

## AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services DDI 941-8607
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Akaroa Museum Director
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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 28 September 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

Following a discussion on the inconsistency of terms in the minutes regarding the arts collection, the Museum Director explained the provisions for such a collection. She said the Museum already had a mandate to collect historical art but the Friends of the Museum wishes to be proactive and build up this collection, by including the collection of contemporary artworks. The Collection Policy states any art must be associated with Banks Peninsula.

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 June 2009, subject to the following alterations:

Clause 3, bullet point five, third paragraph -

- insert "active" before "collection"
- delete "contemporary" and insert "to the current time"

sentence to read - It was **decided** to ask staff to further investigate the establishment of a process and criteria for the active collection of ~~contemporary~~ Banks Peninsula art to the current time as an expansion of the existing collection.

### 3. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

- Visitor numbers
- Exhibitions
- Projects
- "Kataore" Mere - Members were informed that the loan of the mere has been approved from the Auckland Museum
- Collections - The Director will report further at the next meeting on the expansion of the existing art collection
- Garden of Tane Management Plan submission
- Upcoming Events - Members asked that any event known well in advance, such as the gazettal of the Greens Point/Takapuneke land, be placed in the upcoming events item of the director's report.

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

The President of the Friends updated members on the following activities and projects:

- Proposed Extension
- Garden of Tane
- Oral history Project
- Annual General Meeting of the Friends - It was noted that Clause 4.4 of the President's report required a correction following George Tikao's name as "Upoko" was incorrect and should be replaced with "Chairman".

- Cottage, 40 Rue Jolie - members noted the continuing deteriorating state of the Council owned cottage at 40 Rue Jolie. It was felt at the very least, the Council should repair the roof of the cottage to make it weatherproof.

## 5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Community Board Adviser updated the Committee on the following matters:

- **Discretionary Funding Criteria**

The Committee was informed that an application for funding towards a Conservation report could not be applied for under the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board's Discretionary Fund if the application pertained to an item that was considered to be the responsibility under a specific unit of Council. This meant that the planned conservation work on several heritage items in Akaroa, including the whale pots would have to be carried out on a priority basis.

The Committee expressed its concern that no action was being taken to protect the whale pots from further deterioration and felt that immediate action was required.

The Committee also asked that staff be informed of its concerns with regard to ensuring that Council owned heritage items in Akaroa, be maintained.

- **170th Anniversary**

It was reported that next year (2010) would be the 170th anniversary of the settlement of Akaroa. It would also mark 170 years since the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi at Onuku, plus 170 years since the proclamation of British sovereignty. 2010 would also be the 180th anniversary of the Takapuneke massacre.

The Committee agreed that Akaroa should celebrate its 170th anniversary next year in the way of a simple event on the recreation ground. It was pointed out that the Akaroa French Festival would not be held next year and that a heritage themed event could well take its place. The following suggestions were made:

- a garden party
- reprint "Akaroa 1940-1990" booklet
- to be held about August 2010.

The Chairman was asked to report on the Committee's suggestions to the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board meeting to be held on 7 October 2009.

## 6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- **Entrance Fee to Akaroa Museum**

The Committee was informed that the entrance fee to the Akaroa Museum had not been waived at present, as the museum relied on the door takings to fund the activities of the museum. It was pointed out that this was contrary to Council policy which allowed for free entrance to other similar Council owned facilities. This could well be as a result of the five year moratorium under the Memorandum of Understanding between Christchurch City Council and the former Banks Peninsula District Council, however staff should be made aware that funding would be required under the Annual Plan and Budget process in the future.

The Committee **decided** to ask staff why other Council owned cultural facilities do not charge an entrance fee, whilst Akaroa Museum is still required to charge.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 30 November, 2009 at the Akaroa Service Centre commencing at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 3.18pm.