



NEWSLETTER

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Anzac 100 Year Anniversary Display



The Altona Laverton Historical Society has on display, photographs, memorabilia, and items in the Homestead Museum which acknowledge the 100 year Anniversary of the Anzac landing in Gallipoli in 1915. A number of the items on display have been lent for display by members of the Society, and this is appreciated as it has enabled the display to cover a wide range of items for viewing by visitors.

ANZAC Exhibition

It is intended that the ANZAC Exhibition will remain in place until Friday 10 July, so if you haven't caught up with display as yet you still have plenty of time left, including two Devonshire tea Sundays on 7 June and 5 July.

Those who very kindly loaned items for the display will be welcome to pick them up from Saturday 11 July. We hope this is acceptable but if it creates a problem, please contact Owen, Jim or Ann to make alternative arrangements.

General Information

Some of the items currently on display at the Homestead

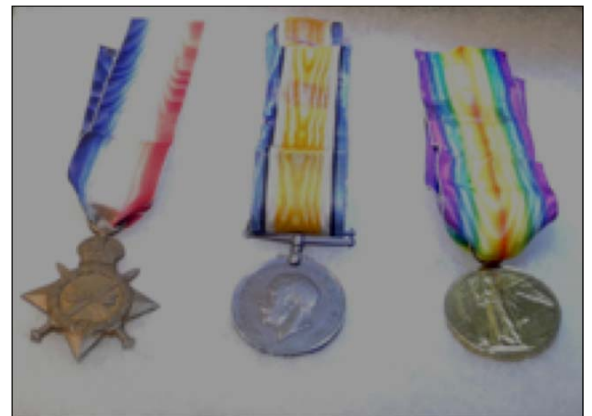


(Left) These medals were issued in 1967 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary at Gallipoli they were made available to surviving veterans or their next of kin. (Loaned by - J.Hevey) (grandfather was Sergeant James Hevey 2477, 58 Battalion AIF)

Medals

Pip, Squeak and Wilfred - Service Medals awarded to those who served in WW1. In the Altona Laverton Historical Society collection.

- . 1914-15 Star (Pip) Bronze medal for service in war
- . British War Medal 1918 (Squeak) Silver or Bronze medal awarded to members of British and Imperial Forces such as the Australian Imperial Force.
- . Allied Victory Medal (Wilfred) worn in the order below, from left to right. Medals awarded to - Corporal W.H Garvey, Service No.2522 the Queens Regiment



Memorial Plaques

For Privates ARG Anderson and Arthur Gibson (Dead Man's Penny)- (On loan from P.Shields)

A memorial plaque was delivered to the next of kin for all those who died in the Great War or died later from causes attributable to their service. The last deliveries were made early 1930.

Each plaque carried the individuals name and if they enlisted under an assumed name as many did, the plaque showed the enlisted name only.

The plaque was issued in four sided folders, also sent was a commemorative scroll, message from King George, letter from the Australian Imperial Force and a letter of condolence from the captain of the battalion.



General Information

Original Laverton School

During Heritage week in May 2015 the Altona Laverton Historical Society, staffed the open days for the Original Laverton School, constructed 1888, which was advertised as part of a Heritage Tour and open to visitors.

World War 1 connection- The Werribee Banner on the 15th August 2015 stated "Laverton has already claimed that for its male population, it has sent more recruits than any other town of its size and the spirit that reigns in those heroes, is shared by those they have left behind.



The on site Honor Board shows the names of those who attended the School and those of Laverton Residents, the names include members of the Hyde Family.

The War Record book is unfortunately missing at the present time and any information as to its possible location would be appreciated. Lt. Colonel J.E. Newland was awarded the Victoria Cross.



COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



The Altona Evening Branch of the Country Women's Association have been active at the Homestead providing Devonshire Tea on the First Sunday of the month, and also received publicity and thanks for providing knitted Red Poppies that were on display in Logan Reserve as part of the 1914-1918 Anzac commemoration proceedings.

Pictured in front of the display include the Mayor Cr. Gates, Cr. Wilson, Cr. Price, CWA President Kim Reilly, RSL President Tom Crooks, RSL Welfare Officer Marilyn Ryan, Cr. Sandra Wilson and Leigh & Merridee Hardinge, Sharon Walsh



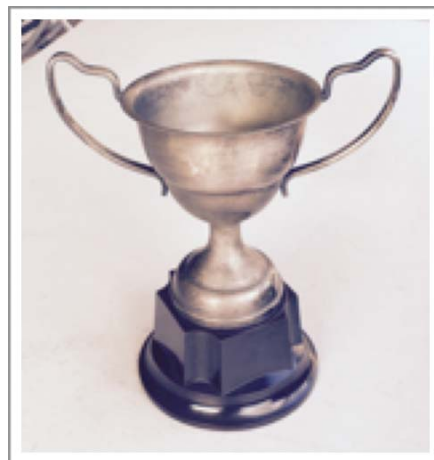
A number of the poppies were also displayed at the original Laverton School during the open days in May.

