

Claremont Museum

from 1973



Sally Anne Hasluck
Courtesy Sally Anne Hasluck

Welcome to the museum.
I'm Sally Anne Hasluck, the first curator.

Believe me when I say the beginnings were modest. In 1973 the Town of Claremont secured this building, assisted by Councillor Maureen Strauss. Then work began.

The museum opened in April 1975 with a display of historic photographs. The back rooms were used for craft classes.

We researched Claremont's history and collected and cared for local objects. Education programmes with hands-on activities brought history alive and we were renowned for our fun open days.

I led a very active group – mostly volunteers - for twenty years, with support from the Friends of Claremont Museum.

In this room you can see some early museum displays– the diorama of scenes from the past and the recreated shops from the town centre. What are some new ways the museum is telling Claremont stories?

As well as this building, you can visit our historic boat building shed and the signal cabin at Claremont Railway Station. Ask to find out more!



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1. At the opening in April 1975.
2. Museum staff and volunteers Helen Bean, Clare-Frances Craig, Sally Anne Hasluck, Peggy Buckingham and Win Lucas after Claremont Museum won the Museum of the Year award in 1987. Courtesy Community News Chronicle
3. Swanbourne Primary School Year 6/7 students at Claremont Museum, 2009. Courtesy Swanbourne Primary School.
4. Chris French in the Claremont Signal Cabin. Courtesy Chris French
5. Boat building shed at Claremont Museum, 2004. Photographer Pascal Veyradier/YMO

The Square Man is a well-remembered advertising character from Bay View Terrace. It was discovered tied to a tree in a resident's back yard and donated to the museum. Courtesy E Furniss

