

11. AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 27 SEPTEMBER 2010

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 27 September 2010.

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

Also in attendance was Lynda Wallace (Museum Director).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from Victoria Andrews.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

• Fire Bell Tower

Members were advised that the Museum was able to store the Pelton wheel but could not accommodate the storage of the bell tower, which is presently being stored on the Banks Peninsula Meats site. Staff were asked to investigate possible locations where the bell tower could be securely stored, and once a location was agreed upon then arrangements could be made to have it relocated.

The Committee **agreed** that the Chairman contact Mr Eric Ryder regarding the mechanism of the Pelton wheel to ensure that it is relocated to the Akaroa Museum for safe keeping.

It was suggested that in the meantime a sign could be placed on the bell tower site explaining its history, however staff informed members that, as a heritage item, it may be able to be re-erected sometime in the future.

• Whale Try-Pots

The Museum Director informed the Committee that a report on the try-pots had been carried out in 2003 and that she would forward a copy of this document to appropriate staff.

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 June 2009.

3. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

• Visitor numbers

Members were informed that the recent earthquake had had a major impact on visitor numbers over the past month. The Museum Director also informed members that visitor numbers from the Christchurch City Council area were now being collected for future reporting and policy-making.

- Exhibitions

Members were informed that there is some uncertainty about the *Nga Roimata* exhibition, planned to be shown in Our City during Heritage Week due to damage to the building following the recent earthquake.

- Earthquake – 4 September 2010

Members were informed that no major damage had occurred to the Akaroa Museum building and very few exhibits had broken, however the chimney on Langlois-Eteveneaux Cottage will need rebuilding. Repairs to the plaster in the Custom House will also be required. An application to the Parkinson Trust could be made to assist with these repairs.

- Archaeological Report

Members were informed that an application has been lodged with the Environment and Heritage Committee of the Lottery Board for funding to engage an archaeologist to write a report on the material retrieved from the Museum building site.

- Roof Replacement

Members were informed that funding for the replacement of the roof over the lower gallery of the Akaroa Museum may not be available this year as planned due to capital project funding being diverted into repairing earthquake damaged infrastructure.

The Museum Director thanked all members for their guidance and support over the past three years.

4. FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM (FOAM) - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee received information on the following matters:

- Earthquake report

Ms Chetwynd acknowledged the Museum staff and Mary McNutt for their commitment and dedication to the Museum which undoubtedly contributed to the Museum having very little damage following the recent earthquake.

- Oral history and Publications Projects

Members were informed that the publication for the Worsley Trail brochure had been funded by the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board Discretionary Response Fund.

- Art Acquisitions Committee

Members were updated on the formation of the Art Acquisitions Committee.

- Acknowledgement

The Friends of the Akaroa Museum acknowledged the support it had received from the Committee over the past three years.

5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

5.1 Capital Projects

Members were updated on the process regarding capital projects due to the recent earthquake, which meant many projects would be held over and the funding used for emergency business.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

6.1 Proposed Registration of Te Urupā o Kāti Mamoe ki Ōnuku, Akaroa as a Wāhi Tapu

Members were informed that the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board as its meeting held on Wednesday 22 September, asked that the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee consider the proposal and provide any comments to the Board.

The Committee **agreed** to support the proposed registration of Te Urupā o Kāti Mamoe ki Ōnuku, Akaroa as a Wāhi Tapu.

6.2 Letter of Thanks

The Committee **agreed** that the Chairman write to Mary McNutt to thank her for her prompt and efficient response in the early hours of Saturday 4 September, in ensuring the Akaroa Museum and its contents were safe and secure with very little earthquake damage apparent.

6.3 Response Time following Earthquake

The Committee **agreed** that it recommend to the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board that the Committee's comments be sought in any post-earthquake review of the response to the declared emergency and its impact on Council owned facilities in Akaroa.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 27 September 2010.