



## **“Amongst Local Maunga”**

### **A favourite heritage route in Devonport**

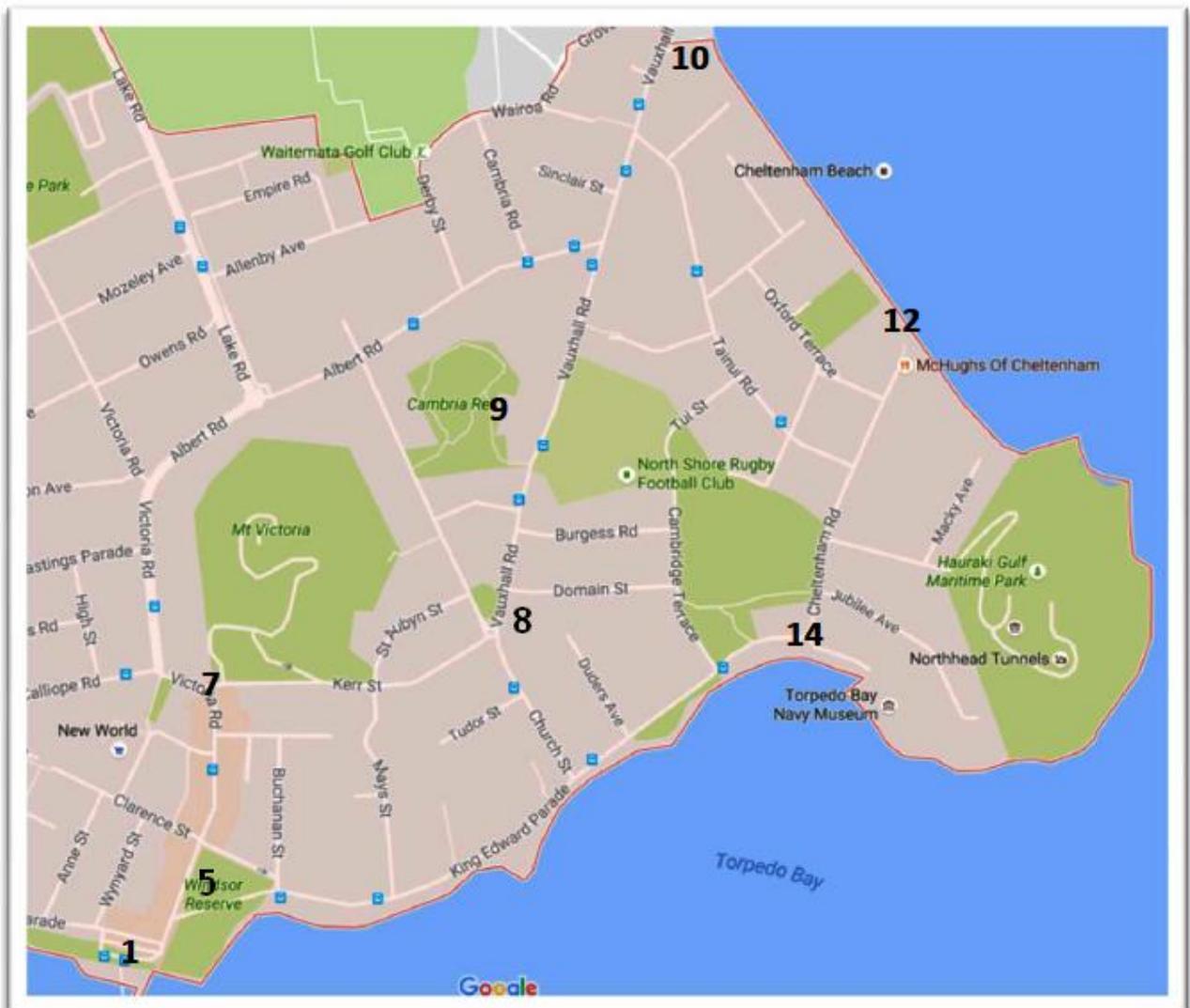
*(Walk approximately 2 hours plus stops)*

