionalism and removed the previous focus on ethnic based clubs. Our club developed a 5 Year Strategic Plan and worked towards our set goals.

Our club participated in the annual Castlemaine Show Parade for a number of years. With only one full sized field at Chewton, managing team



numbers became an issue. 2 smaller junior Saturday fields were marked out at right angles to the senior Sunday field. Educating the Council ground staff regarding the requirements of a football game played along the ground proved challenging as they would top dress the park by dragging a farm gate behind the tractor and use the front roller mower which would flatten the grass before the cut - neither of these things provided an ideal surface for soccer.

The long drought proved a challenge for many sports. Water restrictions meant the club began to purchase Rural Water Transfers, installed a pipeline from the large dam at Adelaide Flat across the railway line, installed 4 large tanks and an automatic watering system. This was funded through Drought Relief grants from the State and Federal governments. The club even arranged a Class C Water Licence from Coliban Water so they could truck in water from the Castlemaine Treatment Plant. The water cost \$100 but the transportation cost \$7,000. Leech Earthmoving gave the club a favourable rate and grants from Mt Alexander Shire and BASL assisted with the cost. Training was held at the Sunken Oval, Campbells Creek Football Oval, the Junior Campus, Western Oval - anywhere that would rest our ground. The local program for 5 - 8 year olds went to the Castlemaine Lawn Tennis Courts and the Western Oval.

2007 saw the club change their name to Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club in line with

the new era of the round ball code. This season was marked by the reformation of a Youth team to complement the 2 senior teams and the 11 junior teams – 14 in total. The new senior shirts referenced the previous Castlemaine black and white with a black/white check and green and gold slashes under the arms. National Soccer Registration was put in place and player transfers eventually became a thing of the past. The Sportsnet online computer administration system was also introduced.

In 2008 Under 9 was included in the local Goalkick program rather than travelling to compete in Bendigo. Numbers peaked in 2008 with 274 players registered training and playing matches on the space of one field. This year also saw the resurgence of the Women's team under the coaching mentorship and encouragement of Terry Attwood. The provision of a pathway for girls was a club priority and they rebuilt quickly to become a strong, competitive team. The senior men made the Grand Final of the Knock-out Cup against Eaglehawk at the Tom Flood Sports Centre in Bendigo.



A Highlight of the 2008 presentation night was the presentation of life memberships to club stalwarts Graham West, Ray West, Linda Newton and Bill Burris.

The Chewton site came under a Crown Land Licence which gave the club more security and responsibility for the park. Our club held Family Trivia Nights at the Campbells Creek Community Centre as the annual fundraiser which helped the club raise their target contribution for the building project. Working With Children Checks were introduced for all volunteers.

Our club was one of the first in the League to have a website and Max Lesser became the webmaster and photographer extraordinaire. Fees during this period skyrocketed as Victorian Soccer League introduced a grassroots player fee which was to support the national development of the game from the bottom up. In addition, compulsory player insurance was introduced, BASL employed a general manager

and rented an office and a per-player referee fee was added. Despite this, the numbers remained strong.

The decade finished on a very upbeat note for our junior teams winning or being runners up in the BASL under 11, 12, 13 and 14s in season 2009.



2001 U13 Champions and KO Cup Winners



2009 U12 Champions and KO Cup Winners



ROBYN LEWIS



GRAHAM WEST



MAX LESSER



ROBIN JENSEN



RAY WEST

2010s

2010 was a building year for the club with the construction of their new Goldfields Room and the renovation of the George Archer Pavilion changerooms. During this season, the club area was totally fenced off and teams had to use the swimming pool changerooms and storage was a shipping container in the carpark. The club now has all facilities they require as well as a 3kw solar panel system installed on the new roof providing an immediate benefit to the club and the environment. The club received their Football ACE recognition – Achieving Club Excellence, and introduced a Welcome Kit. Sarah Richardson was awarded the Women's Premier League Best and Fairest. It also rained!



President Emeile Dawkins congratulates Sarah Richardson on her selection to the Australian Futsal team

The official opening of the building took place in February at the Family Fun Day. The new junior shirts were also revealed continuing with the previous colours but increasing the gold component. These shirts were provided by the Frank Paul Carpenter Trust. In 2011 Senior player Jono Burris was awarded the BASL Best and Fairest winning the James Anderson Medal which was a fitting recognition of his attitude and workrate. Division 1 made the Knock-Out Cup Final but went down to Eaglehawk 3-0 at Strathfieldsaye while the Women and Division 2 teams were very competitive.

Player self-registration arrived in 2010 in the form of a national online system My Football Club which has relieved the paperwork for volunteer registration officers.

In 2012 the club entered a Division 3 Over 35s team into the local competition and they were unbeaten for the entire season. Winning the Knock-Out Cup final against Eaglehawk at Eaglehawk was a sweet moment for many. This year also saw a 20 year old take the reins as

President and Emeile Dawkins was mentored in the challenging role of leading a sports club which he undertook for two years.

BASL's decision that every club participating in senior competition must enter a Division 1 men's team, challenged regional clubs where players often left the district after secondary school for employment or tertiary studies. This has also affected Australian Rules clubs with Kyneton, Castlemaine and Maryborough all experiencing difficulty fielding all their expected senior footy teams at times. Castlemaine received an exemption from Division 1 in 2013 and fielded Division 2 and 3. However, BASL declined their application for an exemption in 2014 and so the senior men sought alternative options. They have entered 2 teams in the Ballarat League for 2014. All junior teams from Under 10 to Under 16 will continue to participate with BASL. The Women's team has decided to join the Metro West 4 competition and try their hand in a new



Under 16A K.O. Cup Winners 2010

competition, again with the West family to the fore as players and coach.

The junior teams have continued to be a strong force for the club. Castlemaine consistently fields teams in every junior age group – something that not even all Bendigo clubs can achieve.

The introduction of NPL (National Premier League) in 2014 saw around 20 Castlemaine players join the Bendigo teams.

The club has received numerous grants providing a relief to the fundraising aspect of the club. These grants have upgraded security and facilities as well as providing equipment and clothing. Ongoing work at CSMP from Ray West with weekly volunteer field marking and Bill Burris with constant ground attention has been a huge benefit to the club. The stability of Jeff Huzzey as Treasurer has also provided ongoing benefit.

For the 40th anniversary the club has upgraded the facilities in the Goldfields Room.



Castlemaine 2014 senior team



Castlemaine 2014 Women's team



Rachel West 2013-2014 Junior Sports Star of the Year for Mt Alexander Shire

THE FUTURE

In 2010 Mt Alexander Shire developed a Master Plan for CSMP. 2 full sized fields have always been the requirement since the site move was proposed. This plan allows for field and carpark rearrangement and a much needed lighting upgrade



TERRY ATTWOOD

BILL BURRIS



JONNO BURRIS

JEFF HUZZEY



IAN FLAVELL



SECTION 2: THE CLUB

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A HISTORY OF
CASTLEMAINESOCCER CLUB AND
CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS F.C.
1974 – 2014



LOGOS

The initial design for the Castlemaine Soccer Club logo was developed from the following sketch found in the minutes book. The 'castle' with ramparts at the top and the interlocking 'CSC' lettering appeared then.

