



NEWSLETTER

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Our Web site is under development



The Society in July received funding from the Victorian State Government as part of the Local History Grants program to begin a project to establish a web site, and planning and development of this site is now underway with the assistance of Errol Schmidt at esquarenews, a local web site development company.

The Premier and Minister for the Arts Ted Baillieu MLA in approving the funding, stated that it was an innovative project to provide wide public access to the history of Altona and will be an aid in ensuring that the Society's photographs and records are preserved in a manner which will enable the community to interact with its history by contributing their own stories and memories.

The site is not yet fully developed but members and friends are encouraged to consider what photographs or information that they may have that are not already part of the Society's records that can be added to our existing information and eventually made available for more widely available public dissemination.



Special Note

**There is NO MEETING planned for October
the next meeting will be a General Meeting
on the 15th November 2011 at 7.30 p.m**

Month	Event	
October	31st Halloween	The Homestead will have window decorations and a Ghost Tour
November	4th and 18th Ghost Tours 15th General Meeting	
December	11th Carols By Candlelight 6-8 p.m. 13th Christmas Nibbles 6.30 - 8 p.m	Includes Story-time with Santa/Christmas Tree Christmas get together in conjunction with Altona Traders Association
January 2012	Australia Day	Various events,to be organised.

Web Site and our Database program

The concept of the web site and our database that is under development includes the chance for local residents and members to begin to establish a record available for public perusal regarding photographs of individuals, events, historic sites and homes and similar matters that should be preserved for future research and as a memory of current and past residents ,activities and groups that should be remembered as being part of the fabric of what is Altona, Laverton and surrounds.

The society has developed a residents information form that individuals or family members can lodge and submit to the Society should they feel that they have family information that should form part of the Historical Society's records, this information, subject to the submitting persons approval would be recorded on the database and made available for general research purposes.

Family History research and Genealogical studies are of growing interest to many people, and if any members of the Society, or the general public have photos of resident information that they consider worthy of recording they should contact the Society and an appropriate form will be provided for completion./

RESIDENTS REGISTER	
RESIDENT	First Name/s
Address	
Previous Address	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Date of Arrival	Name of Ship
Parents - Father	Parents - Mother (Maiden Name)
School	Occupation of passenger
Religion	Date of Death
Place of Death	Place of Burial
Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Other Marriages	
Spouse	Spouse - First Name/s
Spouses Surname	
Previous Address	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Date of Arrival	Name of Ship
Parents - Father	Parents - Mother (Maiden Name)
School	Occupation of passenger
Religion	Date of Death
Place of Death	Place of Burial
CONTRIBUTOR	
SIGNATURE	
Address	
Telephone	
e-mail	
Date	

MINUTES

Minutes of ALHS general meeting held 20th September 2011 at the Altona Homestead 128 Queen Street, Altona commencing 7.35pm, chaired by Peter Weaver.

	Detail	Action
1.	Present P Weaver, J Hevey, O Hyde, A Cassar, B Hawkins M.Hawkins, M Rice, E Brogan, P Chamberlain, K.Walsh, S.Walsh, J.Kirkman	
2.	Apologies J Kent .E Muller, B Hanson, B.Hanson, A.Briffa	
3	Minutes of previous General meeting The minutes of the 19 th July 2011 having been previously circulated were discussed and subject to noting that the following matters were discussed at that meeting : The Web Site Development Grant from the Victorian Government, Books that had been donated, and discussion had been held regarding the original Sanatorium and graves in the area it was Moved Elaine Brogan Seconded Owen Hyde that the Minutes be accepted Carried	Amendments Noted
3.	Finance The Treasurer reported verbally on the bank balances of the trading account and the investment account as at the current date 20 th September 2011, and that one cheque remained un-presented at that date. Moved O.Hyde Seconded J.Kirkman that the report be received Carried	
4.	Correspondence In: Bendigo Bank Statement – August-September, RHSV History News, Notice of MFB Fire Station Akuna Street 50 th Anniversary, Notice of History Week 23-30 th October, National Library Correspondence, Out: to R.Willis thanks for audit of finances for AGM, CAV Notice of Change of Public Officer (J.Hevey), and Newsletters to members.	
5.	General Business Peter Weaver advised of changes on site around the Homestead, with contributions by Kim, Sharon, Carol including Barrier ropes have been purchased to replace railings, Men's Shed have been asked to quote for repairs to the horse drawn buggy, three media screens have been purchased for display purposes of digital slides and films, Heritage approval has been given for on site changes.	

	<p>Quotes are being sought to change the male toilet area into a kitchen.</p> <p>The Council is arranging an electrical survey of the building. Heating to be looked at, rising damp and borers to be checked.</p> <p>A new computer has been purchased for the purpose of cataloguing and general work for the Society.</p> <p>Bob Hawkins raised the question of the "photos on the boards" and it was confirmed that digital images of these have been retained.</p> <p>Judith Kirkman provided information that new grants may be coming available later this year for film digitization and she will look into what details is available regarding these grants.</p> <p>Elaine Brogan reminded the group that the Society was now 50 years old.</p> <p>President Peter advised that no special celebration is planned at the present time with current and planned events taking up most of the COM time.</p> <p>Elaine also thanked the Society for the loan of a book advised that the National Trust have a Graves Register, noted that the Lions Club had awarded Margaret Rice a Community Service Certificate, and advised that the Western Region had a new Convenor who was keen and interested in historical matters.</p> <p>TAA Airways now have established a historical group; Bob Hawkins has shown a video to this group.</p> <p>Keilor Historical Society has recently received funding for various items in their area.</p> <p>The question was raised as to whether the Newport Railways Museum was to close down?</p>	

Meeting closed 8.25pm.

Next Meeting 15th November 7.30 p.m. (Tuesday)