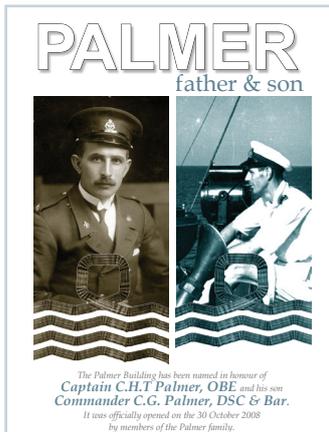
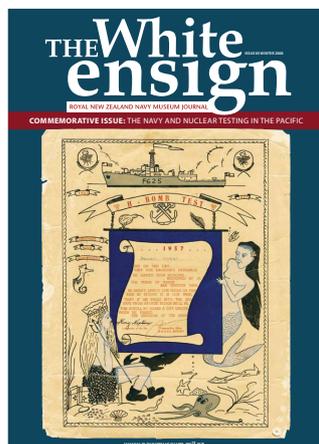




ABOVE: On the re-opening of the Museum many posters to inform the public have been distributed.



ABOVE: A Building in the Naval Base has been named the Palmer Building after two Naval Heroes. The display was produced by the Navy Museum.



ABOVE: Class Sets of Issue 5 of 'The White Ensign' Magazine have been requested by 15 schools for their History programmes.

INTRODUCTION

What a month we have had during October.

The infrastructure design consultants were selected and engaged and I am pleased to be able to advise that OPUS International were successful in winning this work. OPUS have partnered with Ken Davis from the Devonport offices of Herriott + Melhuish Architecture Limited. Ken, a Devonport resident, is a highly respected (and in my view pretty outstanding) architect who has extensive experience in the design of cultural institutions including art centres, libraries and museums. The skills and expertise Kens brings to the design and development of the new Museum will be central to, and I think ensure, its success.

OPUS have also engaged Dave Pearson from Dave Pearson Architects Limited to provide heritage architecture and conservation advice to the design teams. Dave Pearson needs no real introduction to most of you being well known for his involvement in heritage consultancy and advocacy in the community.

After an extensive evaluation and selection process I am extremely pleased to be able to advise the engagement of Rick Pearson from Pearson and Associates Architecture Limited to undertake the exhibition design and fit out to the new Museum. Rick has outstanding credentials in exhibition design with recent distinctive commissions including the Whakaaro Pai Medical Sciences Learning Centre at the Auckland Medical School, Weird and Wonderful 2 Children's Discovery centre at Auckland Museum, Colin McCahon Cottage Titirangi, and Discovery the Children's Natural History Gallery Canterbury Museum Christchurch among others. We are very pleased to have Rick and his design team working with us on the project.

Also during the month the Navy Museum completed another school holiday programmed themed "Globe Trotting". Activities were based on the Navy's deployments to different countries and included the children creating Vietnamese Hats, Chinese Lanterns, Australian Boomerangs, Turkish tissue pictures as well as making fresh fruit juice from the Islands. Working in conjunction with the National Maritime Museum, the children were able to experience a trip on the Ted Ashby. The children had a fantastic time and we have received excellent feedback on the programme from parents and caregivers.

REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The main activities to be undertaken over the next month or so to redevelop the new Museum include

Museum Building

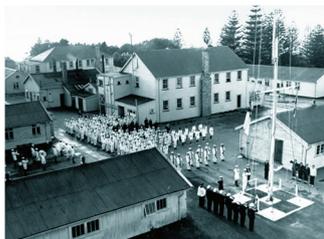
Design work on the Museum buildings is underway. It is programmed to have the sketch plans completed by the end of November and preliminary design completed by the end of December 08.



ABOVE: Globe Trotting Holiday Programme Team of helpers. Thanks to NPRC for its additional support and allowing the kids to use them as face painting models.



ABOVE: Keep your eyes open for the next Issue 6 of 'The White Ensign' which will be jammed packed full of fascinating history behind Torpedo Bay and the Navy connection. If you do not subscribe to this FREE Navy Museum magazine please email: terry.manson@nzdf.mil.nz



ABOVE: One of the images from the exhibition 'Get Fell In' of HMNZS Tamaki when it was located on Motuihe Island taken in 1951.



REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED.

We are planning to hold a briefing to all interested parties in early December, probably at Torpedo Bay, to view the sketch plans and discuss the design and design features of the project before we move through to preliminary design. We want to be able to ensure we are on the right track with the design, so every ones input and comments will be welcomed. I will advise every one in the next few weeks when and where this meeting will be held

Exhibition

This month we will be focussed on commencing the concept design of the exhibition. This month we will be beginning the daunting task of identifying and developing the story's we want to tell in the exhibition and also commencing an evaluation of the collection objects we will use to support the story's.

OTHER ACTIVITIES - This coming month

As part of Children's Sculpture @ the fort (in conjunction with Sculpture Onshore 2008) the Navy Museum in collaborative with the Friends of Fort Takapuna are running an exhibition that explores the naval training facility that was located at Fort Takapuna between the years 1963 and 1993. The title of the exhibition is "Get Fell In: Thirty Years of Recruit Training at HMNZS Tamaki in Vauxhall Road" and will run from 7 Nov to 16 Nov.

Work on the Dec 08 edition of "The White Ensign" is in progress. The theme of the edition is Torpedo Bay and should be on the streets by mid December.

During the last part of November and December we will be working with Dr Robin Watt to value the Museum collection. This is an enormous task and will be absorbing the majority of the museum resources for at least all of December

FINAL NOTE

This is likely to be the last edition of Te Waka for 2008. The next few months while extremely busy will also be a time of consolidation particularly in respect of the new Museum project. We are at that stage in the project that is a bit like the early stages of building a house; a huge amount of time and effort goes into building the foundations but very little progress is seen.

The next issue of Te Waka is likely to be produced in February 09 at which time I am sure we will be able to report real progress and also have some plans for you to look at.

In the meantime I hope you have found Te Waka informative and don't forget the meeting in early December to look at the early plans for the development of the Museum. I will advise as soon as possible when this meeting is going to be held.

FEEDBACK

We like to keep you informed of progress on our new museum and if you know of any one else who would also like to receive this newsletter, let us know by email. If you have any other feedback please let us know, it would be great to hear from you.
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