



## Maldon Heritage at the Crossroads

**The 30th Maldon Focus Quarterly Conversation will be a panel discussion to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maldon being listed as the first Notable Town by the National Trust in 1966. The Conversation has been included in the official program of the National Trust's Heritage Festival, *Discovery and Rediscoveries*, and will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00 pm in the Maldon Community Centre.**

*Maldon Heritage at the Crossroads* will be chaired by Sharon Telford, Mt Alexander Shire Council Deputy Mayor and Councillor for the Tarrengower Ward. The panel members are:

- Professor Miles Lewis AM FAHA, Emeritus Professor in the Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning at the University of Melbourne. Prof. Lewis is an architectural historian specialising in the history of building technology, vernacular architecture and prefabrication, and became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to architectural history, heritage protection and urban planning, particularly through policy development and professional organisations.
- Ms Chris Johnston, heritage consultant, specialising in investigating the special meanings and associations that exist between communities and their places. Chris has a national profile for her work in developing methodologies in this area, and is also a local to Maldon, having lived in Green Gully near Newstead for more than 10 years.
- Ms Anna Foley, Manager, Advocacy and Conservation (Acting), National Trust of Australia (Victoria), currently responsible for the National Trust's campaigns for built cultural and natural heritage statewide. Anna has experience in statutory and strategic planning, ecology, heritage and community liaison, and is passionate about landscapes, both natural and cultural.

Following short presentations by the three panel members, the audience will join in a stimulating discussion of issues related to Maldon's heritage, for example: what have been the cultural, educational and economic benefits to Maldon and the wider community of Maldon becoming a 'Notable Town'; what, if anything, has the introduction of heritage legislation and changes in community thinking provided a foundation for; if 'heritage' is losing favour and becoming less important, should it be revitalised in some way; and what ideas can be suggested to have '' rediscovered and embraced by a new generation.

**Come and join in the discussion at 2:00pm in the Maldon Community Centre, Francis St. on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, \$5 donation (includes afternoon tea). No bookings required.**

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