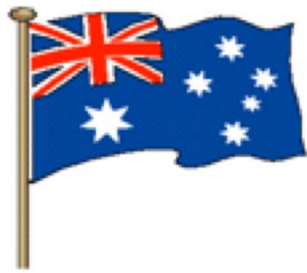




# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2012



## Australia Day January 26th 2012



The New Year has arrived and it is hoped that our members and families have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year Festivities.

The Society hosted Christmas Drinks and nibbles for a number of members and visitors during December, and has supported two Movies in the Park events during January 2012, with the Homestead being open for the normal hours on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings from mid January.

The next busy day for the Society will be the open day on January 26th which is the Australia Day Public Holiday.

Activities planned include:

Devonshire Tea in the Courtyard

Display of Vintage Australian Aprons

Book Sales / Double Decker Bus Tours

There is the opportunity for visitors to the Homestead to win a Vintage Tiger Moth Flight by registering their attendance on the Day.

There will also be various activities in the park area around the Homestead as the Altona Traders Association and other participating groups have arranged for events including Altona Beach Market, Face Painter, Jumping Castle, Sand Sculpting, Children's workshops, Photo Booth, SES Aussie BBQ, Cobb & Co. coach rides, and the like.

Do not forget also to plan for the Altona Beach Festival to be held on the 10th March 2012.

Members these events will mean busy days at the Homestead so if you can assist in any way please attend and help out where possible.

# Local Volunteer Groups

## Lions Club of Altona



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There are many individuals and Groups which are volunteers and contribute to the general day to day operations of Altona, Hobsons Bay and surrounding areas.

For those who are members of such groups their activities are clear but to the general public there is often a lack of knowledge of what groups do and when and how they were formed.

Lions Clubs throughout Australia are part of one of the Worlds largest volunteer Service Groups, originally formed in 1917 in the USA by business man Melvin Jones with the idea that business men could do more to help humanity in general rather than themselves in particular.

Lions came to Australia in 1947 when the first Club was formed in Lismore NSW and the Lions Clubs have now extended throughout Australia and the World with the governing body being Lions International.

**The original meeting of a group proposing to form the Lions Club of Altona was held in the Homestead Altona - referred to in the minutes of the meeting as "The Historical Society Room" on Monday September 20th 1965 with a meeting which began at 8 p.m.**

Present were: Mr. V Hern - President Shire of Altona, Mr. J. G. Inifer IP President - Shire of Altona, Lion J. Edward - Extension Chairman, Lion F. Litchfield - Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Lion E. Casper - President Lions Club of Footscray, Lion W. Watts - IP President Lions Club of Footscray, Lion M. Beevers - 1st VP Lions Club of Footscray, Lion W. Stembridge 2nd VP - Lions Club of Footscray, and Messrs K. Wilson, A. McDonald, D. Trembath, P. Green, J. Green, P. Saras.

The meeting was opened by Councillor President V. Hern who spoke on the value of a Lions Club to the Altona Community.

The Lions Club of Altona was sponsored by the Lions Club of Footscray and the Charter of the Club was presented by the then District Governor, Ern Bashford on the 19th February 1966.

Charter Members were local residents or business men - Kenneth Bryant, Kryspin Golacki, Allan McDonald, Donald McIntyre, Edward George, Edward Poole, Noel Wood, Bruce Neate, John Howard, Edward Crump, Vincent Hearn, Patrick Green, Leonard Rowe, Kenneth Roper, Kenneth Wilson, Leslie Russell, Sydney Bell, Thomas Leonard, and John Kasey.

The Club in 2012 continues to thrive and is about to celebrate its 1000th meeting in February 2012, membership is now open to male and female members.

Over the years funds raised from the public have been disbursed to many individuals, groups and organisations, major fund raising activities have included Paper Collection, BBQ's, Cherry Lake Market, Christmas Stocking Raffle, Lions Cake sales and similar fund raising activities, all funds are dispersed with no commissions or similar costs held back by Lions Clubs.

Activities over the years that have been funded include, Outings for orphanage boys, Equipment for little Athletics, SES, Salvation Army, St John Ambulance, David Paul Kelly Appeal, Save Sight, Licola Youth Groups, Altona Life Savers and many others.

Lions Clubs operate in Districts, and the Lions Club of Altona will in November 2012 be Hosting a Lions Club District V2 Convention with some 600 attendees expected to come into the Hobsons Bay area for the events planned.

### **More about the potential uses of or database system**

We have covered in previous newsletters some of the potential uses of our database system currently in use and there are other versions under consideration as part of the potential for expanding our cataloguing of articles in the Homestead and photographs and memorabilia held.

Currently under test is a version that will allow for an Instant Search of an individual name of a person detailed as being in a photo, the list of photos containing that name appears and it is possible to view the photos containing that name, with the name or search text highlighted.

As records in the database build up in number this would allow for a quick search for individual photos and any data relating to the photo that is recorded.

### **Can you Help with information ?**

An example of a photo held in our records is shown below - the text associated with the Photo says: Altona RSL Football Club 1921 - yet the Football is clearly marked Altona FC 1921.

Individuals are shown as:

**Back** L-R B.Roberts G.Watkins T.Fleming K.Uren J.Fleming F.Uren  
L.Fleming  
**Centre** L-R L.Turner A.Sutherland D.Swain H.Roberts H.Davis  
**Front** L-R R.Turner K.Hawkins R. Davis

Do you know of any information that may correctly identify the team

Is it Altona Football Club or Altona RSL Football Club?

In which competition did they play? - Not all individuals have been identified, can you help do so?.



## Calendar

This calendar is provisional and may be subject to revision we will keep members advised with a monthly newsletter of any changes or additions

### January 2012

Thursday 26 th - Australia Day / Apron Display/Devonshire Tea

### February 2012

Sunday 5 th Open Day

Tuesdays 11 a.m - 2 p.m

**Special Note** - On Tuesday 14th February between 11am - 3pm the ALHS together with Altona U3A have arranged for an invitation to Senior Citizens to visit and be interviewed/ filmed as part of the ongoing project to provide a DVD of Seniors activities in Hobsons Bay by the end of 2012 - members may wish to visit during that time to bring themselves up to date with this project or obtain information about it.

**Tuesday 21st February - General meeting - Guest Speaker Tom Ferris - Williamstown Resident and Member Williamstown Historical Society-**

**Topic "Williamstown Racecourse" its early history and demise.**

**Note - The meeting will start at the earlier time of 7 p.m. on this evening**

### March 2012

Sunday 4 th Open Day

Tuesdays 11 a.m - 2 p.m

24th-Significance Workshop

Beach Festival - 10th March - Homestead open

### April 2012

Sunday 1st Open Day

Tuesdays 11 a.m. -2 p.m

Tuesday 17 th General meeting

### May

Sunday 6th Open Day

### June 2012

Sunday 3rd

Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m

Tuesday 19 th General Meeting