

# Devonport Museum & Historical Society

## Newsletter

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### AGM

Thanks for your support at the AGM on May 7.

We were treated to a fascinating talk by Peter Weeks on the progress of the Devonport Timeline Project that he is undertaking for the Museum. (also see the TimeLine Update elsewhere in this newsletter).

Rod showed a video of rare footage converted to video from film, on the Walsh Brothers Flying School in Mission Bay.

#### Stanley Bay School Visit

We were visited by students from Stanley Bay school in April.

There were about 80 children ranging in ages from 5 to about 7 plus parents and teachers.



Museum displays

#### Snippet from the Timeline

1869 - sheep and pigs prohibited from roaming free on the roads

### New Committee

**President:** Rod Cornelius

**Vice President:** Tom Smith

**Secretary:** Helen Cornelius

**Treasurer:** Tom Smith

#### Committee:

Chas Burgess  
Clemency Claridge  
Sandra Edwards  
William Rayner  
Richard Reid  
Joyce Short  
Warren Wilcox  
Susan Yoffe

Jacque Morris has resigned her position on the committee due to other commitments—we thank her for all her hard work.

We welcome Chas Burgess to the committee. Chas is the Great great Grandson of Isaac J. Burgess who was the harbourmaster in Devonport from 1894 and was involved in starting the Ferry service. Chas is now resident in Devonport—only veral hundred metres from his great great grandfather's property!

### Small Museums Meeting at Huia

Susan Yoffe and Bill Rayner attended a meeting of representatives from Small Museums out at the Huia Museum in April. This was a chance to meet and network with other small museum and historical societies and was a very pleasant day. It has been proposed to make this a more formal Association than it is now and this will be discussed at the next meeting to be held at the Papakura Museum in October.



Devonport Museum,  
Cambria Reserve, Vauxhall Rd

### Devonport TimeLine Project

The Devonport Timeline Project that has been sponsored by the Devonport Historical and Museum Society, and is under the guidance of North Shore Libraries, is progressing well and is into the final stages.

Peter is currently transferring the last of his data into the final document, which to date numbers several hundred pages.

The Time Line will be published as a book and will be deposited with North Shore Libraries and with the Museum.

This will be an invaluable resource to local historians and researchers and we eagerly await the final product.

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### Ngataranga Bay Dispute TV footage

Funds from a Rotary grant have been used to secure television footage of the Ngataranga Bay dispute.

Rod spent some time at the TV Archive in Wellington and found all of the off cuts and a couple of feature items on the dispute.

Further funds from the Rotary Grant are available for General Displays.

## Recent Acquisitions/Donations

- Crimean grave marker and a child's shoe. Found under a house in King Edward parade.

The marker is one of a number found in this area and was part of ballast dumped on what was the old ballast dumping area back in the late 1800's. It is thought they were part of the ballast taken on board the ship that brought the steel sections out for the Calliope Dock. It went through Istanbul/Constantinople. It is thought to have

originated from the old Crimea grave yard.

- Two tickets from the horse drawn tram that ran from Devonport to Cheltenham.

This service only lasted a few months and so these are a very rare find. These have been passed from father to son and were given to us a few weeks back by a gentleman in his 80's.

- Material from the North Shore

Womens Bowling Club located by the Golf course, and the Devonport North Mens Club—both of which have recently closed

- Panorama photo of Vauxhall Rd.



## Area Office Display

The Museum and Historical Society will be establishing a display upstairs in the Devonport Area Office. The development of this display is progressing well with painting and preparation of the display space well underway, and the concept designs and selection of material completed.

## New technology for the Museum

Thanks to a Grant from North Shore City Council the Museum has purchased 3 video players and is running video footage in the display continuously during opening hours.



Museum Displays

## Quiz Question

### (from the Timeline Project)

In what year did lightning strike Flagstaff's signal mast on Mt Victoria?

... watch out for the next newsletter (pre-Christmas), for the answer.

## North Shore City Council Grant

A Community Services grant of \$10,000 has been secured, to be split between conservation—restoration of some of the more valuable exhibits and general displays.

Would you, or a friend like to join the Society? Fill in the Subscription form attached and send with payment to the address below, or pop the form and payment in to the Museum on weekends 2-4pm

**The Devonport Museum is open weekends 2-4pm.  
For more information about the  
Devonport Museum and Historical Society,  
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