The logo was refined by the addition of a soccer ball on a shield and the whole was encircled.

This design was used on the club fixture booklet from 1979, often with black and white vertical stripes behind.



Three designs used on the club season and fixture booklet 1978, 1980 and 1983.

When the club decided to change their name to Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club, club parent and Graphic Designer John Veecken volunteered to update the logo to incorporate the current club colours and the new name. The club was delighted with his design. He retained the ramparts and the previous shape within the new design. The club logo now incorporated the past, the present and looked to the future.



NAME CHANGE

After the formation of the Bendigo Soccer League in 1971, this was followed by the Bendigo Women's Soccer League and the Bendigo Junior Soccer League.

The seniors, men and women, were amalgamated in 1985 and the juniors in 1990. This meant that all soccer in the region came under the one umbrella to form the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League. A short foray to become Football Central Victoria working with Football Federation of Victoria only lasted three years from 2009 and then the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League name returned in 2012.

During the 2000s soccer in Australia was undergoing major changes. The development of Football Federation of Australia (FFA) and Football Federation of Victoria (FFV) and the A-League repositioned the sport into the world context and FOOTBALL became the name of the world game here in Australia. Despite some media diehards still keeping soccer and football as separate areas, most of the country has been able to

accept the world name. Australian Rules is now the preferred name of the local code.

After the Castlemaine Soccer Club had settled in Chewton, the committee felt that they also wanted to embrace a more regional name to reflect the fact they were the only soccer club for the shire. Shire amalgamations had meant that many smaller areas had now joined to become one larger shire and therefore the club name needed to encompass the wider region. This was a particularly sensitive issue in Chewton as one letter to the local 'Chewton Chat' in November 2006 revealed. "They play for the Castlemaine Soccer Club....They are not part of the Chewton Community." The committee hoped a broader name would address these attitudes.

CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS F C was chosen as the new name and officially changed for the 2007 season launch. We were the first club in the BASL to incorporate the name 'football' into our club name.

SHIRT COLOURS

The first playing strips for Castlemaine Soccer Club were maroon with white collar and cuffs, white shorts and socks. These were the colours of the Scottish team Hearts.

It was not long before the committee began suggesting they use the Castlemaine colours of black and white.

At a vote it was decided to stay with the maroon but have maroon shorts as well. By the end of 1978, when new strips were needed, black and white vertical stripes were agreed upon with the maroon shirts remaining as their second colour. This vote was 7 for and 4 against.

In 1985 the old Maroon shirts were to be sold off for \$2 each.

In the late 90s when the Women's team began, the senior men wore black and white diamond pattern and the women wore black and white flame pattern.

After the move to Chewton the team colours were reviewed. The diamonds had faded to a brownish black so it was time for new strips. The new colours chosen were green and gold with black and white check on the sleeves. This design and colour was chosen to reflect the following: green and gold for Australia, black and white for

Castlemaine and yellow and black which were the colours of the former Chewton Football Club 'The Tigers'. The shirt change was driven by Peter Richardson who aimed to have the entire club wearing the same playing tops. These shirts were provided for all senior and junior teams thanks to generous sponsorship including Jirra-Runga Childcare via Steve Dawkins and it was pleasing for the committee to see the entire club don the same shirts.

With the name change to Castlemaine Goldfields F C in the mid 2000s the senior team returned to the black and white with a check pattern and a green and gold slash under the arms.

In time for the Chewton building opening at the start of the 2011 season, the juniors all had new tops which were basically green and gold thanks to the Frank Paul Carpenter Trust. The cost of having specially designed and made tops using a four colour pattern became prohibitive with 150 junior tops required.

With the seniors move to the Ballarat League in 2014, a new clash top has had to be selected and this time orange has made an appearance. This is also the colour worn by the g'Old Spice team.



CLUB SONG

In the early 2000s Ian Flavell decided the club needed a song and developed these words to a common tune. An attempt to create a song for the Women's team to the tune of 'We Will Rock You' didn't really get established.

CASTLEMAINE CLUB SONG (TO THE THEME FROM RAWHIDE)

*Runnin', headin', divin',
Castlemaine is thrivin',
Keep the goals arrivin',
The 'Maine.*

*Thru rain, mud and weather,
Kickin' the leather,
Beatin' every other team.*

*Head it in,
Push 'em out,
Shoot it low, the 'Maine.*

*Hit the net,
Tackle hard,
Pass it 'round,
Play the game, the 'Maine.*

*Castlemaine, Castlemaine....
(whiplash)
CASTLEMAINE !!!*



VOLUNTEERS / SUPPORTERS

The success of any volunteer sports club is dependent on the leadership at any point in time. The passion of the coach, the commitment of the committee is often directly reflected in the performance.

Some volunteers have time, vision and drive while others put their hand up 'because someone has to do the job'. No matter what a volunteer's motive, the fact that each one is prepared to help our club means that a football team can take to the park each season.

Younger or older, male or female, participation in the world game is what our club has been formed to do. As our constitution says: 'The purpose of the Castlemaine Soccer Club is to:

- * *promote soccer in the area while catering for the social and competitive needs of our members.*
- * *provide opportunities for all participants to develop to their full potential.*
- * *ensure a safe and supportive environment to all our members.*
- * *be inclusive of all and to be aware of the diversity of our community.*
- * *play the game with spirit and in a fair and sporting way.'*

At Castlemaine no coach or committee member is paid for their role. The 'Amateur' in our sport extends to all. Without our volunteers our club could not function and we thank every one of them over the last 40 years.

During the research certain names stood out showing commitment and contribution beyond the ordinary.

Special mention must go to the following volunteers and their families – Nichol, Golles, Shepherd, Evans, Noulton, Hockley, Handley, Dolphin, Waters, Smith, Taylor, Gowty, Leversha, Schroeder, Richardson, Newton, Lewis, Jensen, Burris, West and Huzzey.

In addition, the many managers and referees are also valued for their contribution and their dedication to their roles.

In 2009 Castlemaine sponsored a new award at BASL – the Family Spirit Award – which rewards a family who chooses to make our sport the focus of their family life. The West Family was the inaugural winners.



Ray and Lyn West with Family Spirit Award

FRANK PAUL CARPENTER TRUST

Frank Paul Carpenter was a Chewton resident who had a strong love of the town. Upon his death, he left a trust for the children and clubs of Chewton for the sporting, cultural and academic advancement of the children.

The F P Carpenter Trust is administered by Hal Curwen-Walker who has been very supportive of our Chewton based club.

MT ALEXANDER SHIRE

As the ground manager on behalf of the Crown, Mt Alexander Shire works closely with the CGFC committee to maintain and improve the site for all users. Annual turf works, weekly mowing and building maintenance are much appreciated. They have also been very helpful to the club through their Strengthening Our Community Grants Program.

CASTLEMAINE ROTARY AND LIONS CLUBS

The Castlemaine Rotary and Lions Clubs are always open to requests for support from local clubs and we thank them for their support of our various projects.

