



The Devonport Historical & Museum Society^{Inc.}

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Hello members

It's nearly the end of the year – time for our annual Christmas barbecue on

Sunday 7 December at 4pm.

This is the time to thank all our volunteers and supporters who keep our local museum open and running and in good order! Mark your diary and come along and enjoy a sausage and a glass of wine in the garden at the museum. If it's wet we will be inside of course!

Visits: We have had most worthwhile visits from children from both Vauxhall and Devonport Primary schools.

Acquisitions: Christina Buysman recently donated a framed sepia panoramic photograph of Auckland Harbour- City View, taken from a hot air balloon in 1903 by Melvin Vaniman. Vaniman was an American photographer, adventurer and businessman who specialised in panoramic images taken from heights. He spent over a year photographing Australia and New Zealand on behalf of the Oceanic Steamship Company, creating promotional images for the company. The photo is displayed as

you walk into the museum past the donations box on the fold out screen.

Also, a large volcanic bomb has been donated and now sits in the garden.

Displays: The special display of photos, news reports, and recordings from the WWI era in our community continues in the gallery at the rear of the museum.

A new display on North Head has just been completed on the mezzanine floor.

We are developing a Tools and Trades display, and would welcome any photos of Devonport tradespeople to add to it.

Devonport Community Garden Mt Cambria welcomes museum supporters to the opening of their exhibition "Art and 2 Veg" on Sunday 9 November at 4 pm. Pop in for a wine and enjoy the music of Devonport's Community Choir. The garden is also open 2-4 pm the following week as part of the Devonport Art Festival.

The museum garden: If you have visited recently you will have enjoyed the bright display at the front door. Thanks to Gail Carran for all her work. Gail and helpers have also planted hundreds of renga rengas up the driveway.

Seasons Greetings to you all and hope to see you on **Sunday 7 December!**