

NEWSLETTER

Keeping Members Informed

Your Committee wishes to keep all members up to date



The Homestead sits in its pleasant park setting in Altona and the Management Committee hopes to expand its current use by expanding the Activities and endeavouring to gain more attendance by visitors.

*The Key to Progress
the Society is
planning for the
future*

The new financial year has commenced and the Committee has begun planning for the future and we will attempt to keep members and friends up to date with the planned activities.

Peter



THIS YEAR WILL GO QUICKLY SO WE WILL PLAN TO MOVE AT A STEADY PACE

As with all new committee's there comes fresh ideas but we also require continued input from members as to what is going on in the community and to let us know of any Guest Speakers who you feel would be of interest to members and visitors.

We encourage reports from you the members that can be printed in the



newsletter in possibly more detail than time will allow for verbal reports, so please forward them to the Secretary for inclusion in future copies of the Society Newsletter

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Your New Committee of Management for 2010 - 2011

The COM was appointed to manage the affairs of the society under the strict rules and guidelines laid down in the model rules. To improve efficiency the monthly meeting will be divided between History Meetings and Business Meetings.

Agenda for Bi-monthly Tuesday Night Business Meetings

Every bi-monthly business meeting will have an agenda and only those items listed on the agenda will be discussed. If you have a topic you want added to the agenda you must advise the secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting. Reports given will be only those shown on the agenda and restricted to five minutes each. To prevent meetings from taking too long, topics from the floor not on the agenda cannot be accepted for discussion, but that will not prevent casual discussion over supper.

Updated Membership Structure

The whole area of membership including such things as life memberships and honorary memberships needs to be looked at and ALHS policy determined. In the mean time, your committee of management has agreed the following will apply:

Annual Membership Fee

Family \$40 – 2 adults, up to 3 children

Individual \$15

Junior \$12 – up to 18 years of age or student

New members joining and paying their membership fee in the first six months of the year will be considered financial at the time of payment and for the forthcoming financial year commencing 1 July, applicable from 9 August 2010.

Owen Hyde Reports:

Two Day Grants Seminar

Hobsons Bay City Council was extremely helpful recently in arranging a two day seminar centred round council grants for local community groups. A number of ALHS members attended finding it most worthwhile.

Day one started with looking at the six pillars of fundraising for groups, of which obtaining government, corporate or philanthropic grants is one source. However, the expectation is that community groups should not operate as a single entity, but rather work in tandem with other groups so that all their resources reach a far greater number of people in the community. In applying for public funding, councils want to see co-operation and shared funding across community groups.

Day two dealt with the project planning and budgeting that needs to be undertaken when applying for a grant, and that a strategic plan is essential so that the organisation has clear direction on what they are trying to achieve and what is needed to achieve those aims. Once the funding is received careful monitoring of the project is required to ensure its success and accurate reporting to council upon its finalisation.



Members

Bleriot Dinner

The Society is pleased to announce a special 100 Years of Aviation at Altona Dinner recognising the first powered flight in 1910

The Dinner is to be held at the Altona RSL Sargood Street on the 12th November at 7 p.m., and as a member of this Society the Committee would very much like to have your support and attendance, especially with a guest.

A guest speaker will be present and a visual presentation of that era of aviation will be shown

Cost is \$25 per head

Please note that a RSVP is required by the 8th October

Tickets may be purchased at the Historical Homestead Museum situated in Logan reserve opposite the Altona Library on Tuesday's 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday's between 10 .am. and 12 mid day, or at the monthly meeting on the 21st September 2010

For enquiries please contact 9369 1496 or Margaret Rice 9398 2549 [wmrice@ozemail.com.au](mailto:wrice@ozemail.com.au)

Thanking you for your support.

Participation in the Historical Society

Member Roster Check out the opening day dates and add your name where convenient. Please note all members of the ALHS are expected to attend four (4) contact hours per month at the homestead, not including monthly meetings.

Opportunities for members to volunteer include:

Saturday Mornings 10am-12noon: research/cataloguing

Tuesdays 11am to 3pm: cataloguing/research

Sundays (first of the month): 12noon-3pm Truganina Explosives Reserve and 2-4pm Altona Homestead Museum

Meetings 7.30pm at Altona Homestead Museum

21 September – Business Meeting followed by members' Show n Tell

19 October – History Meeting with speaker George Said

16 November – Business Meeting

Members are encouraged spend a few minutes showing an object from your personal collection or something you have taken an interest in at the homestead. Slides relating to your travel and history adventures would be inspirational for all members to share in.