SPONSORS

The club has a number of sponsors each season who have supported the club either financially or with in-kind donations. Over our 40 years, the range of sponsors has been vast and the club appreciates the support of every business and individual who has sponsored them during that time.



GROUNDS: WESLEY HILL

As a later addition to the sporting calendar in Castlemaine, the soccer club had to find a field wherever they could and had to make do much of the time. Castlemaine City Council was developing the Wesley Hill Sports Complex in the mid 70s and finding a place at Wesley Hill gave the club a regular venue. Initially they shared the Doug Powell Oval with the local football club. Peter Golles made the portable goals so they could be moved on and off the footy oval. This was fine for match day but training had to be held elsewhere. They have played and trained at the Winters Flat Primary, Western Oval, Campbells Creek Football Oval, Camp Reserve, the Castlemaine Technical School, The Sunken Oval, Castlemaine High School, Wattle Flat, The Drill Hall - just to name a few.

The footy oval was often very heavy and muddy after rain and it seemed there were plenty of wet days during these times. They shared the tin shed changeroom with the footy club.

After some considerable work driven by Cr McDonnell and Cr Daniells, the area at the rear of Wesley Hill was developed into a soccer field.



Heavy rain when the drainage trenches were being dug meant a lot of clay fell back in and diminished the benefit of the work. Club members and even Cr Daniells came to shovel out the

trenches after the rain. A small concrete block kiosk, storage and home and away changeroom with showers was built (now demolished) and 4 training lights erected. At the time, the facilities were the best in the league and night games were even considered possible. Most clubs were still sharing footy ovals with a sand covered cricket pitch and a dedicated soccer field was unusual. The club was very pleased to have the kiosk operational for their 5-a-side competition at the start of 1996.

This Elsie Palmer Field was sited at the rear of Wesley Hill near the railway line and provided little shrubbery to shelter spectators from the exposed site. In the 1990s they also shared the Hockey field as soccer numbers increased and hockey numbers declined.

Wesley Hill soccer ground was often unusable as it did not have a good playing surface and often became heavy and oily after rain. Therefore the club regularly relocated to the school ovals. Senior matches would take place at the Technical School oval at Norwood Hill and there were no facilities.

Players would change in their cars. When the junior numbers swelled the Tech school oval was frequently used and a small portable shed was used on-site.

At times when they played at the school ovals, very little consideration was given to the needs of this sport – some people were just anti-soccer during that time. In the 80s it was not a sport played in schools and it was not awarded much attention. Once the school oval was even reseeded on the Friday evening before a Saturday game had been scheduled and issues over the in-ground goal supports regularly arose for soccer but not for footy.

Feeling that Wesley Hill was a place they could work on and develop, the committee certainly made a contribution to the site. But sharing with other groups would often raise unavoidable tensions.

After our club began travelling to NSW grounds for matches they could see the great facilities that were provided in that state, and suggestions were made that Wesley Hill could also become a hub for a similar development with function rooms and improved shared facilities. As the 1993 minutes record - 'The club has had discussions with the City of Castlemaine, North Castlemaine Cricket Club and the Cycling Club with regards to joint clubrooms. The Council is financing a study into the viability of club rooms being built and partly funded by poker machines.'

After the amalgamation of regional shires, the decision to form Committees of Management for Wesley Hill was introduced. In 1998 Rob Schroeder was the Soccer Club representative on the Wesley Hill group and attended these early meetings. He reported in the minutes that 'a fight started over fees (\$700 per year)' and that he could see problems in the future. In comparison, the Chewton Football Club had paid their park management group \$1,000 for 10 years rental (1973 – 1983) - quite a fee difference. With the past experiences of our club at the Wesley Hill site, these concerns were valid ones and formed part of the push to relocate.



Junior Team at the Wesley Hill Ground

GROUNDSTOCK: CHEWTON SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL PARK

The decision to move the club to Chewton Soldiers' Memorial Park was a contentious one and opinions were divided. Members who had worked hard over the years at Wesley Hill were reluctant to leave behind the reward of so many years of toil and move to a site much further away from the town centre. Spectators however may have enjoyed the shelter of CSMP rather than the windblown site at Wesley Hill.

At the Chewton site there had been limited regular use. Under shire amalgamation in late 1990s, all smaller towns were now managed by the Castlemaine based Mt Alexander Shire. With the disbanding of the Chewton Tigers Football Club and the loss of the Castlemaine Marching Club who would practice there, the site was little used so Council and the committee could see the benefit of a group again being based at the site.

The initial letter to the Metcalfe Shire from our club enquiring about club relocation was sent January 1995 and over the next few years meetings with the shire and park groups were held. However it was the drive of the committee led by Rob and Pam Schroeder which was vital in the decision to move. They reviewed options and pursued the Council to agree to the relocation and commit funds to it. The committee could see the potential to have a site with changerooms and basic facilities which would be dedicated to their sport. At Wesley Hill, all equipment had to be removed prior to the cricketers moving in and vice versa each season but the seasons would often overlap which gave rise to some tensions between the groups. The move also allowed cricket to fence the ground and improve their wicket at Wesley Hill. The Shire Engineer believed the Chewton site would fit 2 full sized fields but our committee representatives thought otherwise and we are still trying to upgrade the site to accommodate 2 senior fields. The Council budgeted around \$4000 for the relocation. They also had to get VicRoads approval for a new entrance to be constructed. The club was aiming to start the 1999 season at Chewton but installation of a watering ring and grass coverage after those works took longer than expected.

Some locals at Chewton who mourned the loss of their long standing footy club were not always welcoming of the round ball code while others embraced the club, pleased to see the hundreds of players each week heading to Chewton.

Shortly after moving to Chewton, the club successfully applied for a grant of \$32,000 from Sports Victoria. This paid for the light towers and watering system at the ground.

The newly formed Chewton Folk Festival held over the Australia Day long weekend, quickly outgrew the site with its damaged terracotta sewerage pipes and its inability to cope with the increase of patrons. Friction over changed Council regulations for camping and toilets, slow response times, balancing the value of a one weekend event with the needs of the regular soccer user group, all made for an unpleasant time for our club.

CSMP site has suffered from the decade of drought but Council and the committee have worked together to make considerable improvements to the playing surface. Watering the field also provides some relief to the 35 Avenue of Honour elms along the Fryers Road side. During the drought a public meeting was held locally to discuss the use of water at the site – a hot topic in many ways. Our volunteers supervised daily watering using reclaimed water from the Adelaide Flat dam. A major Federal government grant had allowed the club to take a pipe from the dam to the ground. This work was undertaken by 72 volunteers in 2006. Later, another grant enabled the full in-ground automatic watering system to be installed with 4 large storage tanks.

The club has virtually doubled in size since its move to Chewton and the Mt Alexander Shire has a Master Plan for the site to enable 2 full sized fields to be available. At present, 2 smaller junior fields are marked out for Saturday use at right angles to the Sunday senior field. With all recreation reserves in the shire needing attention after such a long period of drought and lack of expenditure, the current arrangements will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

CGFC had certainly made CSMP the home of the world game in the Mt Alexander Shire.



