



NEWSLETTER

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Australia Day in Altona was a great day

The Altona Laverton Historical Society opened the Homestead on Australia Day the 26th January 2012 supporting the general Australia Day activities that were put in place by the Altona Traders with various activities being carried out in the area including the street market, performers, Cobb & Co. coach rides and the like.

The weather was good and large numbers of members of the public appeared to enjoy the day and the various events that were in place for their enjoyment.

Visitors to the Homestead exceeded expectations and thanks are due to the members and volunteers who assisted on the day in ensuring that the day was a successful one.

Once again Annette and her staff and helpers provided Devonshire lunch in the Courtyard.

There were 199 entries for the Tiger Moth flight voucher and the luck winner was local resident Phil Hawkes who is pictured below with President Peter Weaver receiving his voucher and a book.

A summary of the event is shown on page 2.





AUSTRALIA DAY 2012 at ALTONA HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

Over 400 people visited the Altona Homestead Museum where they could check out various publications on local history presented by five organisations. This was only the second year for our Australia Day program *Support Local History – Buy A Book* and we are pleased stall holders found it so worthwhile, expressing their intention to return again next year.

Other highlights of the day were Devonshire Teas in the courtyard, the Elaine Meed apron display, collecting information on old photographs and entry in the draw for a free Tiger Moth flight.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all ALHS members for attending, looking after visitors and engaging with them, such an important part of the day. Thank you too for those members who brought along family as well to provide much valued assistance.

Debriefing after an event is an important aspect of organising and if you have any comments to help make next year's event even better, we would welcome your input.



199 entries were received for the Tiger Moth Voucher and the break down of locations of the residents indicates the various locations of visitors to Altona on the day

Subject: ALHS TIGER MOTH ENTRY FORMS AUSTRALIA DAY 2012

Altona Meadows	21
Williamstown	12
Point Cook	9
Hoppers Crossing	8
Seabrook	4
Werribee/Wyndhamvale	7
Newport	4
Altona/ Seaholme	68
Unknown	16
Altona North	4
West Footscray	3
South Kingsville	5
Croydon	1
Malvern	1
Kensington	1
Yarraville	2
Blairgowrie	2
Thomastown	1
Williams Landing	1
Sunbury	3
Seddon	2
Greensborough	1
Richmond	1
Sebastopol	1
Melton South	1
Ballarat	1
Taylor's Lakes	1
Ascot Vale	1
Rosedale	1
North Sunshine	1
Bunwood	1
Pascoe Vale South	1
Coburg	4
North Carlton	1
Deer Park	1
Keilor Downs	1
Fairfield	1
Cairnlea	1
Burnside Heights	1
Ferntree Gully	1
Albury	1
St.Albans	1
	199

Approximate takings on the day were

Door Takings \$630

Book Sales \$300

Devonshire Lunch \$200

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1956), Saturday 24 December 1859

MONDAY, JANUARY 16.

At Twelve o'clock.

Valuable Freehold Property,

Situate near

Williamstown,

With a Noble Frontage to the Sea,

And known as the

Laverton Estate,

The property of

Alfred Langhorne, Esq.,

Comprising

2,246 Acres of Agricultural and Grazing Land.

Together with the

Capital House erected thereon, Garden, Cultivation

Paddocks, &c.

To Capitalists, Squatters, Graziers, Agriculturists

and Others.

W EASEY and Co. have received instructions from the proprietor, Alfred Langhorne, Esq., to **SELL by AUCTION**, at their rooms, Collins-street, on Monday, January 16, at twelve o'clock,

The following valuable property, known as the

Laverton Estate,

situate near Williamstown, and on the Geelong Railway, comprising—

Government Portion 8 H, parish of Truganina

336 acres

Do 7, do do, 630 acres

Do 10, do do, 640 do

Do 11, do do, 640 do

In all 2,246 Acres fine Land,

And on which is erected a capital house, garden, cultivated paddocks, &c.

Also,

Government Allotment A, of Section 21, containing

40 acres.

The whole of the properties are fenced in, and the site and land are admirably adapted for residences, having a great frontage to the sea, and for agricultural or grazing purposes.

The estate adjoins the property of Messrs. Chirnside and Co., and the purchaser will have the right of run over the adjoining unsold land.

Terms exceeding liberal,—one-third cash; residue can, if required, remain on mortgage for three years at 5 per cent. per annum.

Full particulars as to title or otherwise can be obtained from Messrs. Clarke and Moule, solicitors, Bank-place or the auctioneers.