Adjacent is a display in the Homestead courtyard during a typical Devonshire Tea event.

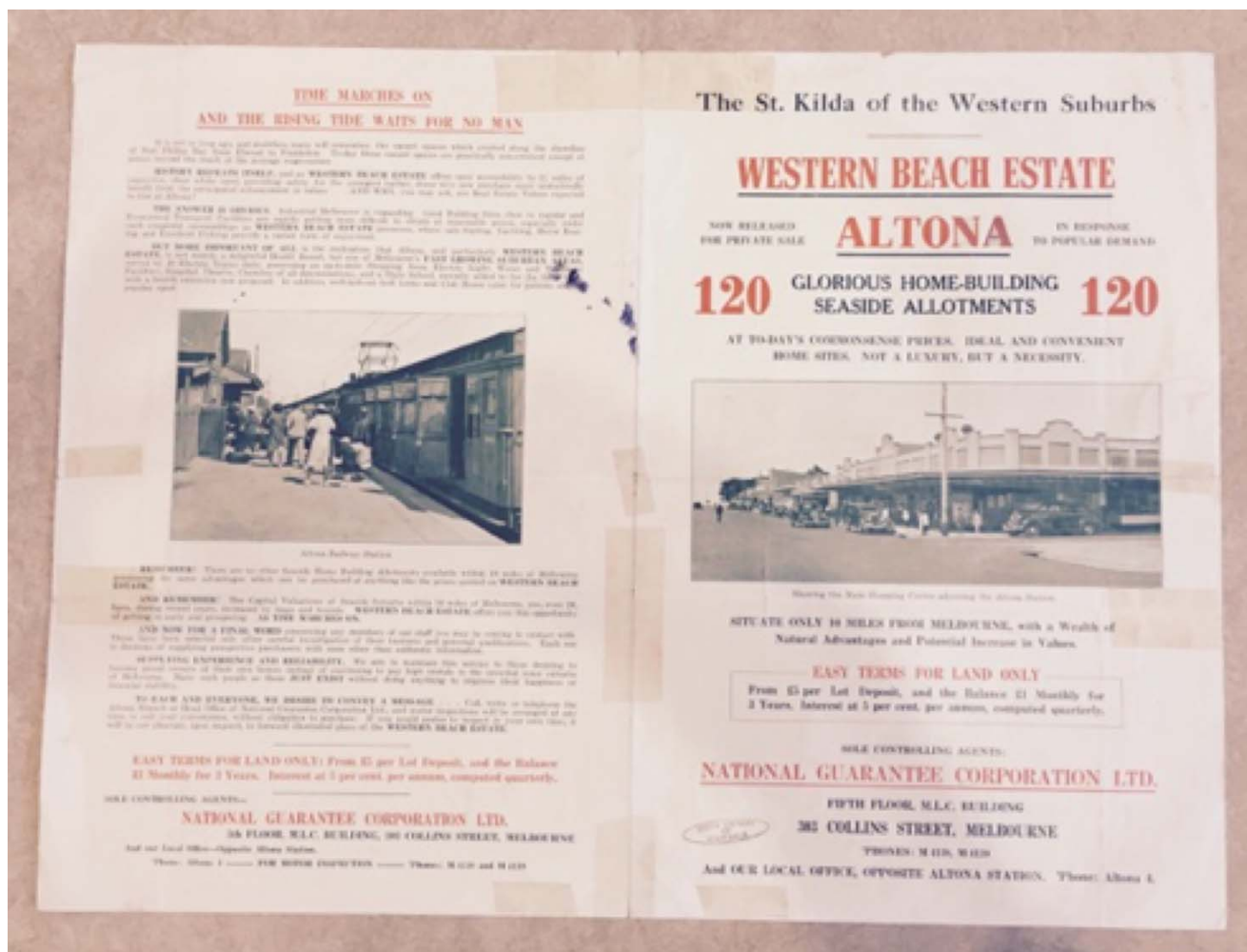




A recent addition to the Homestead Museum collection is a photo of the Altona Army camp circa 1915-1916 it depicts Citizen Military troops on parade with a YMCA Community Building in the background

