



Events

VOLUNTEER OPEN MORNING

*Saturday April 14
10am—12 noon*

*A chance for our valued volunteers
(whether new or long-serving) to:*

- ask questions (like what to say when someone asks me ...?)
- listen to knowledgeable committee members talk about specific items of interest in the collection
- get the full behind the scenes run down on what we have in the new compacter storage
- get the update on where the computer project is up to—and see it in action
- partake in a yummy morning tea

Please RSVP to Sandy Lang ph: 446 6448

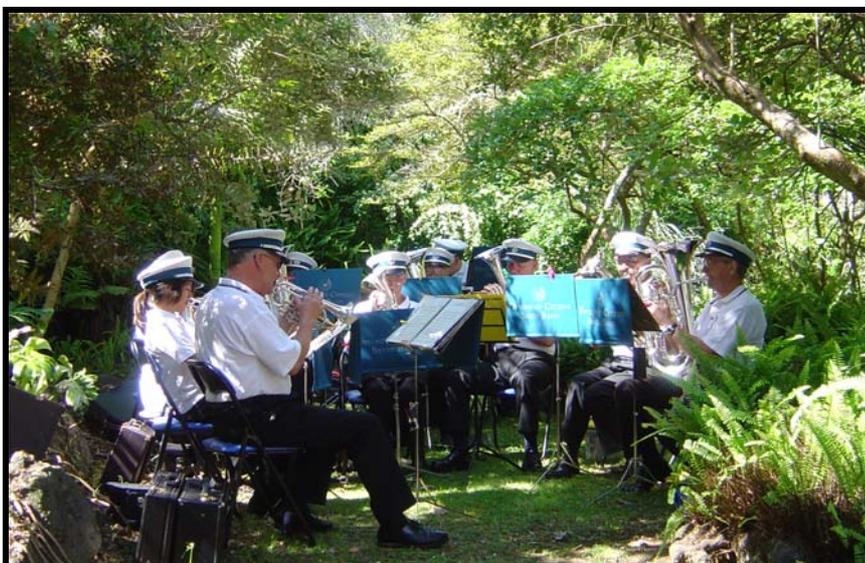
AGM

*3 pm 6 May
Speaker: Dave Veart*

We are very lucky to have Dave Veart as the speaker at our AGM this year.

He is one of the foremost military historians in NZ especially relating to activities around Auckland and the North Shore. He works for Dept of Conservation and was responsible for the restoration of Fort Takapuna and much of North Head and the Mt Victoria gun emplacement.

He is a most knowledgeable and entertaining speaker so please make an effort to come along to hear him.



Left: The Devonport Silver band, performing at our Christmas function last year. Weren't they fantastic!
Below: Members and volunteers enjoy the sounds of the silver band at the Christmas function.



Obituary

Long time member Elsie Hitchcock (95) passed away in March. She was a loyal roster person for many years and will be remembered as a well-travelled immaculate, most interesting friend and Museum supporter.

Oral History

We are currently looking for people who would like to share their stories of old Devonport for our continuing Oral History Project. If you know anyone you think would be a good candidate, please email Coralie at coralie@devonportmuseum.org.nz

Clothing and Textiles

The new Wardrobe Room (formed from the rearranging due to the building extension) is now set up and items are being accessed into the computer.

Visits

We've hosted a number of visits lately including the Framework Trust, a local Playcentre, and the Parnell and Mt Albert Historical Societies.

Email Newsletters

If you would like to receive future newsletters via email, please email your address to tom.smith@xtra.co.nz

Recent Acquisitions



Above: A 1927 Cornet, donated by the Devonport Silver Band (see photos front page). Thank you Devonport Silver Band.

We have acquired two books 1) *Colonial Architecture about Edward Bartley*, an early Devonport architect; and 2) *The Good Old Days of Growing up in Devonport*. Written and donated by Mervyn Frew. Thanks to Mervyn Frew for that.

We have also received wonderful family photos and history of the Watson and Powley families from Gianluca Watson. Thank you to Gianluca.

Restoration Project

Left: Devonport Presbyterian Church, corner Church St and Cracroft Streets, 1890's

This shows the Devonport Museum building as it was when it was Devonport's Presbyterian Church.

The Museum is preparing a conservation plan on the building with a desire to renovate the exterior of the building and restore what has been removed from it over the years ie. the two spired towers, the cross at the apex of the gable, the ventilation turrets and the various decorative elements that are also missing.

We are currently applying for grants to complete this work.



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