

DEVONPORT HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2013



Oliver Family China from the 1800's
donated to the Museum.

The AGM on the 5th May was attended by a good group of members who braved the weather. We had a very informative presentation from Margot McRae, of the story of the Victoria Theatre, through its long journey to a present day lively venue and asset for the community. We thanked Phillip Luffman for his time on the Committee and for his continuing support. The rest of the Committee were re-elected. We welcome new members, Dave Veart, and Tim McBride, who will bring additional skills and enthusiasms to our team.

We have had some wonderful contributions to the Museum collection recently. The dinner set is in storage waiting for an appropriate display opportunity along with its story. We have also had some interesting boat models and brass machinery given to us from the Jackson Museum collection. These are all part of our local stories. Remember the Museum when you are sorting through papers, pictures, and items of local interest!

Visitors to the Museum continue to show a lot of enthusiasm. A group from the adult ESOL class at the Rose Centre enjoyed the displays and the heritage games. School and family groups find much to engage with. Remember to bring visitors and new residents, and tell your local stories.

We are working with Rotary, the Local Board, Devonport Heritage, and the Business Association, on a new booklet of Devonport Walks. The idea of training Museum team members and others to guide specific walks is under discussion for later in the year. We know how much local knowledge of the tucked away corners of Devonport makes a difference to visits.

Thank you for your support.

Alastair Fletcher President

Museum Committee

Alastair Fletcher (President/collection) Helen Cornelius (Secretary)
Tom Smith (Treasurer) Rod Cornelius (research/collection) Keith Eaglesome (maintenance/acting Chair) Boyd Miller(technology/genealogy/contracts) Coralie Luffman (rosters/ hospitality) Bill Rayner (collection/finances) Jennifer Barton (events) Allister Campbell (events/property) Dave Veart and Tim McBride

Subscriptions are due, send to Tom Smith, 13 Allenby Ave Devonport. Thanks.

Celia Walker continues as our valued contract researcher and curator.

Remember that you can lend photos and papers to us to copy and return.

See you at the Museum soon!