



Devonport Historical & Museum Society

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Devonport Museum,
Cambria Reserve, Vauxhall Rd



2004 Christmas Party

Mark your diaries now!
Sunday 5 December
4 PM
BBQ

Business Plan

The Committee has been working on a Business Plan for the Museum. Rob (new committee member, see overleaf) is helping us to get the plan together.

The proposed Plan has three stages, with a view to making the Museum a regional attraction:

Consolidation – brochure, publicity, annual events, mail drop, more volunteers

More group visits, added value for visitors

Expansion: more research/bigger business (shop).

The main object of the Plan at this stage is to eventually employ a full or part time curator for the museum."

Work is already underway on a brochure and postcards featuring interesting items from the Museum's collection.

Exciting times lie ahead and we look forward to the completed business plan and the increased activity that it will bring.

Devonport Museum

Open weekends 2 — 4 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Devonport Museum please contact the President of the Devonport Historical & Museum Society (Rod Cornelius) — ph: 445 2776

<http://www.devonportmuseum.org.nz>

Website kindly hosted by iSERVE



Origins of Local Street Names Quiz

1. Native bird. Originally called "Dock Street": **A Street**
2. Maori pronunciation of "Alison": **R** **Terrace**
3. Commemorating the first Anglican Minister to be stationed here. Originally called "Mt Victoria Road" : **E** **Street**
4. Originally named "Artillery Road". Named after a Royal event in 1897. **E Avenue**
5. Commemorative of the Bear Gardens that were located here: **R** **Terrace**
6. Commemorative of the Major of this name who designed the fortifications around the harbour in the 1880's: **T** **Street.**
7. In 1850 the main road north started here. Also known variously as Devonport Rd, Devonport Hill Road, Lake Road and Masonic Hill: **R** **Street**
8. Named after a popular English 18th Century poet: **Street**
9. First signalman and early settler: **D** **Avenue**
10. Originally known as "Wynyard Street" now known as the name of a native bird: **I** **Road.**

Reference: *An Historical Survey of the Street Names of Devonport*, Published by Devonport Historical and Museum Society Inc. 1987 (\$25 from the Museum shop—makes a fantastic gift!)

Introducing a new Committee Member

Rob moved to New Zealand from England in late 2003. He and his wife, Ann now live in Devonport. In England he was Chair of the Friends of Red House which looked after the famous house built for the designer, poet and socialist William Morris. In addition to being a tour guide there he has lectured and written on Red House and on the Arts and Crafts movement generally.

Arriving amongst the villas and bungalows of Devonport meant it was not long before he became involved in the history and heritage of Devonport and joined the Committee in mid-2004.

We're thrilled to welcome Rob Allen to our team.

Rob and his dog Daisy



Visits to the Museum

The Museum often hosts visits to the Museum from organised groups other than our normal visitors that come through when we are officially open. These are usually community groups, groups from outside Auckland, classes of school children, or other interested Museum society groups.

A committee member usually hosts the visitors, showing them around the Museum, imparting local knowledge and answering any questions the group may have.

Recently Helen hosted a group from NZIE, a language school. We also have 2 visits coming up, one from an Auckland Senior Citizens group and another from a local Military History Society.

New acquisitions

We have been lucky to receive artefacts from the Devonport Masonic Lodge which closed down in 1993. Lodge members located important memorabilia included banners, photos and pieces of the original carpet made for the Lodge when it opened in 1904 and donated them to the museum.

We were also very fortunate to have access to a wonderful collection of over 500 old postcards of Devonport. The gentleman who owns them has allowed us to scan the postcards into our computer which is an outstanding addition to the museum's collection of images.