The Altona Laverton Historical Society Inc. has received approval as from the 17th November 2011 for the premises at 128 Queen Street Altona to be a place of deposit for public records for a period of 10 years unless revoked sooner.

Conditions include:

Public records transferred to the facility are transferred only with the agreement of the Keeper of Public Records and remain under the Keepers custody and control.

There is to be no charge for the inspection of any public records stored at the facility.

Access to public records will be made available within a reasonable time frame.

The proposed facility is and must remain secure, weather tight and clean.

The Keeper of Public Records has the right to inspect the facility at any time.



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Dear members of Altona Laverton Historical Society

It is my pleasure to inform you that Ted Baillieu MLA, Minister for the Arts approved your facility as a Place of Deposit on 17 November 2012.

The Places of Deposit network is an important component of Public Record Office Victoria's role in archiving our state's history. There are now more than 150 community facilities across Victoria that manage and preserve government records of significance to local communities that would not normally be kept permanently by Public Record Office Victoria.

Congratulations on your appointment and welcome to our Places of Deposit network.

Please find within a copy of the document granting your Place of Deposit status. If you have any questions regarding your appointment, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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FIRST YEARS OF ALTONA TENNIS CLUB

Harry Blair, father of current ALHS member Roger Blair, was the first president of the newly formed Altona Tennis Club in 1938, using two asphalt courts built alongside the Altona Homestead Museum where the car park and the adjoining Beryl Hevey Centre (Altona Senior Citizens) are now situated.

Hannorah (Norah) Twentyman, Roger's grandmother, leased the homestead where the family lived for many years. Norah was always concerned by the lack of facilities in the town for providing young people with healthy activities and was the driving force behind four of her family and council establishing the new Altona Tennis Club. They had early success with winning their first premiership in 1941.

Playing fixtured matches alongside the homestead was always popular as Norah would provide afternoon tea with scones in the homestead courtyard during a well earned half time interval, before players would head back to the courts to complete their games. Later on Norah was made the first patron of Altona Tennis Club.

Around 1948 a tin army hut was erected near the courts for use as a clubroom. In 1958 it was transferred to Grant Reserve where two entecar courts were to be built by council followed by another four courts later on.

Council replaced the tin army hut in 1975 with the current modern brick building.

The Twentyman's, and Blairs, continued to be active members of the Altona Tennis Club for many years.

The above information was recently provided by Roger Blair as passed on to him by his father, Harry Blair.



Harry Blair
First President
Altona Tennis Club



Premier Team
H Harris K Uren F Uren
M Twentyman Q Mulcahy B Twentyman



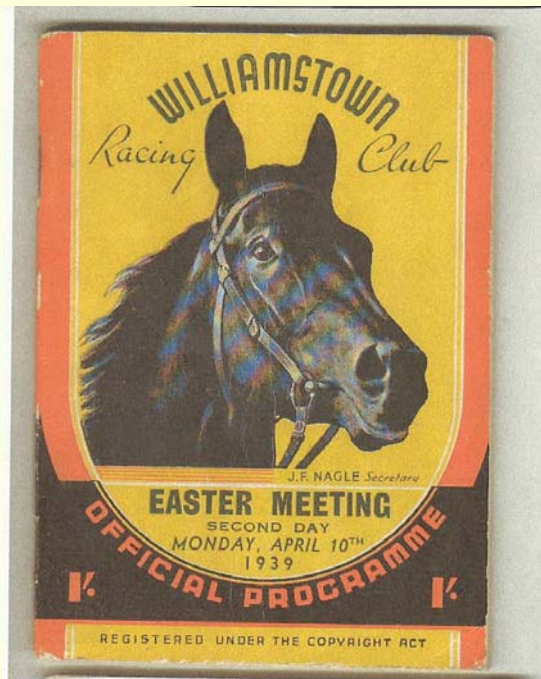
Hannorah Twentyman

Next Meeting

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 4th Open Day

Tuesdays 11 a.m - 2 p.m

Beach Festival - 10th March - Homestead open 10 - 6 p.m

Bus tours / set up site Friday/pull down Sunday Members assistance required

24th-Significance Workshop - Bookings needed

31st March The Homestead will be the first stop in the Art in Public Places program.

April 2012

Sunday 1st Open Day

Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m

Tuesday 17th General meeting

Heritage Week

May

Sunday 6th Open Day

June 2012

Sunday 3rd

Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m

Tuesday 19th General Meeting