

**4. FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM - PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

**4.1 MUSEUM'S ART COLLECTION**

Representatives of the Art subgroup of the Friends have met with the Museum Director to further develop the next steps of this project.

**4.2 GARDEN OF TANE**

The Friends appeared before the Hearing Panel in September and look forward to the outcome of its deliberations and the subsequent adoption of a management Plan for the Garden of Tane.

**4.3 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

Work is progressing with the oral history project.

**4.4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The annual general meeting of the Friends was held on Friday 25 September 2009.

**4.5 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION**

The Christmas function for the Friends will be held at The Gaiety on Friday 18 December 2009.

**4.6 FUND RAISING**

The major fund raising event in the Friends' calendar is the Antiques Fair which will be held at The Gaiety on Saturday 2 January 2010.

**4.7 NEW PROJECTS**

At the November meeting of the executive the Friends discussed new projects which may be undertaken in the future.

**4.8 BRITOMART MEMORIAL**

At the November meeting of the executive the Friends expressed concern at the safety and security of the Britomart Memorial following recent road works and slip repairs undertaken on the area of Beach Road beneath it. They have written to the Community Board expressing these concerns.

**JANE CHETWYND, PRESIDENT.**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Friends of Akaroa Museum, President's update be received.