BUILDING RENOVATION

In mid 2000s the Mt Alexander Shire Management Committee for the Chewton Soldiers' Memorial Park and the Chewton Swimming Pool received a grant to build new changerooms at the Main Road end of the site. The aim was for these to be used in summer by the pool patrons and in winter by the Soccer Club. However, the site was found to be deep fill which would require expensive foundations.

Mt Alexander Shire had also committed funds to this project and was reluctant to lose the government funds. Approval was given that the funds could be used on other changerooms at the site. This was the money to kick off the building renovation and extension. Additional funds were sought and received from Federal, State and Local government as well as around 10% raised by our club.

February 2010 saw the pavilion fenced off, a shipping container was placed in the carpark for storage and the swimming pool changerooms were made available to our club. Despite not having a building for a full season, the club could see progress was underway and the new rooms were ready for the 2011 season. The old George Archer Pavilion retained its integrity with no external changes. It became 4 changerooms for men and women for home and away teams, each with new wet areas. The referee gained a private shower and toilet which is also universal access. A small room to the rear now houses the Chewton Football Club memorabilia and the Chewton Park committee records.

The new clubroom to the front of the breezeway, THE GOLDFIELDS ROOM, is a fabulous addition for our club. At ground level there is a large equipment storage area with roller doors so everything is at playing field level. Up top, the club finally has a clean space for social interaction, memorabilia, an office, a referee office and a servery.

3kw solar panels service the electricity needs and the rainwater is fed into a tank which is pumped up to our 4 large storage tanks (around 100,000lt.) The entire project cost around \$350,000. Given that few clubs provide separate facilities for females, our club saw this as a priority. The existing kiosk remains where it always has with the best view over the fields and the old referee room has been converted to a dedicated first aid room with a defibrillator in case of emergency. The breezeway has been enclosed with gates and perspex to provide another functional and secure space.

The upgrade has given our club the facilities required by any modern sports club and thanks must go to Robyn Lewis and Bill Burris who were the club representatives working with council to ensure the project achieved the best outcome for our club.



Mayor Janet Cropley at the official opening



Before and after photographs of the clubrooms



SECTION 3: THE COMPETITIONS

SENIOR MEN AND G'OLD SPICE

WOMEN

MINIROOS AND JUNIORS

FESTIVAL AND FUN DAYS

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THE WORLD GAME IN
Castlemaine

A HISTORY OF
CASTLEMAINESOCCER CLUB AND
CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS F.C.
1974 – 2014

THE COMPETITIONS



SENIOR MEN

The launch of the Castlemaine Soccer Club in 1974 was mainly to allow for a group of adult men to participate in the sport they loved. These players also formed the committee and it was their passion that expanded the club in the following years. Training was held at Winters Flat School and Camp Reserve in very cold conditions with little light at times. But the club had a family atmosphere with Evans and Noulton families being remembered as leading this. After games, players from both teams would get together and share a drink and a laugh.



Socialising after a game in the 1980s

Players recall watching as Jim Shepherd was badly injured against Eaglehawk at a home game at Wesley Hill in 1974 and appreciating how brave goalkeepers are.

But every team needs a support crew and in 1981 the minutes register a thank you to Violet Evans who has regularly washed and ironed the strips of the 1st and Reserves teams. Thank heavens for wash and wear fabrics!

Castlemaine has played against a wide range of teams across the broader district. Current BASL teams include Golden City, Eaglehawk, Strathdale, Colts United, Epsom, Spring Gully, Swan Hill and Echuca/Moama. In the past our teams also travelled to compete with Seymour, Bendigo Old Boys (BOBs), South Bendigo, College, Deniliquin, Cohuna, Puckapunyal, Woorinen, Daylesford White Hills, YMCA, Kyneton and Rugby. From 2014 this has expanded to the teams in the Ballarat League even down to Warrnambool.

In 1980 a bus to Deniliquin cost \$300 and 30 years later a bus to Swan Hill was around \$1,500. Some discussions amongst the senior teams never change with recurrent questions such as methods of team selection, providing or paying linesmen and referees surfacing. In 1986 a vote was taken between player rotation and selection based on training attendance, ability and performance and the latter won.

A novel suggestion at the time was that 'a Swear Box is to be introduced at training. 20c a mouthful.' Perhaps this is one type of fundraising we could reintroduce!

The Bendigo League has explored a range of competitions initially having Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves, then introducing Division 2, 3 and Youth at various times and in various combinations. The reserves and the promotion,

relegation formats have passed and clubs are encouraged to enter teams in all senior divisions for Sunday competition. The Youth agegroup has changed from under 17 to under 18 and our club has been able to enter a team in some years but not very consistently. These players are incorporated into the senior teams in line with their physical maturity and skill levels.

Senior Presentation nights were formal affairs often held at the Golf Club or the Castle Motel. In 1993 when our seniors returned to competition, the head of VSF attended the presentation night to congratulate our club on their season return.



After 40 years with the Bendigo Amateur Soccer League, rule changes have led to the senior men moving to the Ballarat League for 2014. BASL has been aiming to make the league a premier

level sport and has required all clubs to enter a Division 1 men's team as a pre-requisite for any senior team entries. Regional towns often have stable populations and little opportunity to find new players. An exemption was provided for 2013 when Castlemaine entered both Division 2 and Division 3 teams but this was not permitted for another year. The Castlemaine club explored a range of options and have embarked on a year with the Ballarat Soccer League entering two senior men's teams.

Numbers at training have been positive and the new coaches have infused the team with their enthusiasm. Terry Attwood and Glen Springate are sharing the role and bringing a new level of professionalism to the team.



G'OLD SPICE

The passion for the World Game rarely dissipates even after a player's ability to take the field ends. A number of Castlemaine players regularly played social soccer in an informal arrangement but they still relished competition. This led to a group of Castlemaine past players and friends entering a team in the Masters Games in Geelong in 2009. Playing in the over 40s category, they were able to bring home a Bronze Medal. The g'Old Spice team participated in a number of games against teams from around Australia. The team returned to the Adelaide games in 2011, again being awarded the Bronze. Their third foray saw them step up to the Over 45 category in the 2013 Masters Games.



In addition, this group has toured Tasmania and various places, setting up social games with like-minded players.

This was the genesis of the Castlemaine Goldfields F C entry into the newly created Over 35s Social Division 3 as part of BASL. In their inaugural season, they were undefeated and had a satisfying win over Eaglehawk in the 2012 Division 3 Knock-Out Cup final. The Championship games were social only and no official standings were recorded.

The following year of 2013, BASL changed the Division 3 to become a straight Division 3 rather than an Over 35s division.



WOMEN

In the early days of Women's soccer, competition was held at Golden Square High School. This was a 6-a-side indoor event and was underway in the early 1980s. Even though Castlemaine did not enter a Women's soccer team until 1994, twenty years after the club first joined BASL, it had not been for a lack of interest. At an early meeting in 1983, the club wrote to Bendigo Women's Soccer Association trying to have a team entered for competition. The following month minutes report that they were advised by BWSA that they were 'unable to accept a Women's team for season 1983'.

