

# Devonport Museum & Historical Society

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Devonport Museum,  
Cambria Reserve, Vauxhall Rd

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Please join us for:

**the grand opening**  
of the  
Devonport Museum's  
newest display

**The  
Devonport Area Office  
Display  
(upstairs)**

Monday the 18th June  
5.30 pm

drinks and nibbles  
will be provided

Come and help us to celebrate  
and view this fabulous new display in  
the heart of Devonport

## AGM

The AGM was held on 29th April 2001 with 30 members coming along.

We took this opportunity to give people a sneak preview of some of the video footage which will be used in an upcoming Ngataranga Bay display to be housed in the Museum.

A number of non-members came along to see the footage which we played before the official proceedings of the meeting.

Tom Smith stood down from his position of Vice President in order to encourage some new faces to step up. We are thankfully not losing Tom as he is still active in his role as Treasurer.

Elected officers are:

Rod Cornelius—President  
Peter Weeks—Vice President  
Helen Cornelius - Secretary  
Tom/Felicity Smith - Treasurer

Committee:  
Chas Burgess  
Clemency Claridge  
Sandra Edwards  
Bill Rayner  
Richard Reid  
Joyce Short  
Susan Yoffe  
Warren Wilcox

Berkeley Cinema  
Tickets

**GREAT DEAL!!!**

Buy a Bonus Pass for  
\$35 and get

Admission to 6  
movies  
plus snacks

For every pass we  
sell, the Museum  
receives \$4

Support the Museum,  
save money and see  
great Movies!

Contact Helen  
Cornelius for details  
Ph: 445 2776

New acquisition:

Auckland Harbour Board  
Flagstaff Signals, Mt Victoria

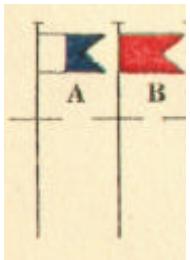
Background (from reverse of chart): Mt Victoria was the site of the signal tower that would display flags whenever there was a ship sighted in the Hauraki Gulf. The signal tower was established by colonial settlers on February 2, 1842, with the mountain and surrounding area becoming known as Flagstaff. It could take up to three days from first sighting until a ship actually docked. If the signal flags indicated it was a ship from England there would be plenty of excitement on the docks as the settlers waited for mail and news from home.



As Auckland developed, houses with a view of the flagstaff were sought after by home buyers.

By 1849 a complete set of signals was printed on a coloured card, which people kept in their houses so that they could read the flags and know what type of ship was on its way into port and where it was from.

Many thanks to Roger Giles for this donation.

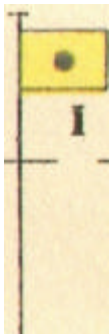


Blue and red pennant over:

A (left hand side white, right hand side blue)

British Warship

B (red) Foreign Warship



I (yellow with black spot)  
Vessel from Africa



Sailing ship outside Tiri

Crossword solution from the April newsletter:

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If you are interested in volunteering at the Devonport Museum  
contact Rod Cornelius, President of the  
Devonport Historical & Museum Society (ph: 445 2776)

The Museum is open weekends 2 — 4 pm.  
For more information, please contact us at the  
postal address below or by telephoning the President (Rod Cornelius) — ph: 445 2776