



## *Annual General Meeting*

**Sunday 24 May  
3pm**

**Guest speaker: Warren Wilcox**

Model builder and Committee member Warren Wilcox (pictured right) will talk about the history of the Bean Rock Lighthouse, and the making of this fabulous model of the Lighthouse c.1905, which will be displayed in the Museum. This has taken Warren about 250 hours to construct.



## **Oral History Project**

As an outcome of creating the Business Plan for the Museum, one of the initiatives that has gained momentum, is the Oral History project. Committee member Coralie Luffman is the project co-ordinator and under her guidance we are making considerable progress in recording the memories of local people or people who have had in one way or another, a strong connection with Devonport.

We have three interviewers who contact people of interest, make an appointment and then before meeting up get them to jot down some notes which they would like to touch on throughout their lives, either their work, schooling, parents, what it was like in Devonport in the early days. An interviewer then visits for a chat which gets taped and put on to discs. Most people have some very interesting stories to tell. A brief index record gets created on our database and we send each contributor a CD so they can give it to their families.

Each individual has a different story to tell and a different version of what Devonport was like years ago making for a fascinating and invaluable resource.



We have many people of the older generation who have been born or have lived in the Devonport area for most of their lives. Maybe you or your family had an interesting job or just their schooling to talk about.

If you have a story to tell of your families, or if you would like to help with the project in another way, we would very much like to hear from you.

Please do get in touch with Coralie at the Devonport Museum.

Left: Coralie, Oral History Project Co-ordinator

## **Building update and Grand Reopening**

The painting of the outside of the building is now underway (and looking great!) and we will hold the Grand Re-opening when all the work has been completed.

Watch this space for details!



## **New Veterans Display Opening in time for ANZAC Day**

Peter Weeks and Warren Wilcox have been preparing a new photographic display for the Museum remembering the men of Devonport who served in World War One and World War Two.

Come along to the AGM (or before!) and check out this wonderful addition to the Museum collections. This instalment will in place from ANZAC Day.



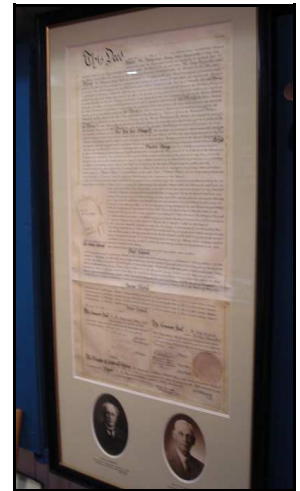


## Newly acquired photograph of 4 Calliope Road

At the time that this photo was taken, John Taylor was the proprietor and dairyman - he was there from around 1907 to 1913. He had previously been down in Victoria Road.

This photo is an excellent candidate for restoration work which we, on occasion, outsource to professionals.

(Other recently restored items in our collection include Cricket Club photos and the Takapuna Jockey Club Charter pictured at right).



## Visits

The Museum often hosts visits from schools, kindergartens, professional organisations, and other clubs and societies, at times other than our normal opening hours.

Late last year we hosted a visit from the Belmont Albion Lodge No. 45, who came and checked out the Masonic display we have, comprised of materials from the Devonport Masonic rooms that used to be in Victoria Road (now a private residential address, but still a well known landmark). It was a fantastic opportunity for the Lodge to revisit items of special significance and for the Museum to learn more about the items we hold.

Below: Part of the Devonport Museum Masonic display including the Honours Board of Albion 45 before it joined forces with the Belmont Lodge 335, Tracing Board, left Pillar and the Belmont Lodge's banner.



## Reference requests

As usual Rod and Peter are working tirelessly behind the scenes answering the many many reference requests that come in to the Museum each month—over the phone, via email and in person.

## Website Usage Statistics

The website continues to have a steady number of visitors each month and we receive a good number of email requests.

Month	Visits
<a href="#">Feb 2009</a>	706
<a href="#">Jan 2009</a>	801
<a href="#">Dec 2008</a>	706
<a href="#">Nov 2008</a>	714
<a href="#">Oct 2008</a>	884
<a href="#">Sep 2008</a>	548
<a href="#">Aug 2008</a>	588
<a href="#">Jul 2008</a>	639
<a href="#">Jun 2008</a>	640
<a href="#">May 2008</a>	637
<a href="#">Apr 2008</a>	595
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7611</b>

## Email Newsletters

If you would like to receive newsletters via email, (receive them more quickly and see photos in colour) please email your address to [tom.smith@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tom.smith@xtra.co.nz)

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