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### **Enter the race to enter the tunnel**

The popular Devonport Classic fun run and walk will be held on Sunday 25 March 2007.

The event features a unique opportunity to walk or run through the historic tunnel in the Royal New Zealand Navy Base. The tunnel runs underground at Devonport and is only open to the public once a year, just for participants of this event.

The 10 km course takes walkers and runners past picturesque Devonport beaches and offers magnificent city views along the harbour waterfront. A shorter 5 km route, which also includes the tunnel, is an option.

The event, now in its sixth year, is organised by Stanley Bay School in Devonport and is supported by the Royal New Zealand Navy and the North Shore City Council.

This year's race will be started by leading runner, Allison Roe, on behalf of the major sponsor, Anlene, a product developed to provide nutrients for healthy bones.

The event is run on professional lines, with electronic timing for individual entrants and \$7000 of sports apparel vouchers for race winners. There will be more than 50 spot prizes worth more than \$10,000 in total, including a seven-night holiday in a Maui Spirit of Adventure camper van, five nights accommodation at a Copthorne Hotel and a child's bicycle from Hedgehog Bikes.

Walkers and runners from all over the North Shore, Auckland and beyond take part, including corporate teams and community groups. Organisers expect up to 2000 walkers and runners to take part next year.

Both the 5 km and 10 km courses start and finish at the Navy sports grounds in Ngataranga Bay, Devonport. The event starts around 8.15 am and finishes with a prize giving around midday, with races starting from 8.45 am. Food and entertainment will be available during the morning.

Entry is online from the Devonport Classic website, [www.devonportclassic.co.nz](http://www.devonportclassic.co.nz). Printed entry forms will be available from Stanley Bay School in Russell Street, Devonport.

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