



ABOVE: Craig Collier with a storage tub he has made for sonar equipment.



ABOVE: Meredith Rimmer numbering a French Legion of Honour medal.



ABOVE: Ged Wren getting ready to pack a projector and naval training films.

INTRODUCTION

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The long awaited replacement secondary stair to the Museum in Spring Street has been completed and the Museum has reopened. People must have been waiting for us to open as on day two we had 105 visitors through the door. So far these school holidays there have been a lot of children, parents and grandparents enjoying a shared experience in the museum. It has been great to see. Don't forget the Museum in Spring Street is open 7 days a week 10 am to 4:30 pm.

During September, offers of service were received from a group of consultants to develop the building and infrastructure design for the Museum. The offers are being evaluated and a design consultant should be selected and design work underway by mid October.

The tenders from the exhibition design consultant closed at the end of September. The responses received from the design consultants are outstanding making the job of evaluating them and then selecting the preferred designer very difficult. We hope to have the exhibition design consultant selected by early November.

Work on the cataloguing project is well underway with Craig, and his team of Meredith and Ged, having already made huge inroads into the cataloguing, packing and storing of the backlog of collection items.

The brand modelling workshop undertaken during September has delivered an excellent result for the Museum. We have been able to develop a brand model for the Museum that not only helps us understand our identity as an organisation but will help us to deliver a simple integrated and consistent message in everything we do. Thanks must go to Amber and her team at the Research Agency for facilitating a very successful workshop.

Finally during September the entire Museum team participated in two days of Customer Services training. The training was undertaken to improve our levels of customer service and communication and proved really beneficial to us all particularly as we prepared to reopen the Museum to visitors.

REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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

Museum Building

A key activity this month is to finalise the selection of the infrastructure design consultants and commence the process of designing the new Museum at Torpedo Bay.



ABOVE: *Globe Trotting Holiday Programme children with the assistance from Naval Personal Resource Centre, visited the Maritime Museum where they enjoyed a sail on TED ASHBEY.*



ABOVE: *The Navy Museum is now open to the public everyday of the week after being closed to the public for over 6 months.*



REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED.

Exhibition

This month we will be focussed on the daunting task of evaluating the high quality tenders submitted by the Exhibition Design Consultants.

The first stage of this evaluation will be a process of assessing the tenders against a series of criteria and from this developing a shortlist of preferred consultants. The short listed consultants will then be invited to make a presentation of their tenders to the Museum Board of Trustees from which the successful exhibition design consultant will be selected.

OTHER ACTIVITIES - This coming month

Debbie McKinney our Team Leader Guides is running the Navy Museum's school holiday programme during the September / October school holidays. The programme is themed "Globe Trotting" and is targeted for 5 – 10 year olds. The school holiday programmes are proving a great hit with the kids and are always fully booked.

The project to close the rear gallery is well underway. The rear gallery is being closed so we can use the space to commence the enormous task of preparing the collection for relocation to Torpedo Bay.

The museum guides will take 12 Naval Base Tours over the two weeks of the school holidays. The Base Tour is often booked together with the Devonport Naval Heritage Tour and they are very popular. Bookings for these can be made on line via the museum website: www.navymuseum.mil.nz or email: navymuseumtours@nzdf.mil.nz

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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