



The
Devonport Historical & Museum Society
Cambria Park, 33a Vauxhall Road, Devonport. P.O. Box 32 044, Devonport 0744, Auckland.

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Belated Happy New Year to all members and supporters!

Our end-of-year barbecue in December was a wonderful success as usual, with a great turnout from our Local Board and members and fine weather.



Dave Veart, Helen Cornelius, visitor and Bill Rayner enjoying Christmas cheer at our end-of-year barbecue.

The museum has had extended weekend opening hours over the summer months (12 noon – 4pm) which has been reasonably successful. We will revert to normal hours (2 -4 pm weekends and 10 – 12 noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) at the end of February.

Anna Clarke our researcher is available at the museum for enquiries on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

You will have noticed the new path leading to the back door which was completed by volunteers in January and makes such a difference to access.



Alastair, Davis Spitz and Phil Luffman laying the new path.

Also the large pohutukawa trees at the rear of the building have been removed by the Council.

We welcome new volunteers Zoe Carmichael, Stephen Moorhouse, Mary-Anne Smith and Tania Simpson, all of whom have expertise and knowledge of museums and Devonport.

We are working through lease and funding processes with the Council and will have further news of outcomes at the AGM.

The community Treasure Hunt, organised by the Community Co-ordinator Maria Teape, will be held on Sunday 2 March and ends at the museum with a sausage sizzle. The museum works closely with Maria and the Council on this event.

The Council also supports the planting in our gardens by donating plants. Gail Carran is working with them to choose appropriate plants.

Accessions: We have received this great photo showing Alf. M. Naughton's Motor Mechanic's garage situated in Clarence Street.



In front of the garage are 4 cars with a group of 10 or so men in and around the cars. Alfred Naughton is sitting in the first car seen from the left.

Thank you to Alf's daughter Joan

Brady who still lives in Devonport and is in her 90's.

If you have an email address and are still receiving a paper copy of this newsletter, please let us know so we can save a tree (and funds!) and add you to our email list. Also you will see the newsletter in colour and receive last-minute updates. Please email us on

info@devonportmuseum.org.nz

Mark your diaries for the **AGM on Sunday 18 May at 3pm.** We are very lucky to have Dave Veart as guest speaker on “The Joy of Toys”. Subs will be payable then: Family \$20, Single \$15, Superannuitant \$10.

Hope to see you all at the AGM!

From your committee.