Again a 'ladies team' was proposed at the end of 1985. New committee member Brian Fisher was looking into this prospect. An advertisement was to go in to the Maryborough Advertiser. Sadly even after publicity to attract female players, the minutes note that only one 'girl' was interested.



In the 90s committee members Heather Taylor and Julie Gowty both had daughters playing in the junior competition and were instrumental in creating a women's team as a pathway for our girls. Finally in 1994 the first Castlemaine Women's team took to the park and we were able to field a team for the next 11 years.

The list of players in the first year of competition was as follows: Tanya Bowen, Julia Brown, Zoe Gillett, Kerrie Lahtz, Lyn McLean, Linda Newton, Vicki O'Brien, Dimi Papadimos, Robyn Pritchard, Lindy Telfer, Lenka Thompson, Linda Vickers and Helen West. These players were joined in following years by the Lowry sisters and The Newton daughters and a steady stream of females interested in senior sport. There were also female players who had come up through the mixed sex junior teams such as Jayne Bassett and Lauron Gowty who were also to return to the Women's team in the late 2000s. Within their first few games they had a draw against Colts and then their first win came in the third round against Epsom.

Castlemaine was lucky to have an experienced and talented player, Lyn McLean, join the team. In following years she would also bring her six daughters into the club – Jennifer, Michelle and Christine Duffy and Rachel, Angela and Jasmine West. This family would become a strength both for their number and the quality of their sporting talent.

In addition to the current clubs in the Bendigo League, our Women's team also played against Girton Grammar.



In 1998 the Women's team sported bright new black and white tops purchased with the money they had raised from a World Cup dinner.

Changes to the committee sometimes brought conflicting opinions to the surface. The men's teams did not wish to receive trophies or medallions and so the committee decided to save their money and not provide these for seniors. A letter signed by all players of the Women's team, chastised the committee for their stinginess and requested that after seven years in the league, a few team trophies and medallions for each player was the least they expected and deserved.

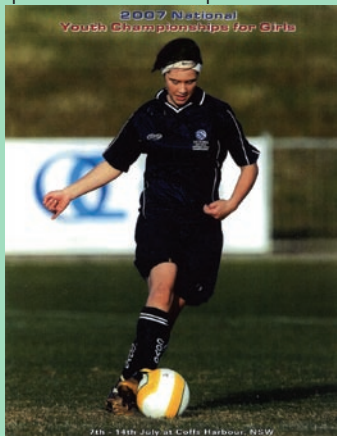
After 11 years in the Bendigo competition, the Castlemaine Women's team took 3 years leave of absence before their return in 2008 under the coaching energy of club member Terry Attwood.



WOMEN

During this period of the mid 2000s, Bendigo decided to enter a Women's team in the State League.

The Bendigo Vipers was formed and lasted for a number of seasons. Without a Women's team at Castlemaine, this provided a developmental pathway for our girls in outdoor football. From 2006 Peter Richardson and Ferenc Jakab were involved with the Junior Vipers and the Vipers Reserves which would feed in to the Senior Vipers. Lyn West and Jayde Steer were also involved with coaching roles. Castlemaine Vipers players were Michelle Duffy, Tanika Wolff, Christine Duffy, Emily Leversha, Sarah Richardson, Bridget Woods, Ilona Jakab and Matilda Ford.



Many of our female players benefitted from this higher level of competition and provided more skill and experience to the team when it was reformed.

Regular programs have been held to encourage female participation. Girls only training sessions and programs at the Secondary College are some of the opportunities we have provided.

For 2014 the Women's team has entered the Metro West 4 competition.



MINIROOS

In the late 1990s the club decided that a new program needed to be introduced in order to develop the younger players – this program was the biggest success of 1998 with 45 players registered. The aim was for children to have more touches of the ball, have fun and further their skills. The Rooball program was a great success with large groups of juniors participating. This program has continued under many guises.

The Victorian Soccer Federation provided certificates for their Goalkick program in the early 2000s and then Milo became a sponsor of the program. They provided clubs and participants with equipment such as bibs and balls.

As part of the National Curriculum developmental framework for Football, Small Sided Games (SSG) and then later Small Sided Football was

developed (SSF). This was later sponsored by Optus who provided gear packs to players. The nature of SSF was that players had fun while they learnt the game basics without too much emphasis on the rules. The youngest players don't use any goalkeeper and play on a small field with only 4 or 5 players. During the drought years the club moved this program to the Castlemaine Lawn Tennis courts for the under 6 and 7 players and at the Western Oval for the Under 8 and 9 players where they began using goalkeepers and having 7-a-side teams. The under 10 and 11 are also part of the transitional SSF program but they participate in the BASL competition with limited emphasis on ladders, modified team numbers and smaller fields. The end-of-season Gala days have been a full-on mix of games with all players at the one site held at the Bendigo Lawn Tennis Centre or now at the Epsom Soccer Complex.

In 2014 this program has been rebadged as Miniros and has returned to the Chewton ground on Friday evenings.



Miniros at the tennis courts



JUNIORS



First Junior Team

The club has always had a strong interest at junior level fielding multiple teams and providing coaching and skill development.

Teams from under 8 up to under 16 have participated in the Bendigo competition. In early 2000s under 8s remained in the local Castlemaine program instead of travelling to Bendigo, followed within a few years by under 9s also remaining in Castlemaine.

For around 25 years teams have had to drop their results sheets into the box at McDonalds Restaurant in High Street Bendigo. This arrangement lasted until BASL employed their first paid General Manager and leased an office in Wills Street. Our club would fax results through to the league or rely on Bendigo teams to drop in the results on behalf of the home club.

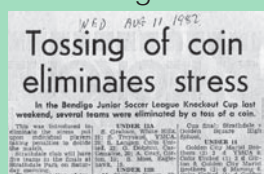
Juniors have played against many Bendigo clubs and Kyneton plus Ascot White Hills and YMCA both now defunct. Rarely would they need to travel to Moama or Seymour who would only compete in a limited number of agegroups.

In 1976 a Castlemaine Junior side played an exhibition match against juniors from state league side Sunshine at Wesley Hill as part of the Castlemaine State Festival.

Players in the 1980s recall playing in orange T-shirts as the junior club had grown so quickly it had run out of team shirts. In addition they recall playing at Marong in calf deep water, during a typical winter on a wet and cold day.



The Bendigo Advertiser reported in 1982 that the tossing of a coin would be used to decide any drawn Knock-Out Cup junior matches, instead of holding a penalty shoot-out. Apparently, the League believed this would 'eliminate



stress put on individual players to decide the match.' Let us hope no junior game had to be decided by a coin toss.

1983 saw committee member George Evans arrange for a supply of onion bags for use as soccer ball carriers while the Property Officer reported the club had to write off junior shirts purchased in 1981 at a cost of \$150...these were lost early in 1982...'It is lamentable that though it takes so much time and effort to raise \$150, its equivalent in property can be so easily lost.'

In 1986 Junior fees were set at \$17 for the first child and \$10 for other children. By 1992 that had risen to \$25. Prior to the annual fee, a weekly payment had to be collected from each player.

