

ABOVE: I1 Gun before refurbishment by VT Fitzoy.

BELOW: I1 Gun completed refurbishment with fabulous brass features revealed.



Successful 'Splash & Crash Holiday Programme



Debbie at the front desk preparing her next holiday programme

INTRODUCTION

Tena koutou.

The new Navy Museum to become a reality! In June the Chief of Defence Force approved funding of \$ 1.25 million for the redevelopment of the Navy Museum at Torpedo Bay. This funding along with the Museums Board of Trustees accumulated funding of \$ 1 m and a generous donation of \$ 250 k from the Navy's central fund means we now have a total of \$ 2.5 m for the redevelopment project. Work to redevelop the new Museum can now proceed.

The Achilles Gun and Director, the I1 gun and the Squid Mortar have been recently fully refurbished by VT Fitzroy. These artefacts are looking fantastic and have been well preserved to protect them from deterioration well into the future

The Splash and Crash holiday programme run by our Team leader Guides Debbie Mc Kinney during the recent school holidays was incredibly successful with over 35 children aged between 5 and 10 years old participating. All the children had a fantastic time. Well done Debbie.

REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The activities to be undertaken over the next month to redevelop the new Museum include:

Museum Building

- Complete the Infrastructure (Building) brief to Design Consultants
- Engage Joint Logistics Support Organisation Service Delivery team to project manage the design and construction of the Museum. We hope to have JLSO on board and commencing the project by mid August 08.

Exhibition

The activities being undertaken in respect of developing the exhibition for the new Museum are:

- The identification of the conceptual framework for the exhibition including key themes. Wide consultation was undertaken to develop the framework including with all Museum Staff and Naval Historians.
- Visitor marketing research project has recently been completed. The research was undertaken to determine what our potential visitors wanted from the Museum and the Museum experience. This information is critical to inform the design of the Museum and exhibition.
- The development of the collection list. This task involves all the team at the Museum finding information, objects, oral histories, ephemera etc that can be use to support these new Exhibition. Claire will collate the contributing lists mid Aug.

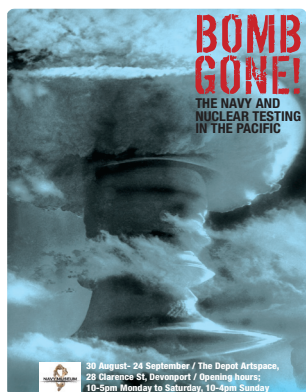
Completion of the Exhibition design brief ready to seek offers from Exhibition design consultants for the development of the exhibition in the new Museum.

Communication Strategy

Development, in partnership with DPRU, a comprehensive communications strategy to ensure we keep all our communities up to date with progress on the Museum development.



Preview of the Winter issue of The White Ensign Magazine



Upcoming Exhibition at the Depot Artspace in Devonport



OTHER ACTIVITIES - This coming month

- JLSO are working hard to get the replacement secondary access stair installed in the Museum. They currently predict this work will be completed late August early September. Once this work is complete we will be able to reopen to the public which will be very good news.
- The Great White Fleet Exhibition at the NZNMM has been installed. This exhibition runs from 1 August to 17 August
- Bomb Gone! the Exhibition exploring the Navy's involvement from witness to protest in Nuclear Testing in the South Pacific is on at the Depot Art space in Devonport from 30 August to 24 September. Free Entry.
- The public lecture series associated with the Bomb Gone! Exhibition is going well with 17 pre booked lectures being held at various venues throughout September.
- The White Ensign Edition 5 has been completed and is ready for publication late August. This edition of the White Ensign looks at the Navy's involvement in nuclear testing and commemorates the 50 year anniversary of Operation Grapple – Britain's Nuclear testing programme in the South Pacific
- The project to undertake the cataloguing and storage of the collection backlog has commenced with requests for registrations of interests being sought from contractors. It is hoped to have the contractors engaged and commencing work by mid September.
- The proposal to close the back gallery in the Museum at Spring Street is progressing. This activity is being undertaken to provide space to enable the storage, conservation and preparation of collection items for the new exhibition at Torpedo Bay.

FEEDBACK

We would like to keep you informed of progress on our new museum. If you wish to receive this online newsletter by email please email: terry.manson@nzdf.mil.nz or phone: 445:1826. We look forward to hearing from you.