

DEVONPORT PENINSULA TRUST



Making Community Happen

About Devonport Peninsula Trust

Devonport Peninsula Trust employs the Devonport Community Coordinator and works in partnership with the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board and Auckland Council to provide community development services on a local level.

There are two community coordinator trusts in Devonport-Takapuna. Devonport Peninsula Trust's area is Devonport to Hauraki Corner and the Takapuna North Trust's area is Hauraki Corner to Sunnynook.

We run our own projects to meet the needs of our unique communities but also come together to work on joint projects such as;

- Converge Youth Summit held yearly and to which all high schools in the North Shore Ward area are invited to take part in.
- The Devonport-Takapuna Intergenerational Dialogue event where we bring young people and not-so-young people together to discuss and develop solutions to a variety of community issues (e.g. bullying, elder neglect, housing, poverty and more).

Devonport Peninsula Trust supports individuals at a neighbourhood level and a wide variety of community groups by:

- Providing advice and/or assistance with funding and promotion
- Sharing news and raising awareness of important community issues
- Connecting people with relevant Auckland Council staff and others in the community
- Providing the community with a voice and supporting emerging new initiatives
- We also provide resources to help with community events and happenings, including human resources and physical resources like marquees and gazebos.

We run a slate of local community events to help create a sense of belonging and connectedness and to promote the arts, heritage, the environment and physical activity. Examples of events we run or support are;

- Preschool play sessions for children and their caregivers: outdoors in Summer and indoors in Winter
- Music events like Folk in the Park and Devonstock (a youth initiative),

- The Scotty Brewer Skate Day – a day for skateboarders, both young and older, from the wider community to come together and show-case their talents
- We work with local schools to organise beach clean-ups
- The Devonport Kids Athletics Series – a 6 week summer programme
- We help children and their families to learn more about the heritage of their area through our Family Fun Trail event.
- We promote the use of the Bayswater Greenway and neighbourhood connectedness through the Bayswater Halloween Trail
- Other events we are closely involved with are the Devonport Christmas Festival and the Devonport Dog Parade.

Throughout the year we also work with Auckland Council Social Housing and Outreach Therapy Pets to hold regular social gatherings at our local pensioner villages in the area.

We facilitate and support network forums, such as;

- Devonport community network forum where all are welcome and we share and discuss topical issues and
- Devonport environmental network for people working on or interested in ecological restoration in their community to network with others working in the same area and with relevant Auckland Council and Local Board staff.
- Devonport Youth Forum where we support young people to undertake community projects.
- Welcome to Devonport open day.

Devonport Peninsula Trust is made up of key community partners who we collaborate and work closely with, e.g. Hauraki Corner Community, Bayswater Community Committee, Devonport Museum, Depot Artspace, Victoria Theatre, Devonport Business Association, Auckland North Community & Development and Devonport Lions Club.

We are also in regular contact with other community groups and individuals e.g. Devonport Community House, The Rose Centre, Devonport Rotary Club, Naval Community Organisation, the Devonport Community Constable, Devonport RSA, Devonport Folk Club, Devonport Library, Devonport Community Garden & Ngataranga Organic Garden, Devonport Recycling Centre, Schools, Devonport U3A, Michael King Writers' Centre and youth organisations like Scouts, Girl Guides and more!

For more information, about the purpose and structure of the Devonport Peninsula Trust, visit The Charities Register:

<https://www.register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/Search> or contact Maria Teape, Devonport Community Coordinator, ph: 445 9533 or 027 924 3494 or email: maria@devonportpeninsulatrust.nz

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