



NEWSLETTER

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2012 is coming to a close

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year



The Year 2012 is nearing its end, and the Altona Laverton Historical Society wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members, visitors, patrons and friends who have visited the Homestead Museum and supported the Society over the past twelve months.

There have been changes to some areas of our operations necessary for various reasons but there has also been an increasing interest from visitors and Tour Groups which are expected to continue and expand during 2013.

A General Meeting to close the year will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at The Homestead



A Birthday was celebrated

A Birthday Celebration was held in the Homestead to Celebrate the Birthday in 2012 of Life Member, Ethel Muller. Taken by surprise on the day Ethel was wished a happy Birthday and many Happy returns by a number of Society members and friends who arrived to celebrate the day.

Photo courtesy Bob Hawkins



Some of the happenings on site during recent months

As mentioned in our last Newsletter there has been an increasing interest in visits to the Homestead by outside groups, on days and evenings that the Homestead is not normally open to visitors:

For example

During October as part of the Seniors Month Celebrations and to coincide with the finalisation of the "Time Travellers" Film project, VP Carol Winfield and others arranged a display of Seniors memorabilia, paintings, ethnic clothing, a family history film depicting the early days of the Said Family in Australia was shown, and support given to aid the Hobsons Bay Council in recognition of Seniors activities in Hobsons Bay.

The Council also sponsored Devonshire teas during that period.

During October and November

Visits to the Homestead on different days were made by the Hobsons Bay Community Information Centre Group, support was given to a Children's Picnic in the Park and the Homestead was open for viewing, and tour groups were welcomed from the Eastern Suburbs through tours arranged by Lambell Tours and similar bus operators.



There is also an increasing number of evening "Ghost Tours" arranged by local group, Lantern Tours that is assisting in raising funds for the Association and increasing outside knowledge of the Homestead.

Hosting of these tours falls to members to open on the days required and to advise visitors on the history of the Homestead and the general operations of the Society.

The sale of goods to visitors continues with the Book "Altona the Long View" remaining a relatively good seller.

If members can assist in any way from time to time please contact a committee member.

Committee 2012/2013

President: Peter Weaver

Vice President: Carol Winfield

Secretary: Kim Walsh

Treasurer: Jim Hevey

Committee Members

Sharon Walsh

Owen Hyde



Association News

Important information for all Members Repeated from the last Newsletter

General Meetings

The Committee of Management have decided that as a result of the decreasing membership and the increasing work load on those who are active current members, resulting from the increased interest from Tour Groups, School Groups and other persons wishing to visit and tour the Homestead, on open days, Special event days, and other week days - which requires the Homestead to be staffed to accommodate these types of visits, that the **General Meeting nights will be limited** to the minimum number required to satisfy the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The planned General Meetings for the balance of 2012 and early 2013 are:

Tuesday 11th December 2012 (end of year get together)

Tuesday 19th February 2013

Tuesday 16th April 2013

Tuesday 18th June 2013

The 2013 Annual General Meeting will be conducted on a date to be confirmed in July or August 2013. Other special events or activities which require member participation will continue, including during 2013 - Australia Day, Three Movie Nights, the Beach Festival, Art in Public Places.

THE LIONS CLUB OF ALTONA RECENTLY MADE SOME LOCAL HISTORY - HOSTING THE 36TH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

There is currently on display in the Homestead Museum a small collection of Lions Club of Altona Memorabilia including Badges and a Shirt specially manufactured for the 36th Annual Convention, which had the theme of "We are the World"

Lions Clubs Internationally have over 1.5 million volunteer members.

The Lions Club of Altona began in the Altona Shire Hall on the 19th February 1966, it was sponsored by the Lions Club of Footscray and the members of the Club at the time of Charter were local residents.

President Les Russell

1st Vice President Alan McDonald

2nd Vice president Bob Crump

3rd Vice President Kris Golacki

Secretary Ken Wilson

Treasurer Ken Bryant

Lion Tamer Ed Poole

Directors - Don McIntyre, Len Rowe, Ken Roper, Bruce Neate

Members Syd Bell, Ted George, Pat Green, John Haysey, Vin Heard, Noel Wood, Tom Leonard.

The current Lions Club of Altona with 36 members after two years of planning, hosted the Lions District 201V2, 36th Annual Convention over the days of the 9th, 10th and 11th November 2012.

Lions Clubs in Australia operate in Districts and the designation 201V2 is the District which includes Clubs over an area that includes metropolitan and country clubs from areas such as Altona, Footscray, Williamstown, Geelong, Torquay, Lorne, Hamilton, Horsham, Portland, Terang and the like with some 70 clubs forming the district.

District Governor Lou Scholten of the Werribee Lions Club welcomed over 430 Lions Members, Guests and International visitors to the Convention which was primarily held in the recently refurbished Williamstown Town Hall, this being the only venue in the area capable of hosting an event of this nature.

The Convention included general business, endorsement of motions, training sessions, Guest Speakers, a Fancy Dress Gala Night, a

Boat Tour and similar festivities, introducing visitors to the local Hobsons Bay and surrounding areas.

Generous sponsorship was received from local Community Groups, Traders, Hospitality Venues and the like to assist in making this a successful event.



Above- Guest Speaker - Mellisa Tapper
Australian Para Olympian and VIP Guests on Stage



January 26th 2013 will be Australia Day

The Committee of Management are anticipating that this will be a busy day at The Homestead and planning for a suitable exhibition to celebrate the day is currently under way.

Members should note this in their Diary and plan to visit or assist in the operations on the day to ensure it is a good one for the Public to enjoy on this important day.