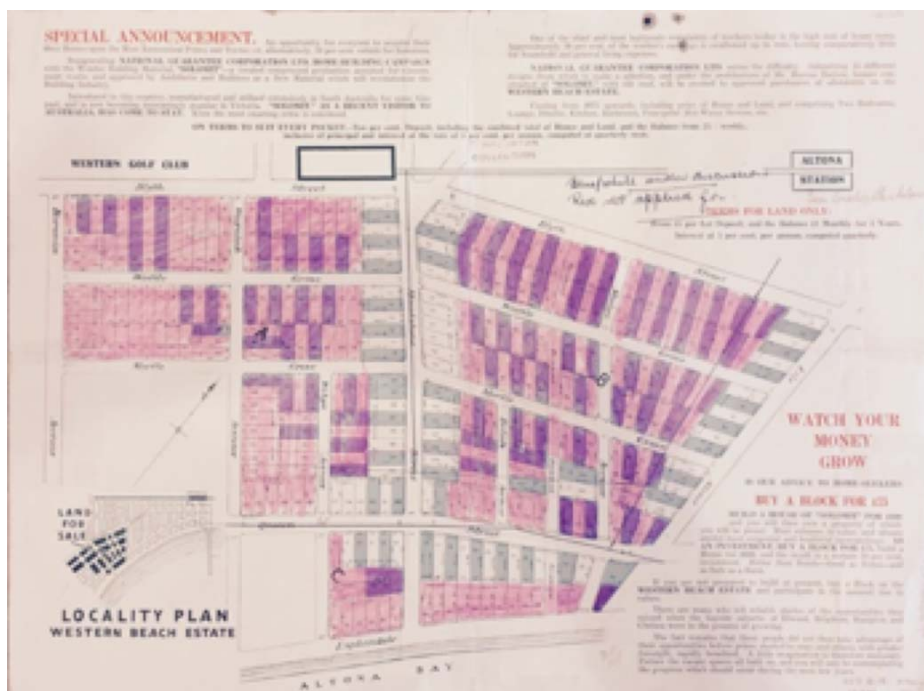


Another Donation to the Society
A Trophy from Alex Spears who has made other donations in regarding the Hockey Club
Inscription
Altona Hockey Club
Best & Fairest C3 Grade
A.Spears 1948



WESTERN BEACH ESTATE Land Sales Brochure

Recently discovered at the State Library Victoria (SLV) in their Maps section, it hasn't been so obvious due to not having been digitised, so please forgive these somewhat less than professional images. It does make interesting reading, particularly in reference to the renowned architect Marcus Barlow and the Solomit construction of homes in Altona, both not included in Altona -A Long View.



Notice to members and Friends

**The next General Meeting will be held at the Homestead on
Tuesday 9th June 2015 starting at 7 p.m when
the Guest Speaker will be**

John Shaw

**Former Chief Executive Officer
Altona City Council**



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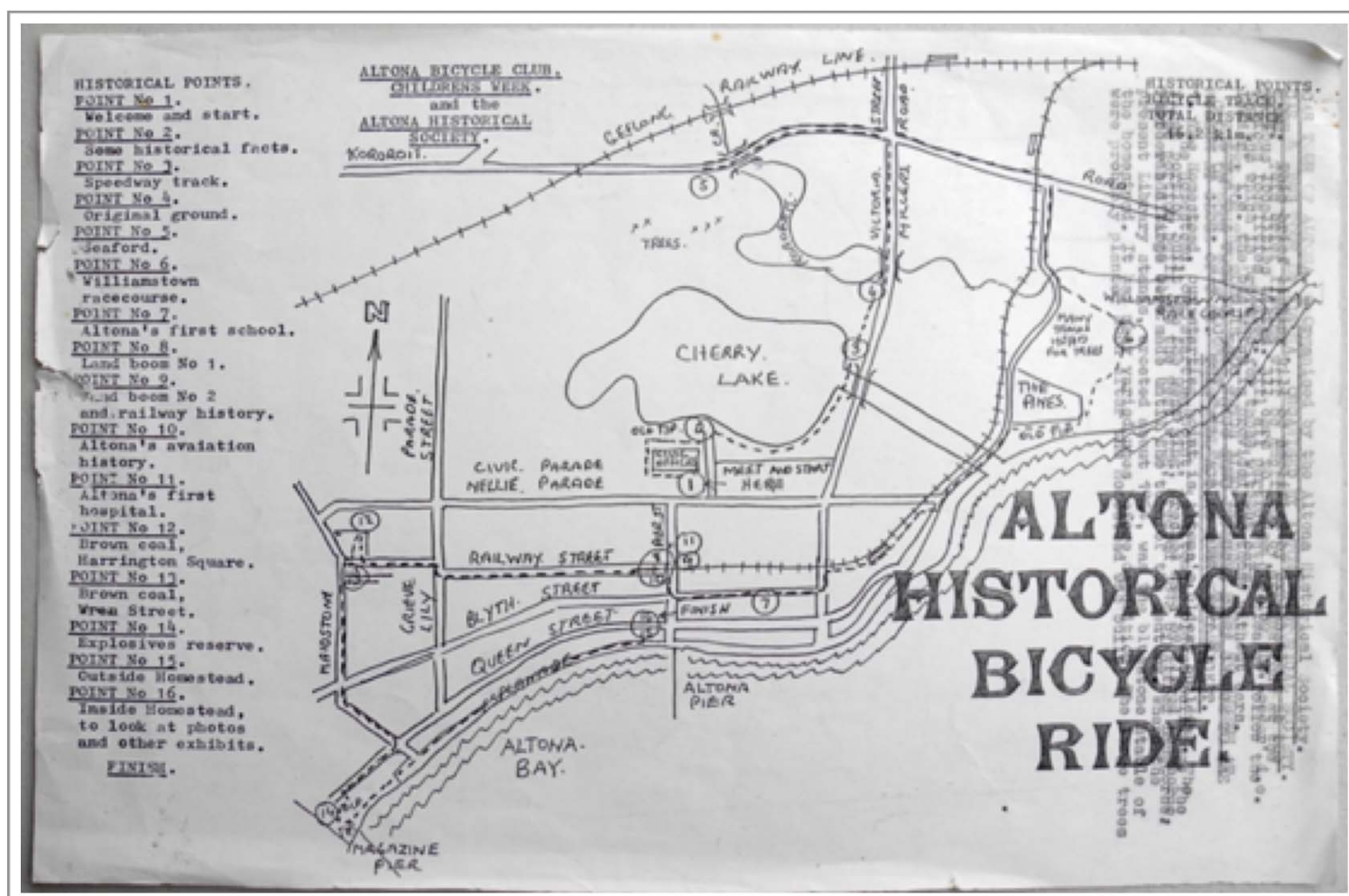
Judith Kirkman