All members should demonstrate their interest in local history by undertaking a history project of their own choosing to enhance and widen the scope of the ALHS collection.

Grants

Now is the time of the year when various institutions make grants available for non profit organisations to apply for. We are very pleased to advise you that we have applied for three:

Folding Chairs – Bendigo Bank

Strategic Plan Funding – HBCC

Digital Notetaker – HBCC

It will take a number of weeks before we find out if we have been successful and we will let you know the outcome as soon as we know.

Museums Australia National Conference 2010

28 September to 2 October (Tuesday to Saturday) at Melbourne University

We recommend you consider attending this conference which will concentrate on the new role for local collections. It is possible to attend the whole conference or individual lectures through registering on their website www.ma2010.com.au

Haunt the Homestead (Ghost Tours)

Fridays 24 September, 29 October and 26 November

A lot of interest is being shown by the community in taking part in these and any of our members wanting to see what it is all about will need to check on the availability of tickets at \$95 each.

For more information and bookings contact Emma at emma@australianparanormal.com.au or 0409 040 499

Damage to Altona Homestead Museum

A 12 foot section of cornice in the museum room fell to the floor over the weekend of 4 and 5 September. Fortunately no one was in the homestead at the time and there was minimal other damage.

Hobsons Bay City Council took swift action calling in their maintenance subcontractor to assess the situation on Monday. They determined there was no concern that more cornice would fall and arranged for all the resulting debris (dirt, dust, cobwebs and possum poo) to be cleaned up in time for the usual opening on Tuesday, 7 September.

The cornice suffered minor damage so it will be reinstalled, saving the need to match with a replacement or possibly requiring a length to be specially manufactured.

One display cabinet needed to be emptied of its contents so that it can be moved by the workmen out of their way. Work will commence some time in the near future.

History Notice Boards

Are you keeping a watch on the notice boards in the library room, in between the photograph boards, for the regularly changing notices relating to all matters historical that may be of interest to you?

The Role of an Historical Society

Historical societies have an important role in the community identifying and protecting our heritage –

- they are often accepted as a local community body with the knowledge to assist professionals
- they can lobby for their own collection and places within their area
- they can identify, research and report before things become a risk or are threatened
- they can inform local government, heritage advisers and consultants on what is important to the community.



Seabreeze Quilters Inc
presents

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2ND & 3RD OCTOBER 2010

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8 VENUES 8 EXHIBITIONS

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Events Calendar 2010

Members

September		
5	Sunday	Homestead Open 2-4pm
13	Monday	Altona Ladies Probus Group historic tour 2pm (no catering)
21	Tuesday	Market's Sixth Birthday – 11am to 3pm (perhaps later if popular) General Meeting 7.30pm
24	Friday	Ghost Tour, 8pm to midnight, tickets \$95 each Contact Emma 0409 040 499 or emma@australianparanormal.com.au
28	Tuesday	Mees Bus Lines tour group 11.15am (no catering)
October		
2	Saturday	Quilt Trail 10am to 4pm
3	Sunday	Quilt Trail 10am to 4pm (regular monthly opening)
17	Sunday	Canonisation (beatification) Mary MacKillop
19	Tuesday	General Meeting 7.30pm (no business meeting) Speaker – George Said
21	Thursday	Gisborne Probus historic tour 10am (catering required – morning tea)
29	Friday	Ghost Tour, 8pm to midnight, tickets \$95 each Contact Emma 0409 040 499 or emma@australianparanormal.com.au
November		
2	Tuesday	Closed for Melbourne Cup Day
7	Sunday	Homestead Open 2-4pm
12	Friday	Bleriot Dinner, 7pm RSL, tickets \$25 each Contact Margaret Rice 9398 2549 or wmrice@ozemail.com.au
16	Tuesday	Noble Park Probus tour through homestead 10.30am (no catering) General Meeting 7.30pm (business meeting)
21	Sunday	Village Traders Security Launch – 12 noon to 4pm (perhaps later if popular)
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5	Sunday	International Day of People with Disability performance; bands etc Logan Reserve – Time open TBA
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Notes To be added – Carols by Candlelight

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