

AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 30 NOVEMBER 2009

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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 30 November 2009.

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

Also in attendance was Lynda Wallace (Museum Director).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received and accepted from Stewart Miller.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

3. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

- Visitor numbers
- Exhibitions
The Museum Director updated the Committee on the upcoming exhibition, *Nga Roimata o Takapuneke*.
- Projects
Members were updated on progress to date in relation to the new storage building, along with other projects being undertaken at the present time. She explained to members that the re-roofing of the Langlois-Eteveneaux cottage was taking longer than anticipated as it involved different contractors and repairs to the roof were required prior to the shingles being replaced. The Committee felt that the Museum Director should be consulted at all times in relation to projects involving the Museum and its surrounding buildings.
- Collections
Members were informed that collections previously housed in the workroom/storeroom have been moved to temporary storage while the new storage building is completed.
- Okains Bay Museum
Members were informed that the Akaroa Museum staff had recently attended the opening of the machinery shed at the Okains Bay Museum.
- Revision of "French Akaroa"
- Upcoming events.
Members were informed that the Official opening of *Nga Roimata o Takapuneke* would be held on Thursday 4 February 2010, 5.30pm to 7pm.

Members were also informed that the arrangement for the Takapuneke celebration was proceeding well.

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

The Committee received information on the following matters, from the President of FOAM.

- Museum's Art Collection
- Garden of Tane
- Oral History Project
- Annual General Meeting of the Friends
- Christmas Function
- Annual Antique Fair Fund Raising event
- New Projects

- Britomart Memorial
Members were informed that Council staff were aware of the potential damage to the Britomart Memorial following recent road works and that the area had been inspected by the Senior Traffic Engineer.

5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

5.1 Meeting Schedule 2010

The Committee **resolved** to adopt the following schedule for its meetings in 2010:

Monday 22 March	-	2.30pm	Akaroa Service Centre
Monday 28 June	-	2.30pm	Akaroa Service Centre
Monday 27 September	-	2.30pm	Akaroa Service Centre

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Specific mention was made of the following matters:

- **170th Anniversary**

The Committee agreed that the Friends of the Akaroa Museum's President, Jane Chetwynd, look into the establishment of a steering committee to organise a small event that would involve the community. It was also agreed that Ms Chetwynd report back to the Community Board Adviser so that the information and ideas collected can be distributed to members of the Committee.

The following suggestions were made:

- that an "open stage" event would suffice.
- Dale Thomas be asked to assist with the event.
- the event could take place about August 2010.
- that Akaroa District Promotions and the Akaroa Heritage Committee be invited to have input

- **Entrance Fee to Akaroa Museum**

Members asked if staff had received any comment in relation to why other Council owned cultural facilities do not charge an entrance fee, while Akaroa Museum is still required to charge.

- **Challenge Grant**

The Museum Director was asked to investigate if the Akaroa Museum could emulate the Christchurch Art Gallery's Challenge Grant initiative.

- **Media Publication**

Members discussed the possibility of matters of interest, eg the Takapuneke celebrations, being published in the Art Gallery bulletin. Members felt that Akaroa events should receive more media coverage than at present.

The Committee **decided** that in light of the national importance of Takapuneke that staff be requested to investigate the possibility of including information or an article in the Art Gallery bulletin, about the exhibition *Nga Roimata o Takapuneke*.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 March 2010 at the Akaroa Service Centre commencing at 2.30pm.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.