

**AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD**  
**AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**2.30PM**

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

**Committee:**

Leigh Hickey - Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board representative  
Jim Sunckell and Liz Haylock - Friends of the Museum representatives (FOAM)  
Lyndon Graham - Community representative  
Meri Robinson - Onuku Runanga representative  
Pam Richardson - Chairman Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board - ex-officio

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**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology has been received from Committee member Lyndon Graham.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the apology of Lyndon Graham be accepted.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 27 JUNE 2011**

The minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 27 June 2011 are **attached** for members' information.

The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board received these minutes at its meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2011.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee held on Monday 27 June 2011 be received.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1 ELIZABETH HAYLOCK

Elizabeth Haylock will give a short presentation to the Committee on the Oral History Project being undertaken by the Friends of the Museum.

### 4. AKAROA MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

#### 4.1 VISITORS

##### Visitor numbers

The first three months of this year have not given us any respite from the falling visitor numbers we've experienced since February. However, the planned visits to Akaroa Harbour by 80 cruise ships over the summer season should boost numbers, while at the same time providing us with the challenge of coping with large numbers of visitors at one time.

#### 4.2 EXHIBITIONS

##### Current

Our current exhibition, *Electric Servants*, opened on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at a combined event with the Akaroa Hydro Generating Set Trust, who were launching their history of the power house "All Our Volts". Ninety to 100 people attended the event.

##### Upcoming

Our summer exhibition will focus on Akaroa as a holiday town. It will feature images of camping grounds, holiday makers and holiday activities, as well as promotional material from previous decades and souvenir-ware produced for the tourist market.

#### 4.3 COLLECTIONS

##### Valuations

We continue to determine valuations for various categories of collection objects. Most recently, William Cottrell, an authority on New Zealand colonial furniture, inspected and valued our furniture collection. William will be returning to the Museum in mid-October, when he will be taking a two-hour public seminar on identifying colonial furniture. This event is being organised by the Friends of the Museum.

##### Earthquake damage

The Langlois-Eteveneaux house chimney has now been dismantled and capped. Unfortunately damage was also found in the mid-section of the Custom House chimney, so it too has been partially demolished. We have consulted with our conservation architect, Ian Bowman, seeking his advice on making good or rebuilding, and on repair to the interior plaster finishes of the Custom House.

##### Art Acquisition Committee

Membership of the Art Acquisition Committee has been finalised and the first meeting of the group held. Criteria to guide the acquisition of art works are being developed before any acquisition decisions are made.

#### 4.4 PROJECTS

##### Policy Review

As previously advised, during the process of working through the requirements of the Museum Standards scheme we are reviewing existing policies and developing new ones. The first of these is our collections policy, the most recent version of which was adopted by the Advisory Committee in September 2007. Collection policies lie at the core of all museum activity and

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provide a basis for decisions about what objects to collect and how to develop the collection. The revised policy is to be called the Acquisitions and Disposals Policy and has been thoroughly reviewed and updated by staff.

Members of the Museum Advisory Committee should note that the Committee has a role in providing advice on deaccessioning decisions, as representatives of the community's interest in the collection. A copy of the draft policy is **attached** for members' comment.

**4.5 EVENTS**

Friends of Museum AGM	Fri 23 Sept, 4.30 pm
Colonial Furniture workshop with William Cottrell	Sat 18 Oct, 4 – 6 pm
Akaroa Civic Trust AGM Guest speaker Hugh Wilson	Sat 12 Nov, 4.30 pm

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Museum Director's update be received.

**5. FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM (FOAM) - PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

**5.1 ANTIQUE FURNITURE WORKSHOP**

At the committee meeting held on Wednesday 10 August 2011, FOAM made arrangements for William Cotterill, an expert in restoration and conservation of fine antique furniture, to conduct a workshop on antique furniture between 4pm and 6pm on Sunday 16 October at the Museum. Cost of attendance to be \$10 per head.

**5.2 PELTON WHEEL**

On Saturday 10 September 2011 FOAM assisted in providing and serving refreshments on the occasion of The Akaroa Hydro Generating Set Trust celebrating "A Centenary of Electricity in Akaroa 1911-2011".

The Museum opened an exhibition, "Electric Servants, The Domestic Realm Transformed," the same evening.

Also, the book launch, "All Our Volts, Electrifying Akaroa" by Dr John Wilson, took place.

**5.3 FOAM AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 23 September commencing at 4.30pm. The Guest Speaker will be Stephen Cashmore - "Conservation of an Akaroa Icon, the Kearney-Rhodes House."

Jim Sunckell  
President.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 VICTORIA ANDREWS**

**Attached** is a letter from Ms Andrews acknowledging her time as the community representative on the Museum Advisory Committee.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Advisory Committee receive the correspondence.

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