There has been a steady growth evident in junior interest but the Soccerroos success in 2006 was a great catalyst which led to a huge increase in numbers. By this time the club was at Chewton and could hardly accommodate 14 teams on the park and provide the equipment they required.

Plenty of junior players from Castlemaine have sought to further their skills through programs offered by BASL and through Representative Squads, State Squads and Country Championships.

The Bendigo Academy of Sport and Skills Acquisition Programs have allowed players to develop. Players have participated in the Total Girls Tournaments in Ballarat and more recently in the Boys FC at Bendigo. Travel and cost is always the challenge for families from outer regional areas.



In 2009 Tyrone James, a past player with Fulham in England, brought his training academy to Chewton each season in order to provide specialist coaching for players. This arrangement lasted for a number of years and allowed our club juniors to have personalized coaching at home rather than having to travel.

The National Premier League was launched in 2014 with around 20 Castlemaine juniors gaining places.



U11 2009 K.O. Cup winners

CASTLEMAINE SOCCER FESTIVAL

The Castlemaine Soccer Festival was a highly successful pre-season event which ran from 1976 to 1985.

The Festival was held in March and invitations were sent to a range of regional clubs including Mildura and Ballarat. 16 teams played in a 7-a-side competition with 2 (or 3) substitutes on three quarter sized pitches.

In addition to the soccer games, there was a sprint race open to all competing players.

The Castlemaine Mail shield was awarded to the winning team.

4 groups of 4 teams participated in the first round of matches then moving on to a Knock-Out system in the finals.

In 1981 the canteen reported 'that sales of soft drinks, rolls, savaloys, cakes and sandwiches had all sold out and that chips had nearly all sold while chewing gum sales were steady.' It was clearly a successful event for our club. The introduction of a pre-season Cup competition by BASL led to the demise of this event.

CASTLEMAINE SOCCER FESTIVAL CASTLEMAINE MAIL PERPETUAL TROPHY

1976	Kyneton
1977	Strathdale
1978	Golden City
1979	South Epsom
1980, 1981	Ballarat
1982, 1983, 1984, 1985	Colts United



FUNDAYS

In the late 2000s the club reintroduced a pre-season day which reflected the Festival days of the past. This time, it was more the local community who was invited to attend. They could make up a team and enter in advance. Generally 16 teams of 5-a-side were involved. The fun component came from the fact that each team had to be made up of a range of ages from younger to older and combine both male and female. The round robin games were short to cater for the various ages and it gave the wider community a chance to get involved in our sport under modified conditions. This event usually took place in late February or early March. The 'coveted' trophy is retained in the clubroom cabinet. Recent years have seen more focus on the fun aspect with no winning team.



FUN DAY TROPHY

2007	Hotdogs
2008	Buddha's Bellies
2009	Ooshkas
2010	Inter
2011	Jibby's Allstars
2012	Glory



FIVE-A-SIDE



A JUBILANT CASTLEMAINE — WINNERS OF THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE 5-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1977 — THEIR FIRST EVER TROPHY IN BENDIGO COMPETITION

The Five-a-side competition was a regular feature in the early BSL days. Castlemaine's Division 1 Men's team won this event in 1977 making it the club's first championship win.

In July 1981 Bendigo introduced a new soccer format with the 5-a-side competition held at the YMCA stadium, now demolished. Our club practised in the old Drill Hall in Castlemaine. This was fast and exciting action played indoors. After the first round, the Bendigo Advertiser reported that 'the game has everything – skill, physical contact, spectacular shooting and dramatic goalkeeping.' The game at YMCA was held on basketball sized courts with waist high boards around each court. You could bounce the ball off the boards and an 'inflated tennis ball' was used. When this competition moved to the Schweppes stadium in Bendigo, the court lines were the markers and no boards were used. By all reports, it was a lot of fast paced fun.

Our Women's team was Runner-up in the 5-a-side competition in 1994. The 5-a-side competitions ended in 1997.

INDOOR – FUTSAL

Over the years, soccer clubs have looked for ways for players to maintain their skills over the off season. In Castlemaine we have benefitted from having an indoor sports centre set up in the old Railway Goods Shed. For many years this facility provided indoor sports such as soccer and cricket and a range of other sports in a private setting. Many of our players participated in this modified indoor football. The loss of this facility has been a loss for these sport participants.

Other indoor soccer programs have been run by the club at the Castlemaine Secondary College gymnasium. Ray West ran one program over the summer.

Coup for Castlemaine stars



Castlemaine soccer players Ilona Jakab, Michelle Duffy, Matilda Ford, Christine Duffy, Sarah Richardson and Under 13 Girls Futsal coach Peter Richardson will represent Victoria at the National Futsal Championships next month.

Futsal began to make its mark as the preferred form of small sided indoor soccer. In 2006 Ilona Jakab successfully trialed for the State Futsal Team. From there a string of Castlemaine girls followed – Matilda Ford, Emily Leversha, Sarah Richardson, Christine Duffy, Michelle Duffy and Bridget Woods. Without a Women's team, this was a new pathway opportunity for our girls. Bendigo now also runs Futsal at the Flora Hill gymnasium.

In late 2013 Peter Richardson began a Futsal program at the Castlemaine Senior Campus gymnasium which has attracted large numbers. Futsal is now a very popular indoor form of Football played around the world. A number of our club members have achieved success in Futsal and represented Victoria at National level now adding Rachel, Jasmine and Angela West to the above list. International events have also included Castlemaine players – Sarah Richardson at the World Cup in Colombia in 2013, Rachel West in United Kingdom 2014 and Angela West in Spain in 2014.



SECTION 4: THE LISTS

LIFE MEMBERS

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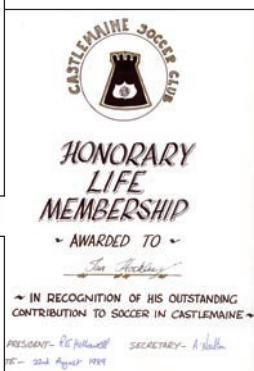
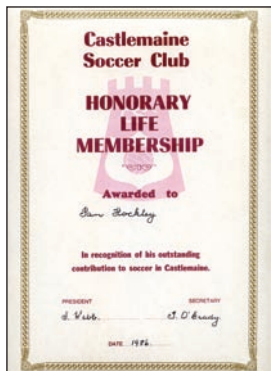
CASTLEMAINE SOCCER CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

1977	Mr Peter Golles
1978	Mr Jim Shepherd
1979	Mr Eric Noulton
1982	Mr Michael Evans
1982	Mr Robert Evans
1982	Mr Peter Noulton
1984	Mr Merlin Bond
1986	Mr Tom Penny
1989	Mr Ian Hockley
2000	Mr Peter Richardson

CASTLEMAINE GOLDFIELDS FOOTBALL CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

2008	Ms Linda Newton
2008	Mr Ray West
2008	Mr Bill Burris
2008	Mr Graham West
2009	Mrs Robyn Lewis
2010	Mr Robin Jensen
2012	Ms Lyn West
2013	Mr Terry Attwood

