



NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year for 2013

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year



Australia Day Saturday 26th January 2013

The Altona Laverton Historical Society has plans for celebrating this day as part of
"Australia Day in Altona"

The Homestead will be open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m on the day with Exhibitions
that will be of interest to many.

See inside for more details of what promises to be one of our best and most exciting ex-
hibition days ever.

The Australia Day Exhibition

The exhibition planned through the efforts of Vice President Carol Winfield and Committee member Sharon Walsh, Owen Hyde and others with a theme of “Australia Through and Through” will include:

Indigenous Artefacts

Australia Day multi textured paintings prepared for this event by students from Williamstown North Primary School with the theme “The Beach”

Jewelled Ostrich Eggs styled and crafted over 25 years by Elaine Mead (Prize Winners at various Royal Melbourne Show events)

Decoupage Ostrich Eggs by Elaine Mead including beautiful Tapestry Styles and a famous Jumping Fish/frog depiction.

Emu eggs - a stunning display crafted with flint stones and showing thirteen different layers of shading.

Prints/Paintings and artwork which includes Craig Ruddy’s Archibald Prize 2004 painting of Aboriginal Actor David Gulpilil entitled “Two Worlds”.

Works by Gabrielle Possum

A print of “Man’s Love Story” by Clifford Possum

Ochre Bark Painting and other “Fair Dinkum” paintings from bush camp settlers around Alice Springs.

*Hand Painted gum leaves by local resident Val Hanniver
and*

A display of beautiful Quilts depicting Australia crafted by local and rural Quilt Makers



*Book Sales, Postcards, Gifts, Sweets, Soaps
Devonshire Teas in the Courtyard
also a surprise visit by Ned Kelly*

Laverton History

The Victorian Heritage Database lists several sites around Laverton that are considered to be of local and Historical significance one of these is the **Cheetham Saltworks in Aviation Road Laverton.**

It is understood to have operated from this site between 1924 and 1990.

It is considered to be a significant site because it was a major evaporative saltworks that demonstrated the process of salt production using solar evaporative pans



Cheetham Salt

Cheetham Salt was founded by Richard Cheetham who arrived in Geelong to establish a salt works in 1888.

Production commenced in 1894 under the name of Richard Cheetham and Company.

In 1903 the company changed its name to “The Cheetham Salt Proprietary Limited”.

Over the years they expanded operations within Victoria, South Australia and Queensland and are now the largest manufacturer of Australian Salt operating from eight solar salt fields and five refineries around Australia

The production process begins when sea water is pumped into shallow concentrating ponds, sun and wind then begin to evaporate the water, and as the solution becomes denser it is guided through a series of ponds.

After further evaporation the salt settles and is harvested from the pond floor, the salt is then crushed, washed and screened to specific sizes and packaged for customers.

Cheethams remains an Australian owned company.



Society News

Committee 2012/2013

President: Peter Weaver

Vice President: Carol Winfield

Secretary: Kim Walsh

Treasurer: Jim Hevey

Committee Members

Sharon Walsh

Owen Hyde

Important information for all Members

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 early 2013 are:

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, 2013 - Australia Day, the Beach Festival, Art in Public Places.

Special Note

The Homestead will be the venue for a meeting of Delegates representing the Western Region Historical Societies on Saturday 9th February 2013 starting at 1.30 p.m. Reports will be given regarding recent activities of the various society's in the Western Region. As well as our own delegates, attendance by Altona Laverton members is welcome but due notice should be given to allow for catering purposes.