



# NEWSLETTER

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## Railway Enthusiasts to visit Altona

Members of the **Australian Railway Historical Society - Victorian Division** have planned a trip from Southern Cross Station on the 3rd September 2013 that will include a visit to Altona, and the Altona Homestead Museum as part of the days activities.

The group will include Allan Clark well known to local historians from his historical interest and research work in the area and the his interest establishment of the Altona Laverton Historical Society.

The group will view and discuss railway stations between Melbourne and Altona, including the Spotswood station, and Altona and Westona stations.

Reproduced in this Newsletter are some photographs and information from our own archives.



A photo from our archives of an early "R Class Steam engine" - R317, these models were introduced from 1886



## Australian Railways Historical Society Victorian Division



The Australian Railways Historical Society - Victorian Division was established in 1945 for those who have an interest in the Railway History of Victoria, they hold monthly meetings with guest speakers, film and video nights, publications, walking tours and visits and the like.

Since 1962 the ARHS has operated the Railways Museum at Williamstown North.

They hold an archive of paper files, Victorian Rail publications, books, magazines and plans and a collection of around 50000 photographs and slides.



### **Victorian Rail Highlights**

In 1854 the Flinders Street to Port Melbourne Line opened by  
Hobsons Bay Railway Company

1857 Greenwich (Newport) to Geelong Line opened

1858 Williamstown Workshops established

1859 Spencer Street Station opened

1859 Footscray to Williamstown Beach Line started

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# Altona

## From our Collection



Pictured left and below is a depiction of the departure from Altona of the first electric train on the 4th October 1926



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Views of Altona Station in earlier days and below the planned site for Westona Station before construction and a photo of an early steam train model number 103 at Altona





## Society News

### Information for all Members

The committee of management for the 2013 - 2014 year is shown below.

#### Committee 2013 - 2014

**President:** Peter Weaver

**Vice President:** Carol Winfield

**Secretary:** Sharon Walsh

**Treasurer:** Annette Stephens

#### *Committee Members*

Kim Walsh

Owen Hyde

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**Upcoming open days to  
December 2013 that will offer Devonshire Tea in  
the Historic Homestead**



Altona Homestead

128 Queen Street [on Logan Reserve]

Enquiries 0447 840 895

Enjoy Devonshire Tea in the Historic Homestead, either  
in the courtyard or within the Homestead

*[inside seating is limited].*

**Afternoon Tea dates for 2013**

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 11am to 4pm*

*Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 11am to 4pm*

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 11am to 4pm*

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am to 4pm*

*Have a browse through our gift shop – Tea Cosies are our specialty*



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# Spotswood Railway Trivia

The Spotswood Railway Station  
1881

The Argus - Thursday 29th September 1881, Page 1 - carried a Public Notice;

**Thomas Bent - Commissioner of Railways  
Bayswater Station**

The name of the Bayswater Station on the Williamstown line will be changed to “**Spottiswoode**” on 1st October.

Thos. Bent

Commissioner of Railways - Victorian Railways  
Spencer Street Sept. 14th 1881



**The History of the Williamstown Line and Spotswood Railway Station as recorded by the Victorian Railways**

## **The Line**

Monday 17th January 1859 - the Line Opened between Footscray - Newport

*The Spotswood Railway Station*

Sunday 1st December 1878 Opened as *Edom*

Thursday 1st September 1881 Renamed *Bayswater*

Saturday 1st October 1881 Renamed *Spottiswoode*

Tuesday 1st August 1905 Renamed and Spelling of name altered to *Spotswood*

# Seaholme School 4440

1937



**Pictured above are students at Seaholme school in 1937 if you can identify any of the students please contact the Altona Laverton Historical Society so that information can be recorded**