



50,000<sup>th</sup> visitor Mary Crooks (right) shakes hands with Programme Coordinator Charis Boos, before enjoying her prize: coffee and cake at Torpedo Bay Café.



Emily McKibbon, in front of the exhibit she curated. Make sure you come visit us and view the photographic display, "Through the Lens," located in Torpedo Bay's temporary gallery.

### INTRODUCTION

March was quite a month for the Navy Museum.

On 9 March, five months to the day after the Navy Museum opened its doors to the public, we welcomed our 50,000<sup>th</sup> visitor. 50,000 visitors in five months is well ahead of projections – in fact it doubles the expected numbers. The response to the Museum is amazing and we thank all those who have visited for their contribution to making the Museum so successful.

During the month we had seven education groups, ranging from local play centres through to university students, visit the Museum. The feedback about our facilities and programmes has been overwhelmingly positive and it is a pleasure to have the galleries filled with the noises, colours and activities of learning.

This month we opened the photographic exhibition, "Through the Lens," a display of photographs selected from the Commodore Richard Hale Collection. Curated by Emily McKibbon, the display presents an intimate portrait of life in the Navy and of the people Commodore Hale encountered during his naval service. It is well worth a look.

One week after "Through the Lens" opened, we bid farewell to Emily McKibbon. Emily joined the Museum in October 2010 as part of the Canadian Intern programme. During her time with us Emily worked on digitising and cataloguing the extensive Hale photographic collection. In six months, Emily digitised and catalogued over 1600 photographs as well as curating the display "Through the Lens." Quite an effort. In the short time Emily was with us she became a truly valuable member of our team. Emily has now returned home to Canada and we wish her well with her future.

In other news, Michael Wynd, hugely talented researcher and popular team member, was involved in an accident in late February when he was knocked off his bike and seriously injured. After quite some time in hospital Michael is now recuperating at home. I am sure you will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

April brings at least two new reasons to visit the Navy Museum. Make sure you visit us with the kids during the school holidays. [see holiday activities p.2] I also invite you to join us on ANZAC Day in remembering the lives and service of our naval family.

Commander David Wright, Director

### Field of Poppies INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT

Make a crepe paper poppy and add it to the exhibit in the Remembrance Room. Throughout the day, our field will grow and grow. Poppy kits will be for sale to take home too. All proceeds go to the RSA.

Time: 10 am – 5 pm | Cost: free

### Story Time FOR KIDS

Our Educator will read four different ANZAC themed stories throughout the day.

Times: 11 am, 1 pm, 2pm, 3pm | Cost: free

For a full list of our ANZAC Day activities visit [www.navymuseum.mil.nz](http://www.navymuseum.mil.nz)

FREE ADMISSION

ANZAC DAY at Torpedo Bay  
25 April 2011



## MARCH IN PICTURES



Guide Host Russ Glackin with a group from Lifeway Home, after a tour of the Museum and dress up in the Mess Deck.



50,000<sup>th</sup> visitor Mrs Mary Crooks came to Torpedo Bay with her Yoga by the Sea, Stretch and Stride class. It was the group's first time to the museum and being the 50,000<sup>th</sup> visitor came as a big surprise.



Collections Assistant Katherine Bol (*left*) and Collections Manager Claire Freeman (*right*) work in their office-turned-construction-zone with characteristic humour and good spirits. The new Store is shaping up nicely and due to be ready by May.



NZ Van Lines are helping move the Collections to the new Store. After a crash course in Museum Collections technique and theory, Ricci (*above*) and his team jumped straight in to the task of packing objects.

## TORPEDO BAY IN APRIL



### *A very special offer from the Museum Shop*

April's shop special is Torpedo Bay's own range of chocolates. Handcrafted locally by Devonport Chocolates, these luxurious bars will delight you as much as the charming mascots on the labels.

Were	\$9.50 each	Now	1 bar \$9
			2 bars \$16
			3 bars \$23

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

There's plenty happening these school holidays at Torpedo Bay, so why not come and join us?

### BRILLIANT BRANCH BADGES ACTIVITY

While learning about the Navy's different branches, from Divers to Mechanics to Gunners and Physical Trainers, kids will make their own branch badge with our ever popular badge maker.

Cost: \$2 per child per badge  
 Dates: April 16th to May 1st  
 Times: 10:15-12 & 1-4 daily

