

8. AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 26 MARCH 2012

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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 26 March 2012.

The meeting was attended by Committee members, Pam Richardson (Chairman), Lyndon Graham, Leigh Hickey, David Miller, Jim Sunckell and Meri Robinson.

Also in attendance was Lynda Wallace (Museum Director).

1. APOLOGY

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Meri Robinson.

2. WELCOME

A welcome was extended to David Miller who has replaced Elizabeth Haylock as the representative from Friends of Akaroa Museum Inc on the Committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 28 November 2011.

4. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The Committee received information from the Museum Director on Museum related activities and projects which were outlined in her update circulated with the agenda. Topics covered included:

- Visitor numbers
Numbers over the summer had mostly exceeded target due to visitors from cruise ships compensating for the low numbers of domestic and other international visitors. The Museum Director undertook to supply a pie graph to show the origin of Museum visitors worldwide, for members' information.
- Collections
- Exhibitions
Projects – Earthquake Damage
Due to concerns regarding damaged heavy internal ceiling panels and uneven concrete floors in parts of the Museum complex. The Committee **decided** to request that Council urgently assess the earthquake damage at the Museum to ensure the safety of staff and members of the public after it was reported there were concerns.
- Thanks
A formal expression of thanks and gift are to be presented to Elizabeth Haylock as an appreciation of her commitment to the Museum.

The Committee **received** the Museum Director's report.

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

The Committee received information as outlined in the President's update, circulated with the agenda.

- Jessie Mould's House, Rue Balguerie
Concern was expressed that no acknowledgement or reply had been received from the Mayor to a letter sent from the Friends of Akaroa Museum requesting consideration of a possible purchase of this property, which has since been sold.
- Future Events
Members were informed that the House and Garden Gala would take place on 24/25 November 2012.

The Committee **received** the report from the President of the Friends of Akaroa Museum.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee **received** correspondence from Friends of Akaroa Museum Inc and endorsed the appointment of David Miller to the Advisory Committee.

7. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Committee adopted the following schedule for its meetings in 2012:

Monday 25 June 2012 – 2.30pm
Monday 24 September 2012 – 2.30pm
Monday 26 November 2012 – 2.30pm

Meetings to be held at the Akaroa Sports Complex, or as otherwise advised.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Specific mention was made of the following matters:

- Forums and Events
Members were informed of dates for Forums and Events as follows:
 - (a) Cruise Ship Forums for the Community – 16 and 18 April 2012.
 - (b) Cruise Ship Forum for the Business Community – 18 April 2012.
 - (c) Cruising Out Party (Harvest Festival) – 21 April 2012.
 - (d) Akaroa's 175th anniversary of European settlement – 2015.
- Next meeting – Monday 25 June 2012 at 2.30pm.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 26 March 2012.