



The Devonport Historical & Museum Society

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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Greetings to you all!

AGM: Our annual general meeting is next month:

Sunday 7 May 3 pm at the museum

We are very pleased to have Jim Young ONZM as our speaker this year. He has long connections with local boat-building. All welcome. Afternoon tea will be served.

You can pay your annual subscription then:

Gold card holder \$10

Single \$15

Family \$20

Or mail it to the Treasurer PO Box 32 044 Devonport 0744 or pay online.

Details on the museum web site:

<http://www.devonportmuseum.org.nz/devonportmuseum2/home/membership/>

HOUSE PLAQUES

We have been thrilled with the response to our initiative of making plaques for houses of historical interest around Devonport. The museum will research your house/building and organise a plaque for your front gate or fence subject to photos being available. So far there are 12 completed and more in the pipeline. We also have the excellent Rotary walks brochures available at the museum.

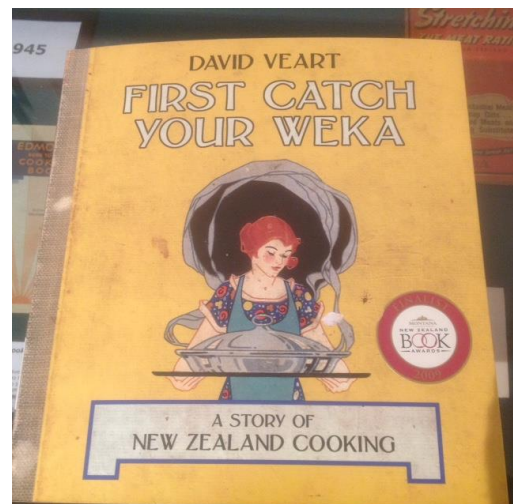
DISPLAYS

We are able to keep our big display on the ferry wharf during renovations and we are looking for involvement in the new i-site project at 3 Victoria Rd.

The 1900 villa exhibit is continuing to be developed, with kitchen utensils and more descriptions. This is an opportunity to display items from our storage. The next step is to get the lights in the villa model repaired.

Peter Weeks has completed a year's work on a wonderful new Victoria Road streetscape which you will be able to view at the AGM.

Dave Veart's cookery books display in the gallery is continuing to entertain visitors.



SIGNAGE

You will have noticed our two new signs at the Vauxhall Road entrance and at the top of the driveway provided by Auckland Council. Also our new flag which will fly at Vauxhall Road when the museum is open.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Gail Carran has given a talk on the development of the history of the museum site development to the Devonport Garden Club.

Thanks to skilled improvements made by Boyd Miller, our drainage system has worked well during the recent downpours.

Thanks also to Paul Starck for great work cleaning metal and wooden exhibits in the collection every Tuesday.

And another Paul who was visiting from the UK has been a welcoming meeter and greeter and hopes to return and help again next summer.

Bruce Schaw continues working on the Villa display; he has made shelving for the Villa kitchen items, made the rimu games table, and is working on the kauri stand for small outboards in the tool section.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Thanks to the Grant family for a cannon ball, a Victorian toilet and a Victorian domestic charcoal water filter.

Thank you also to the estate of Gifford Jackson for gifting professional quality copiers and an A3 scanner.

If you know of older residents downsizing or shifting....we welcome items with Devonport provenance which help to tell the local stories. We can scan photos and documents and return them.

FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY

We have continued with verifying and supplementing the information given to the Museum by some of Devonport's families. We welcome any new collections of family history.

When we put the genealogy of the separate families together we see the overlaps and interconnections. Of the over 24,000 separate names in the database, we find that some 20,000 of these are in some way connected to each other, mostly through direct family lines or marriages. A tight knit community! Descendant charts of some of the original families are displayed on boards in the Museum.

New work has started on a collection of Devonport marriage certificates. We are extracting names, dates, birth places, parents and occupations from these historic documents. No doubt new connections will come to light.

Our genealogy records are held in a series of family folders and on a Legacy Family Tree database. For privacy reasons we have no intention of putting this information on the internet, but records can be viewed, and some can be copied. Contact the Museum and arrange to meet our genealogist, Boyd Miller.

*If you no longer wish to receive these newsletters, please reply to us with **UNSUBSCRIBE** in the heading, or ring the Museum 445 2661. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 7 May!.*



STOP PRESS!

We have just been contacted by the Heritage Rescue tv programme who are considering how they can feature our museum! More news later...

MEMBERSHIP 2017 - 2018

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Membership Secretary, DH&M Soc Inc, PO Box 32044, Devonport, Auckland 0744

Make cheque payable to Devonport Historical & Museum Soc. Inc. (DH&MSocInc) – or you can

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Then please email your contact details to info@devonportmuseum.org.nz. Thank you.

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