



DEVONPORT MUSEUM NEWSLETTER April 2015

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Hello everyone

This is the first newsletter for 2015 and yes, it's AGM time next month!

AGM Sunday 3 May at 3pm in the museum. We are pleased to have Peter Hendriksen to speak after the business part of the meeting. Peter was Parks Engineer with the Takapuna City Council, and then with North Shore City after the 1989 amalgamation. He will focus on his Devonport work, especially the seawall and groyne at Devonport Beach.

ACQUISITIONS The museum has been very fortunate to have received several interesting donations in the past few months. They include the wedding dress worn by Mabel Florence "Floss" Duder at her marriage to George Panton Finlay (later Hon. Sir George) at Holy Trinity Church on 30th March 1912, with all the

documentation and original photos. We have also received an arithmometer (come and see it – it's like a very early computer!), an ornate Victorian toilet, a canvas invalid's chair, some vintage tools, and the research and records of the late John Earnshaw pertaining to North Head and the mystery of the hidden planes. This material will be available for research after it has been catalogued by Gail Griffin.

We always welcome contributions of items which help to tell Devonport Stories. Work on **displays** and planning continues. Thanks to John Sala for the skill and effort he is putting into display cabinets for our tool collection. We are working on the preservation of a large wheel and on future displays of Edwardian and Victorian Devonport.



Our display of the “Devonport left behind” by local men who went to the First World War and of those who did not return will be in our gallery until May. We will then move it to our small gallery upstairs in the Old Council Chambers, at 3 Victoria St.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions have remained the same for 20 years They are due at the AGM –Superannuitant \$10, Single \$15, Family \$20. (You can mail it to the Membership Secretary, Devonport Museum, PO Box 32 044, Devonport 0744). Thanks

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are always welcome at the Museum. They are our strength. If you can spare two hours every couple of months to open the museum to visitors in the weekends, please phone Coralie Luffman (445 1900). You may have an interest or skills in helping to conserve and restore some of the collection. Call to Anna Clarke, our researcher, or email her at info@devonportmuseum.org.nz . Gail Carran leads the planting and gardening – you can contact her at gailcarran@yahoo.co.nz. Volunteer cleaners and polishers are always welcome!

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Regards

Your Museum Team



Calculate on the arithmometer!



Victorian toilet from the Brian Jackson collection



Invalid chair from May St