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1974	J Nichol	E Noulton	
1975	J Nichol	E Noulton	
1976	J Nichol	J Handley?	M Evans
1977	E Noulton	E Noulton	M Evans
1978	J Shepherd	E Noulton	C. Voutsas
1979	J Shepherd	P Burton	M Evans
1980	K Paton	G Evans	M Barker
1981	J Delia	G Evans	T Bateman
1982	T Dolphin	G Evans	T Bateman
1983	P Richardson	G Evans	J Nichol
1984	J Shepherd	G Evans	J Nichol
1985	T O'Grady	G Evans	D deVrieze
1986	S Webb	T O'Grady	D deVrieze
1987	J Shepherd	G Dolphin	G Dolphin
1988	J Dowler	R Muston	I Hockley
1989	P Hellowell	A Noulton	A Noulton
1990	A Noulton	B Chatzidimitriou	J Zahle
1991	J Christenson	H Shill	J Christenson
1992	G Smith	J Gowty	H Taylor
1993	G Smith	J Gowty	H Taylor
1994	G Smith	J Gowty	H Taylor
1995	P Lyons	J Gowty	W Newton
1996	K Waters	P Richardson	P Richardson
1997	P Neugebauer	H Harley	P Richardson
1998	R Schroeder	H Harley	P Richardson
1999	R Schroeder	D Broadbent	P Richardson
2000	R Schroeder	P Schroeder	P Richardson
2002	L Lowry	S Leversha	B Burris
2003	S Dawkins	-	B Burris
2004	L Newton	S Carter	B Burris
2005	B Burris	R Jensen	B Beesley
2006	R West	R Jensen	B Beesley
2007	R Lewis	R Jensen	B Beesley
2008	R Lewis	R Jensen	J Huzzey
2009	R Lewis	R Jensen	J Huzzey
2010	R Lewis	-	J Huzzey
2011	R West	P Simms	J Huzzey
2012	E Dawkins	-	J Huzzey
2013	E Dawkins	-	J Huzzey
2014	I Flavell	A Butt	J Huzzey



The President and Life Members Cabinet in the clubroom was donated by K and D Waters



TEAM AWARDS

1977	Division 1	BSL 5-A-side Winner
1979	Division 1	BSL 5-A-side Runner-up
1979	Under 8	BJSL Championship Runner-up
1980	Division 1	BSL 5-A-side Runner-up
1980	Division 2	Knock-Out Cup Winner, League Cup Winner, League Championship Winner
1981	Division 3	BSL 5-A-side Winner
1981	Under 10A	BJSL Championship Winner and 10B BJSL Knock-Out Cup Runner-up
1982	Under 8B	BJSL Championship Winner and Knock-Out Cup Winner
1986	Division 2	BASL League Cup Winner
1988	Division 3	BASL League Cup Championship Runner-up
1989	Under 14	BJSL Knock-Out Cup Runner-up
1994	Under 12	BASL League Championship Winners
1994	Women	BASL 5-A-side Runner-Up
1995	Under 13	BASL League Championship Runner-up
1996	Under 14	BASL Championship Runner-up
1996	Women	BASL Knock-Out Cup Runner-up
1999	Under 12	BASL League Championship Runner-up
2000	Under 12	BASL Knock-Out Cup Runner-up
2001	Under 13	BASL Championship Winners and Knock-Out Cup Winners
2002	Under 14	BASL Cup Runner-up
2003	Division 2	BASL Premiership Grand Final Runner-up
2003	Under 11	BASL League Championship Runner-up Castlemaine Green
2003	Under 16	BASL League Championship Runner-up
2006	Under 13	BASL Championship Castlemaine Green Winners
2008	Division 1	BASL Southern Cross Austereo Knock-out Cup Runner-up
2008	Under 12A	BASL League Championship Runner-up Castlemaine Gold
2009	Under 14B	FCV Knock-out Cup Winners
2009	Under 13B	FCV Championship Runner-up
2009	Under 11B	FCV Knock-Out Cup Winners, League Championship Winners C'maine Green
2009	Under 11B	FCV League Championship Runner-up Castlemaine Gold
2009	Under 12	FCV Championship and Knock-Out Cup Winners
2010	Under 16A	FCV Knock-out Cup Winners
2010	Under 14B	FCV Knock-out Cup Runner-up
2010	Under 11B	FCV Knock-Out Cup Winner
2011	Division 1	FCV Knock-Out Cup Runner-up
2011	Under 14	FCV Knock-Out Cup Runner-up
2011	Under 11	FCV League Championship Winners
2012	Division 3	BASL Knock-Out Cup Winners
2012	Under 13	BASL Knock-Out Cup Winners, Lightning Cup Winners Castlemaine Black
2012	Under 15	BASL (U16B) Championship Runner-up
2012	Under 12	BASL Wallabies Knock-Out Cup Runner-up Castlemaine White
2012	Under 11	BASL League Champions Winner Castlemaine White
2013	Under 12A	BASL League Championship Winners
2013	Under 14	BASL Championship Runner-up and Knock-out Cup Runner-up

(discontinued Awards)

1981	BASL Mens Most Improved Team Award
1984	BASL Team Sportsmanship Award Division 1 and Division 3
1986	BASL Team Sportsmanship Award Division 2

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1980	Bob Evans	Division 2 BASL Best and Fairest
1981	Bob Evans	Division 1 BASL Leading Goalscorer
1981	George Dolphin	Division 3 BASL 5-A-Side Best Player in Finals
1982	Peter Richardson	Division 1 BASL 3BO Best and Fairest James Anderson Award
1982	George Dolphin	Division 1 Reserves BASL Best and Fairest
1983	Peter Richardson	Division 1 BASL 3BO Best and Fairest James Anderson Award
1985	Peter Richardson	Division 1 BASL 3BO Best and Fairest James Anderson Award
1985	Jim Shepherd	BASL LIFE MEMBER
1986	George Papadimos	Division 2 BASL Leading Goalscorer
1988	George Papadimos	Division 3 BASL Leading Goalscorer
1995	Lyn McLean	Women's Best Player Rep. Squad BASL
1995	Lyn McLean	Women's BASL Best and Fairest
1996	Lyn McLean	Women's BASL Best and Fairest
2001	Josh Melican	Division 2 MVP BASL. (BASL Yearbook 2002)
2004	Jean Lucchesi	Division 2 BASL Leading Goalscorer
2004	Jono Burris	Youth BASL Best and Fairest
2011	Jono Burris	Division 1 FCV James Anderson Medal Best and Fairest

BENDIGO JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE Player of the Year (discontinued in 1988)

1976	Barry Hill	Under 14
1979	Ben Paton	Under 8
1981	George Dolphin	Under 14
1981	Geoff Dolphin	Under 12
1981	Ben Paton	Under 10

1981	Castlemaine Fun Run '1st Sporting Club Home'	
2008-2009	Ilona Jakab	Junior Sports Star of the Year for Mt Alexander Shire
2009	Ray And Lyn West	BASL Family Spirit Award
2009	Robyn Lewis	BASL Presidents Award
2010	Sarah Richardson	BASL Presidents Award
2010	Sarah Richardson	FFV Women's Premier League Best and Fairest winner (Bendigo Vipers)
2010	Robyn Lewis	Sports Focus Administrator of the Year finalist
2011	FFV Most Improved Club Award	
2013-2014	Rachel West	Junior Sports Star of the Year for Mt Alexander Shire



SARAH NEWTON, NICK BURRIS, JEAN LUCCHESI



TROPHY NAMES

List of Best and Fairest Player names on Perpetual Trophies. Other names listed in *italics* where recorded.

