

AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MONDAY 28 JUNE 2010

2.30PM

IN THE BOARD ROOM, AKAROA SERVICE CENTRE
78 RUE LAVAUD, AKAROA

Committee:

Pam Richardson - Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board representative
Jane Chetwynd and Liz Haylock - Friends of the Museum representatives (FOAM)
Victoria Andrews - Community representative
Meri Robinson - Onuku Runanga representative
Stewart Miller - Chairman Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board - ex-officio

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1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 22 MARCH 2010**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 22 March 2010 are **attached** for members' information. The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board received these minutes at its meeting held on Friday 14 May 2010.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee held on Monday 22 March 2010 be received.

3. AKAROA MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

3.1 VISITORS

Visitor Numbers

As we approach the end of the financial year, we are confident of meeting our annual target for visitors. This is despite a very quiet May which delivered us only 75 per cent of the total visitors for May last year. Queen's Birthday week attendances boosted numbers for June.

3.2 EXHIBITIONS

Nga Roimata o Takapuneke

It is confirmed that *Nga Roimata* will receive another showing at Our City in Christchurch, during Heritage Week. Helen Brown is organising the details, working with Roger Fyfe of Canterbury Museum to select objects for the exhibition.

New Stuff

Our current exhibition contains a selection of objects donated to the Museum over the past two to three years, demonstrating the variety and quality of material people continue to bring to us.

Quirky Collections III

The third in our series of exhibitions featuring local collectors and their collections is well under development now. We will hold an opening for this exhibition, at the end of July, to which we will be inviting all "quirky collectors" whose collections have featured over the past three years.

Heritage Week

The Museum will participate in Heritage Week (22-31 October) with an exhibition featuring maps and charts of Akaroa Harbour, fitting well with the theme of Discovery, Settlement and Adventure.

Summer Show

The spotlight will be turned on The Gaiety this year, tracing the history of the building from its beginnings as the Oddfellows Lodge to its present day role as hub of cultural life in Akaroa.

3.3 COLLECTIONS

Kataore Loan

A poroporoaki was held for Kataore on 5 May, at the closing of the exhibition, *Nga Roimata o Takapuneke*. During the event, we again received encouragement to pursue the return of this taonga to Akaroa. Since the last meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee in March, a letter was sent to the Auckland Museum, requesting a more permanent return to Akaroa for the mere Kataore, and we have since received further advice on how to progress this loan. A formal deaccessioning process from the collection of the Auckland Art Gallery, in whose collection the mere resides, is one option. The other is negotiating with the Auckland Museum for a fixed term, reviewable, loan.

3.4 PROJECTS

Storage Building

We are using two data-loggers to monitor the environment (temperature and humidity) in the new store. As was expected, fluctuations in humidity are being experienced as the new building settles down. Collections have not been re-housed in the new space yet as we wait for conditions to settle.

Improvements to reception area

The installation of new shop shelving was completed just before Christmas. The second part of this project is a new reception desk, which we plan to have delivered before the end of the month.

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Establishing a Local Contemporary Art Collection

Staff continue to work on establishing a process and terms of reference for an acquisition committee. Progress will be reported at the next meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee.

3.5 **EVENTS**

- Opening of Quirky Collections III - Friday 30 July - 4.30 pm
- Friends of Museum AGM - Friday 24 September - 4.30 pm
- Heritage Week - Friday 22 – Sunday 31 October

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum Director's update be received.

4. FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM - PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

4.1 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

With the support of various Funding Bodies and the work of several dedicated individuals, the recorded data of the oral histories has now been totally transferred to a digital format. The next stage is to copy the working discs on to the dedicated computer at the Museum and on to the external hard drive. The gold disc master CDs have been put in the safe at the Council's Akaroa Service Centre.

The interviewing of new contributors and the abstracting of transcriptions has been continuing as has the completion of the compilation booklets on each participant. Examples of the booklets will be tabled at the meeting for committee members' interest.

4.2 EXHIBITION SUPPORT

The Friends were pleased to support the Museum staff recently at the ceremony for returning to the care of Auckland Museum staff the mere Kataore which had been lent for Nga Roimata o Takapuneke.

On public display for the first time in the current exhibition "New Stuff" is the collection of locally provenanced Maori artefacts which was purchased for the Museum last year by the Friends.

4.3 HISTORIC MONUMENTS AND PUBLIC ITEMS AROUND AKAROA

After enquiries with the City Council the Friends confirmed that the Worsley Statue which they erected on the Britomart Reserve some years ago has not been formally gifted to the Council. It is their desire to do this so after researching earlier committee minutes they have now completed the necessary paperwork to proceed with this offer. As there are so few public artworks in Akaroa they are optimistic that the Council will accept the offer.

The Friends were pleased to learn that a Community Board seminar with Council staff on historic items in Akaroa is to be held in conjunction with the Museum Advisory Committee and look forward to the development of some long term strategies for the care of these special objects.

4.4 ART COLLECTION

The Friends committee have agreed with the proposals concerning the membership of the art acquisitions committee and look forward to continuing progress with this matter when it has been considered by the Museum Advisory Committee.

4.5 PUBLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Friends committee it was decided to set up a publications subcommittee whose brief will be, at the invitation of the Museum Director, to produce booklets which accompany the exhibitions and other historic items in the Museum. These will be sold at the Museum and subsequently the scheme will become self-funding. Recently one or two proposals for such initiatives have been discussed by the committee and we recognise that this could be a useful service which the Friends could offer the Museum. The first such publication which will be produced is the Worsley Trail Booklet which has been prepared over the last year with the help of Jan Shuttleworth. We are grateful to the Community Board who have agreed to fund the first print run of this publication.

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4.6 GARDEN MAINTENANCE

The Friends continue to fund the specialised gardening maintenance of our museum gardens. We are planning a Spring Working Bee to undertake some of the larger jobs and we are also considering other ways to fund this work in the long term.

4.7 MARKING THE HISTORY OF THE FRIENDS

In 2016 it will be 50 years since the first steps were taken to establish what was to become the fore-runner of the Akaroa Museum. The Friends committee have begun to discuss ways in which this might be commemorated such as the production of a history booklet on the Friends and the commissioning and erection of a memorial to mark the foresight and work of those early founders.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

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5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

5.1 175TH ANNIVERSARY – AKAROA

The committee asked at its march meeting that this matter be placed on this agenda for discussion.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION