



The Devonport Historical & Museum Society

Cambria Park, 33a Vauxhall Road, Devonport. P.O. Box 32 044, Devonport^{Inc.}

November 2015

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



Sunday 6th 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!

HERITAGE WEEK The museum opened longer hours for the weeks and had many visitors which was most rewarding.

ACQUISITIONS

- The new owners of 90 Victoria Rd have donated limestone slabs which will be used for seating on the paved area.

- Denys and Margaret Oldham have donated many pieces of ornate kauri off old villas as well as documents about Ngataranga Bay, Independent Devonport, local body elections.
- Other donations: Stanley Bay School Jubilee minutes and correspondence, negatives of Sea Scout activities, a razor hone, tools, a marriage certificate book and toby bowls.

3 VICTORIA ROAD After a revamp, our display of “The Men of the Devonport War Memorial and what they left behind: Local Images of World War One” is now open in our small gallery upstairs in the Old Council Chambers, at 3 Victoria Rd. Read the story behind the ‘untidy soldier’ sculpture. Learn about the men listed on the memorial. View Penny Clarke’s soldier’s homes sketches. Follow the pictorial timeline of Devonport in the World War One years.



Museum interior

VOLUNTEERS We always need more volunteers to keep the **museum open in the weekend** so if you or a friend are interested, please tell Coralie 445 1900.

RESEARCH Anna has been busy with enquiries ranging from queries about house histories, family trees, and the story of night carts in Devonport. Gail Griffin is continuing her work on a Timeline for Devonport, and Gail Lyons on the Mt Victoria Public Cemetery. Please keep an eye out for items relating to Devonport's history to add to our collection.

HERITAGE WALK In August the first stage of a Museum heritage walk was established around Mt Victoria. Based on some houses we have good information about, and with the support of each owner, metal plaques were designed for each property. The original concept and research came from committee member, Tim McBride. Further research and design

gave us the six initial plates. Five of these are in place and the sixth will be soon. The walk begins at our Museum, where a map is available, and proceeds around the mountain, along the waterfront, ending at the Navy Museum and includes:

26 Vauxhall Rd, 2 Cambria Rd, 90 Victoria Rd, 118 Calliope Rd, 6a King Edward Parade, and 62 King Edward Parade. Look for the plates!

We have strong enthusiasm and support to extend the plaques and walks next year. The interest has been enhanced by the article and picture of Tim in the Flagstaff!

Enjoy the walk...or bike ride...soon!



Plaque for 6a King Edward Parade

Please let us know if you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email (if you aren't already!)

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Enjoy the summer and please bring your visitors to the museum!

Hope to see you on Sunday 6 December.