DIVISION 1 – JIM SHEPHERD PERPETUAL TROPHY

2005 Nick Burris, 2006 Nick Burris, 2007 Dave Gunter, 2008 Jono Burris, Tim Richardson, 2009 Jono Burris, 2010 Oliver Wardle, 2011 Jono Burris, 2012 Sayle Johnston.

DIVISION 2 – TERRY EVANS PERPETUAL AWARD

1993 Morgan Edwards, 1994 Peter Neugebauer, 1995 Michael Vidovic, 1996 John Gowty, 1997 Graham West, 1998 Graham West, 1999 Ray West, 2000 Graham West, 2001 Tim Cooper, 2002 Terry Attwood, 2003 Jean Lucchesi, 2004 Jean Lucchesi, 2005 Graham West, 2006 Dave Gunter, 2007 Dave Gunter, 2008 Graham West, 2009 Scott Doty, 2010 Graham West, 2011 Terry Attwood, 2012 Terry Attwood, John Gunter, 2013 Jono Burris

WOMEN

1994 Lyn McLean, 1995 Lyn McLean, 1996 Lyn McLean, 1997 Linda Newton, 1998 Lyn West, 1999 Isobel Legge, 2000 Larna Chapman, 2001 Larna Chapman, 2002 Jayde Steer, 2003 Sarah Newton, 2004 Lyn West, 2008 Tanika Wolff, 2009 Jayde Steer, 2010 Jayde Steer, 2011 Bridget Woods, 2012 Michelle Duffy, 2013 Bridget Woods, Christine Duffy

YOUTH UNDER 18

1999 *Liam Roche and Josh Parker*, 2003 Nick Burris, 2004 Jono Burris, 2007 Clive Banks, 2008 Joel Huzzey, 2009 Liam McMurtrie

UNDER 16

1982 W Walsh, 1983 G Dolphin, 1985 M Geisler, 1986 M Geisler, 2003 Jono Burris, 2005 David Richardson, 2006 L McMurtrie, S Lukoszek, 2007 L Bakes, J Huzzey, 2008 Jack Moller, Tom Pollock, 2009 Najib Hashimi, 2010 Sayle Johnston, 2011 Hugh Feary, 2013 Charles Lukaitis, Henry Coventry-Brownrigg

UNDER 15

1997 Tim Heath, 1998 James Rimmer, 2000 Tim Richardson, 2001 Jack Barker, M Linforth-Brown, 2002 Andrew Leversha, 2006 Lachlan McMurtrie, 2007 Joel Huzzey, 2008 Jack Moller, 2010 Kate Forrest, 2012 Charles Lukatis

UNDER 14

2001 Jonathon Burris, 2002 Daniel Condon, 2004 Joel Steer, 2005 Lewis Kerin, 2006 Sarah Richardson, 2007 Paul Hovius, Devlin Burton, 2008 Brendan Connelly, 2009 Oscar Turner, 2010 Wahid Hashimi, 2011 Taro Muller, 2012 Dylan McKenna, 2013 Owen Turbitt

UNDER 13

1998 G Unmack, 1999 W Bakes, 2000 J Burris, 2001 N Burris, 2002 L Hammett, 2003 M Houston, 2004 L Kerin, 2005 C Cantwell, 2006 C Bethune, M Ford, 2007 B Connelly, J Carroll, 2008 I Newstead, 2009 N Lucchesi, 2010 O Black, O Wood, 2011 B McMurtrie, 2012 H Coventry-Brownrigg, R Farley, 2013 G Thomas, F Stroek

UNDER 12

1978 D Muir, 1979 G Harris, 1980 G Harris, 1981 G Dolphin, 1982 G Dolphin, 1983 R Hicks, 1984 D Hockley, 1986 G Georgiou, 1997 Ben Walters, Bradley Peters, 1998 Will Bakes, 1999 A Leversha, J Burris, 2000 N Burris, 2001 David Richardson, 2002 Harley Cooke, 2003 Henry Paez, 2004 Charles Cantwell, Tim Cosgriff, 2005 Sam Beesley, 2006 Max Paez, 2007 d'Arcy Driscoll, 2008 Angus Maclaurin, 2009 Reuben Quinn-Walters, 2010 Sunday Lam, 2011 Milos Babovic, 2012 Felix Stroek, Kai Andrews, Hetty Moysey, 2013 Abel Scopelliti

UNDER 11

2003 Charles Cantwell –green, Jaryn Kongas – gold, 2004 Samuel Beesley, 2005 Ilona Jakab, 2006 Finn Huzzey, 2007 Wahid Hashimi, Nathan Lucchesi, 2008 Oscar Black, 2009 Benjamin Adams, Milos Babovic, 2010 Matthew Cappy, 2011 Lachlan Capp, Jim Schreenan, 2012 Uros Babovic, Dorian Schaerf-Trauner, 2013 Brodie McKenzie

CHARTS/RECORDS

/ = no competition - = no Castlemaine team entered

YEAR	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 1 RESERVES	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3	YOUTH	WOMEN
1974	7th	/	/	/	/	/
1975	9th	-	/	/	/	/
1976	8th	-	/	/	/	-
1977	7th	-	/	/	/	-
1978	10th	12th	/	/	/	-
1979	8th	/	-	8th	/	-
1980	-	/	1st	9th	/	-
1981	4th	/	-	7th	/	-
1982	6th	6th	-	/	/	-
1983	4th	6th	-	/	/	-
1984	7th	/	-	7th	/	-
1985	8th	/	-	8th	/	-
1986	-	/	3rd	-	/	-
1987	-	/	-	5th	/	-
1988	-	/	-	2nd	/	-
1989	-	/	10th	/	-	-
1990	-	/	-	/	-	-
1991	-	/	-	/	-	-
1992	-	/	-	/	-	-
1993	9th	/	9th	/	-	-
1994	8th	/	8th	/	-	4th
1995	8th	/	9th	/	-	5th
1996	-	/	7th	4th	-	6th
1997	-	/	9th	/	-	7th
1998	-	/	7th	/	6th	5th
1999	-	/	8th	/	6th	6th
2000	-	/	8th	/	-	6th
2001	-	/	8th	/	-	4th
2002	-	/	7th	/	4th	7th
2003	-	/	2nd	/	team entered	team entered
2004	-	/	3rd	/	3rd	9th
2005	team entered	/	team entered	/	-	-
2006	6th	/	10th	/	-	-
2007	9th	/	6th	/	8th	-
2008	8th	/	4th	/	8th	8th
2009	10th	/	7th	/	7th	8th
2010	9th	/	6th	/	-	6th
2011	4th	/	5th	/	-	3rd
2012	7th	/	4th	1st	-	6th
2013	-	/	8th	team entered	-	9th

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