

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

5.1 WORKSHOPS

FOAM held three very successful winter workshops, attended by approximately 75 people. The timing of these just after the temporary closing of the Akaroa Museum buildings due to new earthquake standards helped keep the profile of the Museum in the public eye.

Rick Menzies spoke on the history of Menzies Bay, the highlight of his presentation being the facilitating of the loan of a Menzies carved desk to the Museum.

The Museum staff gave a presentation on "Home care of our Treasures" and we know with their combined knowledge we have a lot of subjects for a series next year.

Steve Johnson, Astronomer, held an audience captive on "Our Night Sky".

5.2 PURCHASES

FOAM had the opportunity to obtain some very rare Peninsula books, from a private collection, and with the help of a wish list from the Museum Director, we were able to purchase these for \$3,235. The person we purchased the books from also donated a first edition copy of Maori Patterns Painted and Carved by Menzies, a very generous gift.

5.3 RETIREMENT

I will be standing down as President of FOAM and will therefore not be on this committee. Following the November meeting, Council staff will be advised of the new Chair and who the representative will be on the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee for the approval of the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board.

5.4 GENERAL

The Annual General Meeting of FOAM will be held on Friday 28 September 2012 at the Akaroa Sports Complex commencing at 4.30pm.

Inside Out garden tour, a combined fundraiser of Akaroa District Promotions and FOAM is being held on the weekend of Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November 2012. Tickets are available at the Akaroa Information Centre.

Jim Sunckell
President of the Friends of Akaroa Museum

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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