



The Calder Family in Maldon and Queenscliff

The 34th Maldon Focus Quarterly Conversation will be presented by a panel of speakers who will talk about the Calder family in Maldon, the Calder residence, *Roseneath*, and the co-founding of the 'Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff' charity by Elizabeth Calder. The Conversation will be held on Thursday 31st August at 7:30 pm in the Maldon Community Centre.

Peter Cuffley, a social historian and Maldon resident, will explore the Calder family, a notable early Maldon family in the late 1800's, and their life and activities in Maldon. Thomas Calder was a great figure in the town. His business life started as a partner in a building and undertaker's business, followed by expansion into ironmongery.



Milly Lang and Jon Roberts are the current owners of *Roseneath*, the residence of Thomas Calder. Hear about the history of *Roseneath* and Milly and Jon's passion for old houses and their desire to restore *Roseneath* as a residential home, after its use as a restaurant and B&B for many years.

Elizabeth Calder, Thomas's younger sister, was the co-founder, along with Annie Hitchcock from Geelong, of one of Victoria's oldest charities at Queenscliff, *Cottage by the Sea* (formerly known as The Ministering Children's League Inc.) in 1890. The charity has been running camps for disadvantaged children for 127 years. Anne Catchpole, Community Relations Melbourne for the charity, will talk about how Elizabeth Calder played such an important role, along with some of the fascinating history of the organisation and what they offer today.



At 7:30pm in the Maldon Community Centre, Francis St. on Thursday 31st August, \$5 donation (includes light supper). No bookings required. Enquiries 0407 770 350, www.maldonfocus.org.au

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