#### **DEVONPORT HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM SOCIETY**

1. **Begin** at the Ferry Buildings in Marine Square. Cross to the wonderful old **Esplanade Hotel** (1903).
2. **3 Victoria Road** is the former **Council Building** (1908). Upstairs is a Museum display about Devonport people in the First World War (not open in the weekend).
3. **The Arcade** at No.13 has display boards of heritage highlights, a coal range, and an old bakery building with remains of the brick ovens.
4. Cross to the **War Memorial** by sculptor Frank Lynch, one of two in the country showing a less formal figure. A focal point for remembrance, especially at ANZAC Day.
5. Continuing uphill, visit the **Library** display of terracotta tiles of ferries by Barry Brickell, a local who moved to Coromandel, and who died in 2016, aged 80.
6. Pass the wonderful giant **Moreton Bay fig tree** as you move up **Victoria Road**. As you continue walking up the hill towards Mount Victoria you can look back across the road for the best view of the heritage **commercial buildings** which make this a significant streetscape. Continue past Rattray St to the **Victoria Theatre** (1912) the oldest purpose built movie theatre in the Southern hemisphere. Well restored, operational, and worth a visit.
7. Turn right into **Kerr Street**, passing the access road up **Takarunga, Mt Victoria**. (On the mountain are the Michael King Writers Centre, Devonport Folk Club bunker, WW2 buildings and transit camp site, a disappearing gun, a school, and wonderful viewpoints.)
8. Continue along Kerr Street, and down to **Church Street**. Cross to **Holy Trinity Anglican Church** (1881) and enter to admire the superb kauri interior. Cross back to the mountain side of **Church Street**, and walk uphill past the Five Loaves café, passing numerous houses dating back as far as the 1870's. Continue past Cracroft Street and the old **Devonport Steam Power Station** (1915) until you reach Mount Cambria Park on your right.
9. Follow the path through the park around to the right past the Community Gardens, then left downhill to the **Devonport Museum**. Open weekends 2pm to 4pm (12noon to 4pm in summer), and Tuesday to Thursday 10am to 12noon. An early Presbyterian church, moved from Cracroft Street 30 years ago. It sits in the old quarry where our third maunga, **Takararo/Mt Cambria** once stood. Extensive research materials are held in the Museum. Look for models and collections.
10. Leaving the Museum driveway on **Vauxhall Road**, cross the road to read the sign on the gate of the small pink **Rose Cottage**. Then head uphill past the rugby field, which was once a swamp behind the sand dunes of Cheltenham. This is the home of one of the earliest New Zealand rugby clubs. You are following an old shoreline. Two large Victorian houses can be seen on the left, crowded by more recent buildings, as you walk over the hill to Vauxhall Shops. Go past the shops at Tainui Road to **Bath Street** on your right and down to Cheltenham Beach.
11. A great view to **Rangitoto**, our youngest volcanic cone, and to **Motukorea/Browns Island**, another volcano. Follow the walkway by the beach and turn right into **Arawa Street**, then left into **Tainui Road**.

12. Passing late Victorian villas, continue to **Cheltenham Road** and turn left to Cheltenham Beach, near McHugh's restaurant. In 1842 one of the first organised immigrant sailing ships into Auckland, the *Duchess of Argyle*, stranded on the sand flats until the tide came in. Turning right, follow the path along the beach to the shower and up the slope to **Macky Ave**. You will have a good view of **Maungauika/North Head**, the third in our local trio of mountains.
13. Follow **Macky Ave** to **Takarunga Road** (passing access to North Head) and turn right, downhill to **Cheltenham Road**. Looking across **Devonport Domain**, another former swamp, are very early lawn bowling and cricket clubs.
14. Turn left into **Cheltenham Road**, past Jubilee Ave, to **King Edward Parade** and **Torpedo Bay**. On the left is the **Navy Museum**, the site of naval stores and workshops since early settlement. Watch for plaques giving heritage information such as the one on the **Captain's House** by the museum entrance gates. You can walk out on the wharf. The bay was the site of extensive boat building until around the 1920s. French explorer Dumont D'urville visited on the *Astrolabe* in 1827.
15. Turn right and continue along **King Edward Parade** towards where you started from. Watch for plaques, the memorial of the Tainui canoe of the great Maori migration about 1350, the old Duder Store complex at the corner of Church Street, the former **Masonic Hotel** (1866) under renovation, and the Devonport Yacht Club. On the shoreline you will pass black lava flows from Mt Victoria, and numerous heritage buildings, including **Elizabeth House** (1911) formerly accommodation for Navy Wrens, and the "Arts and Craft" style **Rockcliff** house next door.

*Take a well earned break in one of many excellent cafes!*



For more information about the Devonport Museum,  
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