



North Shore City's Heritage Week October 30—November 5

- **Sunday 5 November 3 pm**
'A Very Distinct Community: How Devonport came to Develop its Sense of Community and Preserve its Heritage' talk by Warren Wilcox at the Devonport Museum.
- **All week:** Devonport Museum will be open from 10.30 am —4pm each day during Heritage Week

**Come along and support
the Museum and Heritage Week**

Christmas Party mark your diaries now!

**3rd December 2006
4pm**

BBQ



New Committee Members

We warmly welcome Coralie Luffman and Keith Eaglesome to the Committee.

Coralie Luffman

Coralie was born in Devonport; having attended Vauxhall Primary School and Takapuna Grammar School.

Her Mother Mary Massey was also born and lived all her life in Devonport.

Coralie's grandparents came out from England in 1913 and he owned a dairy in Victoria Rd. Also managed the Devonport Bagwash. Later in 1920 he owned and ran the Takapuna Dairy Company with milk deliveries around the shore. Eldora Ice Cream was manufactured in the factory which is in Victoria Road and the building still stands.

For the past 10 years Coralie has been operating a successful Bed and Breakfast in Narrow Neck.

Coralie has a wide knowledge of Devonport History and is now in charge of Oral History at the Museum.



Coralie

Keith Eaglesome

Keith Eaglesome is a relatively new member of the Devonport Museum Committee. After retirement some two and a half years ago Keith found himself drawn to the work of the Museum and the work in progress by the enthusiastic band of volunteers.

Keith had a background in engineering and was a combination of a practical chappy and in the various parts of Australia and England that he had lived had always been very interested in things historical.

He has a long term interest in early history of Europe and the pre-history of the Middle East, but at a practical level toddling down to the Museum most weeks and helping out where necessary gives him a good feeling of mateship and a sense of community in this most historic of Auckland's North Shore suburbs. A great place to be and a fine interest in retirement

Keith has responsibility for looking after property for the Museum.



Keith and Brodie

Visits to the Museum

As usual we have had a number of groups through the Museum over recent months, including 90 students from Devonport School in June and the Birkenhead Historical Society in July. As part of the UNESCO World Heritage Day Warren Wilcox held a successful talk attended by about 20. (For another chance to hear Warren talk about the development of Devonport please see overleaf and come along on Sunday the 5th of November.)

The website continues to have visits averaging around 300-400 a month and we are receiving more and more requests via email.

Volunteer Update

A new guide/manual for volunteers has been developed and is nearing completion. This will be available for reference at the Museum in the next few weeks and a copy will be given to new volunteers when they start.

All new volunteers are now given an "Orientation Tour" before they start. (If you are a volunteer you are most welcome to ask for an orientation tour. Just email Sandy at sandy@spl.co.nz or phone 446 6448).

We are currently updating our list of volunteers' skills and interests. If you are a current volunteer and have appropriate skills or interests that you would like to utilise at the Museum, or if are interested in becoming involved, please take a moment to fill in the enclosed survey form and drop it in to the Museum next time you are there.

Oral History Update

The Oral History Interviewers are presently preparing to do interviews with people in Devonport who have in the past either lived or worked in Devonport.

Heritage Week is coming up and we are interested in any person who would like to be interviewed about their past as a child growing up or working in an interesting occupation in Devonport.

If you have any photos of the past we would love to see them and you may have some small snippets of information to go with them.

Any RSA or War veterans would certainly be of interest to us.

Please contact Coralie at 445 1900 with information concerning History in Devonport.

The photograph below shows the theatre containing two business premises.

Upstairs is the A A A Devonport Printing Works, owned by in the 1920s by James W H Martin and Sons. At ground level is the premises of Mrs Elise Dunphy, stationer and News Agent. The shop also served as a lending library.



Newsletters by Email

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

Working Bees

Could you spare an hour or two once a month to help with garden maintenance?

Committee member Keith Eaglesome will be at the museum the first Wednesday in the month between 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. with his trailer, so don a pair of old gloves and join in - cuppa and biscuits supplied!

Next one is:

Wednesday 1 November

Elise Dunphy is seen standing in front of the shop..The photograph was taken by Sidney G Vale a well known Devonport photographer around 1922.

This was brought to the museum by a descendant of the Dunphy family and shows the real value of photographs in personal collections.

Devonport Museum

Open weekends 2 — 4 pm.

<http://www.devonportmuseum.org.nz> Website kindly hosted by iSERVE

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Volunteer Survey

October 2006

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you currently a volunteer with us? Yes No
Would you like to become a volunteer? Yes No

Please tick any of the following activities that you would like to assist us with. If you have any specific skills or areas of expertise that you think would be useful, please mention these in the space provided.

- Roster
- Database Accession Project
- Displays
- Website
- Textiles
- Photographs
- Working Bees
- General

Specific skills or areas of expertise that may be useful:

Thank you for your interest in the Devonport Museum. We appreciate that your time and talents are very valuable. We aim to offer you a rewarding, stimulating and fun experience where you will be able to meet others, learn about the Museum and Devonport, and share your wealth of knowledge and experience for, and with, the community.