



# NEWSLETTER

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## Join us for Australia Day 2015



The Altona Laverton Historical Society Committee have organised an exciting program at The Altona Homestead Museum for Australia Day Monday 26th January 2015 between 11.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. A number of activities will take place on the day including attendance of several Authors, and presentations by various individuals and representative groups including:

Henry Lawson Memorial & Literary Society Inc.  
John Shaw Neilson Society  
Clair Saxby - Highly Successful Children's Author  
Jack Nostrum - Author and Poet  
Graham Patterson - Author  
Bill McPherson - Publisher of Around Altona  
Lantern Ghost Tours  
Handcrafts and Spinning Demonstration  
Altona Primary School Centenary Committee

# The Program

## 2015 AUSTRALIA DAY

**Altona Homestead  
MUSEUM**

**Monday, 26 January  
11am-4.30pm**

*Henry Lawson Memorial & Literary  
Society Inc*

*John Shaw Neilson Society*

*Graham Patterson, author  
'Coastal guide to nature and history  
Port Phillip Bay'*

*Claire Saxby, author children's books;  
children's activities*

*Bill McPherson, publisher Around  
Altona & Jack Nystrom, author  
'Jack's Book of Poems'*

*Handcrafts and spinning  
demonstration by Frances Brennan,  
Raven Textiles*

*Lantern Ghost Tours*

*Altona Primary School Centenary  
Committee*

*Altona Laverton Historical Society Inc*

**Support**

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## Book Sales on the Day

## 2015 Australia Day

**HENRY LAWSON**

at the

**Altona Homestead Museum**

and

**John Shaw Neilson  
AB Patterson  
CJ Dennis**

15 minute presentations at  
12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm  
Courtyard  
Altona Homestead Museum

*Altona Laverton Historical Society Inc*

## Courtyard Presentations and Works By:

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# Pen Pictures

## John Shaw Neilson - 1872-1942



Australian Poet, born Penola, South Australia worked in many casual jobs around Australia. John Shaw Neilson is regarded as Australia's greatest lyric Poet, he lived in Footscray and worked at a local bluestone quarry, his accounts of the hardships experienced by local labourers highlights the tough conditions under which quarrymen operated. Called "The poor working man who has left us a legacy of endless wealth".

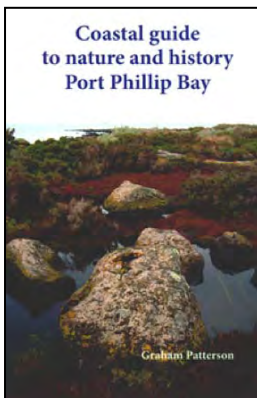
## Clair Saxby - Author



Clair is an Author of Books and Poetry for Children and recent publications include: Big Red Kangaroo and Meet the Anzacs.



## Graham Patterson - Author



Graham Patterson has published a Guide Book that takes you around the Coastline of Port Phillip Bay, from Point Lonsdale to Point Nepean.

Photographs include many of the plants and animals likely to be met and it covers some of the human history of each stretch of the Coast.

The Author walked the 260 km shoreline.

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# Pen Pictures

## Jack Nostrum - Author

“Jack’s Book of Poems” - the result of more than six years of work containing more than 200 poems.

Recollections from the Australian Bush



## Bill McPherson - Publisher - Around Altona



Bill has been for many years the Publisher of the popular Free monthly publication distributed through the local area and published on the Web.



Altona Primary School will celebrate its Centenary in 2015 culminating in a week long event between 19th and 24th October 2015.

The School planning Committee are seeking collections of memorabilia, photos and memories from those who attended the school at any time.

Contact can be made at - [altonaprimrycentenary@altonaps.vic.edu.au](mailto:altonaprimrycentenary@altonaps.vic.edu.au)

or by Telephone: Liz Brown 03 9398 2925

The photo below from the School Archives shows a Christmas Party outside the ABC Cafe Corner of the Esplanade and Pier Streets, the Cafe was being used as a School Class Room





### **Mystery!**

Representatives from Lantern Ghost Tours will be on site to explain to visitors their operations and investigations into the mysterious happenings in the area.

### **Spinning Wheel**

Member Frances Brennan will demonstrate the ancient art of silk spinning and weaving and will have some of her work for sale on Australia Day.



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**Members and Friends are invited to  
attend and enjoy the celebrations on  
the day**

**(There will be a Working bee on Sun-  
day 25th January starting 10 a.m.)**

Committee 2014 - 2015

**President:** Peter Weaver

**Vice President:** Carol Winfield

**Secretary:** Kerin Botha

**Treasurer:** Owen Hyde

*Committee Members*

Maureen Lane

Judith Kirkman

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