

AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

AT 2PM

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 - 29 JUNE 2009

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 29 June 2009 are attached for members' information. The Akaroa Wairewa Community Board received these minutes at its meeting held on 12 August 2009, and made the following alteration:

Item 4, bullet point six - deleted "Saturday 14 November 2009 at the Museum" and inserted *Friday 25 September 2009 commencing at 4.30pm at the Museum.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee held on 29 June 2009 be received.

AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 29 JUNE 2009

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Akaroa Museum Director
Author:	Liz Carter, Community Board Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 29 June 2009.

The meeting was attended by Committee members, Pam Richardson (Chairman), Elizabeth Haylock, Victoria Andrews and Meri Robinson.

Also in attendance were Lynda Wallace (Museum Director) and Jenny Harper (Art Gallery Director, Christchurch Art Gallery).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Jane Chetwynd and Stewart Miller for absence and from Meri Robinson for lateness (1.05pm).

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 March 2009.

3. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The Committee received information from the Museum Director on Museum related activities and projects.

- Visitor numbers
- Exhibitions
- Collections
 - Consulting
 - Review of Collection Policy
- Projects

- Collections Policy Workshop - Members reported that this had been a very positive workshop and that the Museum Director had been asked to pursue the collection of Banks Peninsula art. It was agreed that the process needed to be guided by a Terms of Reference document. The rate of growth of the collection, where it can be accommodated and the degree of support by other organisations were also issues that needed to be researched.

Staff advised that funding of acquisitions would be a challenge, however as the Museum rehouses collections in the new storage building it is an ideal time to identify the strengths of the collection. It was reiterated that good clear Terms of Reference would be essential along with a small group of advisers who the Museum Director could seek advice from. It would need to be made clear to anyone donating an item to the Museum that it could not be continuously on display. It was suggested that the Friends might investigate an artist's residency in Akaroa using the Museum's collection as a source of inspiration.

It was **decided** to ask staff to further investigate the establishment of a process and criteria for the collection of contemporary Banks Peninsula art as an expansion of the existing collection.

It was **agreed** that the approach to this initiative must be deliberate, but prudent, whilst still capitalising on the obvious enthusiasm in the community.

4. FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pam Richardson declared an interest in the item relating to the Garden of Tane in this report, although the issue was not discussed.

The Committee received information from the Friends' representative.

- Custom House Garden
- Purchase of Local Collection of Early Maori Artefacts
- Garden of Tane
- Community Service Award
- Proposed Expansion of Museum's Art Collection
- Annual General Meeting - Friday 25 September 2009 commencing at 4.30pm at the Museum

It was **decided** that a 'Diary of Events' should be created in order that important dates could be identified. The Museum Director said in future she would include this under her update to the Board.

5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

- Whale Pot - Members were advised that an application would be lodged shortly for funding to employ a metals conservator to report on the whale pots situated on the Akaroa Beach frontage and the cannon at the Britomart Reserve. Members asked that the fire bell tower also be included in the report.
- Time of Board Meetings

The Committee decided that future meetings of the Board commence at 2pm.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Members shared information on the following issues:

- Seawalls - members were advised that documentation on various seawalls in the Banks Peninsula area could be accessed through the Museum's records if required by staff.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28 September, 2009 at the Akaroa Service Centre commencing at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 2.02 pm

3. AKAROA MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

3.1. VISITORS

Visitor numbers to the Museum for the first quarter of the year are on target, (904 July, 767 August). September is tracking a little below last year but, with the school holidays beginning at the end of the month, this is not significant.

3.2 EXHIBITIONS

Quirky Collections

Quirky Collections II continues its run, with a constant stream of locals coming in to view the exhibition.

Mystery and Delight

Opening in time for Labour Weekend, this exhibition features 25 photographs taken by Peter Beaven 40 years ago to illustrate the charm and character of Akaroa. Information about the registration of the Akaroa Historic Area, which occurred ten years ago, and the history of the Akaroa Civic Trust, will also feature.

Nga Roimata o Takapuneke

Auckland Museum has approved the loan of the mere "Kataore" for this exhibition next year, subject to their being informed of the ceremony/protocols that will apply in bringing the mere to Akaroa.

3.3 COLLECTIONS

Accessions

During this calendar year, 93 accessions have been processed. About half of these were retrospective entries, as our intern dealt with a backlog from previous years. The accessions include: 83 photographs; archives of the Akaroa Sailing Club; a Charles Meryon etching (deaccessioned from the Christchurch Art Gallery); many items of costume/textile, including an 1880's brown silk dress; archaeological material recovered from our building site next door; five kete with local provenance; 14 chisels and adzes (Harrison Collection via Friends of Museum); books, maps and trophies; a crystal radio set and an 1880's paint box. In accordance with our collection policy, all objects have an association with Banks Peninsula.

Valuations

Work has begun on valuing some of the higher value objects in the Museum's collection, utilising expertise from outside the organisation. Although objects accepted into the collection are not intended to be sold, current asset management practices require us to obtain, and update, financial valuations for our collections.

Establishing a local contemporary art collection

Since the last meeting of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee, the Director has met with staff at the Christchurch Art Gallery to discuss criteria for the collection of art.

3.4 PROJECTS

Storage Building

Our building project got underway during the last week in July, and has a planned 18 week duration. Work has progressed smoothly, to schedule and to budget. Improvements to the accessibility of our front entrance are being made as part of the project, with the installation of new ramps and handrails.

Improvements to shop/foyer

Improvements to the shop and reception area of the Museum will be made before Christmas, replacing old shelving with new, and putting in a new reception desk. This work will give our entrance a fresh look and rationalise what is a fairly crowded space during busy times.

3.5 OTHER

Garden of Tane Management Plan

A submission was made to the Draft Garden of Tane Management Plan, submitting that the history and heritage values of the reserve are very significant, and should influence the management and development of the reserve today.

3.6 UPCOMING EVENTS

Akaroa District Promotions	AGM at the Museum, Wednesday 23 September, 7pm
Friends of the Museum	AGM at the Museum, Friday 25 September, 4.30pm
Film Archive	Screening historic Banks Peninsula footage, at The Gaiety, Wednesday 30 September, 7.45pm
Akaroa Civic Trust	AGM at the Museum, Saturday 14 November, 4.30pm
Friends of the Museum	Christmas function, The Gaiety Supper Room, Friday 18 December (time to be advised)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum Director's update be received.

4. FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM - PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

4.1 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF MUSEUM'S ART COLLECTION

The Friends were pleased with the outcome of the workshop and the subsequent decision of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee to approve, in principle, the suggestion brought forward by the Friends concerning a systematic expansion of the Museum's art collection. The Art subgroup are now working to further develop the proposal in conjunction with the Museum Director and with the advice of staff from the Christchurch Art Gallery.

4.2 GARDEN OF TANE

The Friends are encouraged by progress on the consultation of the Draft Management Plan for the Garden of Tane. They have prepared a written submission and will be appearing before the Hearing Panel on 21 September.

4.3 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Work is progressing well with the oral history project. The Friends were very grateful to the Community Board which recently approved a grant of \$630 from its Discretionary Response Fund to help cover the cost of training interviewers to use the new digital storage and recording equipment.

4.4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will be held on Friday 25 September at 4.30pm. The subject of the guest speaker/speakers will be The Significance of Takapuneke; a Maori and Pakeha perspective. The speakers are George Tikao, Upoko, Onuku Runanga, and John Wilson, noted local historian.

4.5 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

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

Jane Chetwynd, President.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

28. 09. 2009

5. **COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE**
6. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**