



Welcome to the second newsletter for 2007. It's been a busy time for the Museum with lots in the pipeline.

Aside from his ongoing and tireless research work answering queries that come in from visitors, phone calls and via email, Peter has been doing a phenomenal amount of excellent work on the project to restore the exterior of the Museum—that is, the project to paint, repair, and conserve the whole building, and restore the front of the building to its former glory—including adding back the spired towers, the cross at the apex of the gable, the ventilation turrets and the various decorative elements that have been removed over the years. Check out the report on progress of this Conservation Plan on this page.

Also, on page two, check out a couple of example records from our collection database. You can see the level of detail that is being entered with these records and the fantastic resource that is being created. We currently have over 500 records in the database and growing. The plan is for each item in the Museum collection, from the smallest hatpin to the largest items such as the Masons' marble pillars and the kauri butcher's block, will eventually have their own records in the database, making the whole collection much more accessible and the wealth of knowledge that exists about the collection able to be preserved.

Read about what's happening in the Oral History area, visits that we've had, and events past and future, and more.

Also a reminder about Museum membership. If you have paid your 2007 subscription then thank you. If not, please fill in the attached form and return it to Tom.

Happy reading and we hope to see you at the Museum, or a Museum event soon.

Visits

We have had visits from both the Mt Albert Historical Society and the Parnell Heritage Group who were both very interested in the Inmagic program we use. Rod and Peter demonstrated the program as neither society has an actual museum or a collection as yet - they are in the early stages of considering this! So we had a lot of advice to offer. It is great to be able to share knowledge and experience and enthuse other groups.

The Devonport Brownies paid a visit early one evening and donated an old handbook and a toadstool which used to be used during their meetings but is now considered "un-PC"! The girls and their leaders enjoyed an hour in the museum then had a picnic tea outside (it was a fine evening!).

Quiz Night

We are planning a fund raising quiz night in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Devonport so keep your eyes peeled for more details of date, time etc and get your friends primed to make up a table.

If you have never been to one of these evenings before, do come as it is an entertaining night out! And good prizes for winners!

Oral History

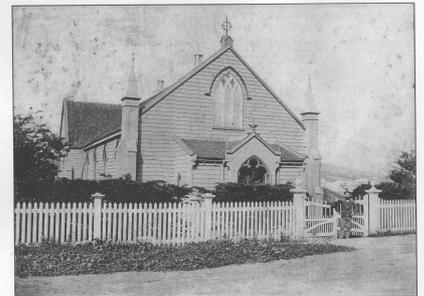
The Oral History Interviewers are at present preparing to do more Interviews with some of the older residents from Devonport.

We have so many people who would like to talk about their history and their lives in Devonport that we do not have enough people to do the Interviews.

If you would like to be part of our Oral History team, I would love to hear from you. It is rewarding and very interesting to hear peoples stories of the past.

Conservation/ Restoration of the Museum Building

The extensive conservation plan for the exterior of our Museum building has now been completed and endorsed by the Historic Places Trust so applications for funding can now go ahead. This will be an exciting project for next year.



DEVONPORT MUSEUM
FORMERLY DEVONPORT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A CONSERVATION PLAN

AGM

We were entertained by an amusing talk by Dave Veart who is based on North Head with DOC. Dave has a depth of historical knowledge about this area and with many stories of local characters.

Many thanks to all those who attended.

Email Newsletters

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

Examples of Collection Database Records

Below is an example of a record for a photograph from the photograph collection. Attached to the record is a small version (thumbnail) of the photograph and a location is for both the actual photograph and an electronic version of the photograph. Description details are detailed and subject headings assigned for

Accession No	2001 1116 1 [Photograph] Postcard Photograph	
Donor		
Donor Contacts		
Citation	Devonport Historical and Museum Society	
Repro Rights	Devonport Museum and Historical Society	
Copyright	n/a	
Classification	Photograph	
Object Type	Postcard Photograph	
Description	9cm x 14cm ,Torpedo Bay (Pilot Bay) with North Head in the background, with horse and trap on unsealed King Edward Pde. (Beach Rd.) Army buildings shown on North Head, the pilot boat shed in bay, people and children on beach, shows houses in Jubilee Ave., including Miss Matthews' ladies College.The postcard is misnamed as Mt Victoria. The "Gordon" real photos series, printed in Whangarei, trademark E.De.T. NZ bird with open beak insignia. Card has not been used.	
Object Category	Locations	
Title	Mt Victoria, North Shore, Auckland. 199 (sic.) North Head	
Publisher Printer	Gordon Real Photo Series	
Date	1900 ca	
Place Made	Whangarei	
Subjects	Torpedo Bay; North Head; Pilot boat shed; Horse and trap; King Edward Pde	
Provenance	Found in attic, included were postcards of Auckland, most important ones of the Exhibition of 1913.	
Form	Print	
Access	open	
Condition	Very good	
Location	FC1	
Location ID number	P5	
Notes	This postcard was also issued by Stanley Newcomb & Co., Auckland and printed in Germany. This issue appears in the Eccles collection.	
Image	D:\Postcard collection\Mt Victoria North shore.tif	
Image Thumbnail	D:\Postcard collection\Mt Victoria North shore.jpg	
Date Created	6 May 2002	
Date Modified	6 May 2002	

Below is the record for an enamelled badge from Cheltenham College dated 1920.

Accession No	1994 1078 1 [Object] Badge	
Citation	Devonport Museum and Historical Society	
Repro Rights	Devonport Museum and Historical Society	
Classification	Object	
Object Type	Badge	
Description	Cheltenham College badge enamelled in orange and white. Inscribed round perimeter latin quotation.	
Object Category	Badges	
Date	1920	
Subjects	Badge; Enamel badge; Cheltenham College badge	
Provenance	Unknown	
Access	Open	
Location	C3	
Image Thumbnail	D:\Objects\badge3.jpg	
Date Created	6 May 2002	
Date Modified	6 May 2002	
DBNo	68	

Committee 2007/2008

The following were elected at the AGM in May:

President	Rod Cornelius
Vice-Pres	Peter Weeks
Treasurer	Tom Smith
Secretary	Helen Cornelius
Committee	Clemency Claridge Keith Eaglesome Sandra Lang Coralie Luffman Helen Mackenzie Bill Rayner Warren Wilcox Susan Yoffe

Joyce Short has retired from the committee after 15 years loyal service. Joyce was always ready to help especially showing groups around the museum where her talents as a school teacher shone through! She has not cut her ties with us though and will continue to help with reminding people of their roster duty and hosting group visits.

Blockhouse Bay Historical Society Event

Photographic Display

Photographs over the years starting from the 1860 Blockhouse, and the opportunity to view the new Performing Arts facility, which incorporates both a School Heritage Wall and the WW2 Memorial wall.

Where: Primary School Performing Arts Centre

When: Friday 21ST and Saturday 22nd September, 10 am to 4 pm
Entry is free.

- Collectable/bric a brac stalls, raffles, post cards & the Blockhouse Bay
- Historical Society's book "Why Blockhouse Bay?" for sale.

The historic ARMANASCO HOUSE will also be open for inspection on Saturday 22nd September, 10am to 4pm.

A guided walk through the Village will leave from the House at 2pm.

Please note: The Primary School and Armanasco House are both situated on Blockhouse Bay Road in the shopping centre