BICYCLE TOUR OF ALTONA

We recently found in our archives a copy of a bicycle tour of historic locations in Altona (see image). The tour is undated but the information on it suggests it is a reasonable age.

It would be wonderful to have an updated version available to hand out to members of the public when the warmer weather comes around next season. Is there any one who would like to review the locations, update the information and bring all together in a fresh, new document?

If you would like to discuss further, please come along on a Saturday morning and catch up with Owen, Jim or Ann.





GOLF IN ALTONA



We recently received through the ALHS website a request for the location of a golf course in Altona in the 1930s. Our enquirer was looking into the life of her husband's ancestor Arthur Edward Robinson, thought to be a green keeper actually living on the course in 1932. While we weren't able to provide a lot of information on the ancestor, we did find some interesting facts on the past life of Koorringal Golf Club.

Golf in the location of the present Koorringal Golf Club has a recorded history that goes back to at least 1928. While the boundaries have moved slightly over the years with changes of ownership of the course itself as well as nearby land, on a whole the course has been in its present location since this time.

1928 - Western Beach Golf Club

In a narrative by EAG Roach "Golf in Altona 1928-1971," he states that the land for a twelve hole course was procured in approximately 1928 opposite the "old magazine," to be known as Western Beach Golf Club.

On 23 April 1932 the following advertisement was placed in the Melbourne Argus:

Golf Links for sale as a going concern. Easy terms. Good opportunity for suitable man and wife. Situated near Melbourne, well improved golf links (freehold) clubhouse and dwelling. To be sold as a going concern at a bargain price. Club exists in connection therewith. Good opportunity for suitable man with 500 to 1000 pounds. Particulars from Altona Beach Estates Ltd, 98 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

1932 - Western Golf Club

Apparently a purchaser was soon found then the club became known as the Western Golf Club, affiliated with the Victorian Golfing Association.

1938 - Altona Golf Links

By late 1938 the Western Golf Club had disbanded and the golf course became the Altona Golf Links open to the public, no longer restricted to members only.

WWI years - disbanded

Early in the war years the course was closed for a period.

1947 - Williamstown Golf Club

The new club called Williamstown Golf Club was formed in 1946; opening day for the reformed club on the old site was held 5 July 1947; the new club affiliated with Victorian Golfing Association.

1958 - Koorringal Golf Club

At approximately this time after the local community had separated from the Shire of Werribee to become a shire in its own right, the name was changed from Williamstown Golf Club to Koorringal Golf Club.

1971

It is reasonable to assume the undated narrative by EAG Roach was written in 1971 as per the heading, in which he states two of the original holes that were made in 1928 were still being played.

Book on the History of Koorringal Golf Club

If any one would like to follow on with the later history of golf in Altona, we have a copy of the book, Koorringal Golf Club - A History 1947 - 1987 by Ian Skipworth, available at the Altona Homestead Museum.



Altona Primary School

celebrates an historic
anniversary in 2015



Corner Blyth & Upton
Streets, Altona Vic
(north west corner)



Congratulations to the Altona Baptist Church

They will celebrate their 100 Year Anniversary during May 2015

A "Walk of History" through the Church with photos and memorabilia
will be an event on Saturday 30th May 2015

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