



The Devonport Historical & Museum Society

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Greetings everyone!

AGM: It's nearly time for our annual general meeting so please note in your diary:

Sunday 1 May 3 pm at the museum

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/dmuseum2/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. So far there are 6 completed and more in the pipeline. We have a heritage trail to walk around these houses (available at the front desk), and are currently researching significant community buildings to add signs to enhance these walks. We also have the excellent Rotary walks brochures available at the museum.

TREASURE HUNT: The annual treasure hunt was a great success with over 200 people involved. Organised by the Devonport Peninsula Trust and AT, it ended at the Community Garden then the museum for a barbecue, heritage games and the librarian reading under the trees. Events such as this are a wonderful way of introducing locals and visitors to our special corner of the community.



WWI boards and view from North Head at our display at 3 Victoria Rd

VOLUNTEERS: We have had several of our roster volunteers leave so we need more people to open the museum during the weekend. This is not an onerous task and your turn would come up only every 2 months or so. Just 2 hours on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Please ring Coralie Luffman for more details 445 1900.

ORAL HISTORY: We are also looking for someone to look after our Oral History project. If you have an interest in interviewing people please ring Alastair 445 7092. Training and equipment is available.

DISPLAYS : The traction engine wheel is now in place in the foyer. We are planning a Victorian room display to support our wonderful villa model, and to make use of items we have in storage. This will be followed by a display with highlights of our district since WWI

including recycling, anti-nuclear and independence matters.

We have recently been given some interesting collections as locals downsize including an excellent colour print of the first women to vote in NZ, in Devonport. This is now framed and hung near the transport display.

We are actively working to restore and reframe some heritage photos and other works on paper. Also in the pipeline is a storage facility for framed items.

We are also liaising with the Kestrel ferry group to obtain items related to this important part of local history.

ACQUISITIONS: We continue to receive interesting items to add to the collection including early wallpaper from a house renovation, and photos from the 1960's navy apprentices and hockey club.



Butter churn and butter pats

Look forward to seeing you all on May Day!