



Devonport Historical & Museum Society

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Devonport Museum,
Cambria Reserve, Vauxhall Rd

OPENING CELEBRATION AND CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 4 December at 3 pm

Please come along and see
the finished new extension
officially opened
by Deputy Mayor
Dianne Hale.



Museum Extension Finished!

We are thrilled with the new extension which gives us wonderful shelving, a meeting area and computer space.

This was made possible with grants from the **Lotteries Board**, the **ASB Bank**, **North Shore City Council** and **Devonport Rotary**.

The total cost was \$92 000 plus the fit-out and renewal of the main museum displays where the storage area used to be, estimated at a further \$29 500.

Come along to the Christmas Party and have a look. (I was going to pop a photo in here but then you wouldn't need to come and see it in person! - *editor*)

REMEMBERING FELICITY

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Felicity Smith in July. Felicity was a valued 20 year member of the museum committee, President for two terms in the 1980's and Treasurer for ten years. She will always be remembered for her sparkle and cheerful nature and her willingness to help in any capacity. She is sorely missed by us all.

A garden seat is being planned in her memory.

Business Plan

The committee is currently completing a formalised Business Plan with the intention of setting out the future direction of the Devonport Historical and Museum Society and to determine how funding will allow for a permanent curator to be appointed.

Computerisation Update

Good progress is being made on putting information on to the computer. This is a job that will take some years to complete.

Once the items in the old storage area are moved into the new shelving units the cataloguing process will be considerably sped up.

WebSite

We are receiving increased website enquiries, from both NZ and overseas, from people seeking information on the history of their family or house. This also generates donations of photos and family histories for our collection.

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

New acquisitions

We have been fortunate in a last minute effort to save paperwork and some small artefacts from the North Shore Albions Rugby League Club which closed recently.

Also we nearly missed out on valuable historical material from the Salvation Army which was being dumped. We did finally receive signs from the old building in Hastings Parade.

It is intended to send notices to any local clubs or organisations which may be closing down to ensure that any items of historical importance are not lost but preserved for the future in our museum.

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>

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