

Devonport Historical & Museum Society



NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

NORTH SHORE HERITAGE WEEK

Heritage Week was a great success beginning with the opening of the “Devonport Through Artists’ Eyes” exhibition held at the Depot on Saturday 4 September.

Bill Rayner curated the display in conjunction with Robyn Gibson from the Depot.

Bill welcomed the guests and entertained with stories of his family farm which was where New World now stands.

Don Binney then gave an interesting talk on his family and emphasized the importance of heritage in our communities. It was most

generous of him to allow the use of his poster of Ngataringa Bay to advertise the show.

Wine and food was enjoyed by all and people thoroughly enjoyed browsing the art work throughout the week.



HERITAGE OPEN DAY



A very successful day was held at the Museum on Sunday 12 September as part of North Shore Heritage Week celebrations. The weather just held out for the children making boats and sailing them in the pool. Allister Campbell also organised a children’s quiz. The children received a stamp of a sea horse for their efforts in completing the quiz.

Also popular with the younger ones were coin rubbings and colouring-in pictures drawn by Warren Wilcox.

Rod Cornelius showed historic films of Devonport, the Navy, North Head, and the Queen’s visit in 1953 which were very popular.

Again thanks to all members who provided the home baked cakes and sandwiches for morning and afternoon teas.



SPINNING: Thanks to the ladies who demonstrated the spinning. People had a chance to try out one of spinning wheels.

Alastair Fletcher ran games of Kubb for all comers during the day. This is an old "Viking skittles" game he learned in North America, and is popular with people of Scandinavian heritage.

There are still some Arts Posters for sale at the Museum Shop at Heritage Week prices! And a few of the Don Binney posters too!

GARDENING:

Gail Carran has planted the garden at the front of the museum. Come and admire the colourful display.

Local Guides have planted a herb garden near the shed.

CELIA WALKER continues her work at the museum, cleaning, sorting and conserving the collection. Her expertise is invaluable and she gives us a much-needed impetus to organise the collection.

ACCESSIONING We now have two teams working an afternoon each per week labelling and entering details of objects in the collection into our database.

DISPLAYS You will have noticed an improvement in the space and flow in the museum ground floor displays. Alastair and Keith have been busy re-organising and moving cabinets.

VOLUNTEERS We always need more people to offer a couple of hours every two months to open the museum at weekends. This is an enjoyable job and made easier the more people who volunteer. Ring Coralie (445 1900) if you can help.

Signs

We are grateful to the North Shore City Council for putting up signs to the Museum in Vauxhall Road and in King Edward Parade. With the opening of the national Naval Museum at Torpedo Bay, it will become more difficult for people to locate us at Mt Cambria Reserve. We are looking forward to working closely with the Naval Museum and congratulate them on their new development.

END-OF-YEAR PARTY

Mark your diaries for Sunday 5 December 4 pm for our museum Christmas barbecue. We will provide snarlers and salads and a glass of festive cheer! If you could tell Coralie (445 1900) or Helen (445 2776) if you are coming, it would help us with catering.

A note from the President

The Museum is not only looking good, but we are feeling happy about the success of projects in many directions. Heritage Week at the Depot and at the Museum was very well received by the numerous visitors. This is the result of a lot of skill and energy focused in a team effort by members of the Museum. Thanks and well done. Let's catch our breath and plan for our next efforts! Regards Alastair.

Devonport Museum

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