

## AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 22 MARCH 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 22 March 2010.

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

Also in attendance was Lynda Wallace (Museum Director).

#### 1. APOLOGIES

An apologies was received and accepted from Jane Chetwynd

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 November 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 visitor numbers to the end of February had shown a slight drop, but the year overall is on target.
- **Exhibitions**  
Members were advised that visitors' response to the Nga Roimata o Takapuneke exhibition was very positive. It is also a possibility that the exhibition may get another showing at Our City O-Tautahi or the old McDougall, Canterbury Museum. The arrangement and any protocol associated with this exhibition will be dealt with between the Museum Director and Helen Brown of the Historic Places Trust.
- **Projects**  
Members were informed that the air conditioning system for the new storage building was being monitored before moving collections into the building.
- **Collections**  
Members were updated on the items that were now listed and valued.
- **Upcoming events.**  
Members were advised that the Quirky Collections exhibition will open in August.
- **Tsunami Alert**  
Members were updated on what action was taken by staff during the recent tsunami alert. The Committee suggested that staff prepare an emergency plan, to include the Custom House, in the case of any future emergency.
- **Heritage Week**  
Members were informed that the Museum will be mounting a special exhibition for Heritage Week this year, featuring maps and charts of the Akaroa Harbour. Akaroa Civic Trust will also be organising trips on the harbour.

- “Kataore” Mere  
The Museum Director informed members that she was writing to the Auckland Museum to request that the Mere be returned to the Akaroa Museum on a more permanent basis. She said the Nga Roimata o Takapuneke exhibition would close on 1 May and a ceremony will be organised for the return of the Mere to the Auckland Museum on Wednesday 5 May 2010.

Members **resolved** to write to the Auckland Museum, supporting the Museum Director’s proposal to have the Mere returned to Akaroa.

- Terms of Reference – Art Acquisition Committee  
Members agreed that this item be placed on the Museum Advisory Committee’s June agenda.

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

The Committee received information on the following matters:

- Fund Raising
- Exhibition opening
- Completion of new storage building
- Ongoing Projects
- Historic Monuments and public items around Akaroa  
Members were informed that crack monitors have been placed on the Britomart Memorial.
- French Fest  
Members were informed that Akaroa District Promotions would not be holding a smaller scale event this year as first anticipated.
- 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Members were informed that following discussions with local organisations, it was felt that the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was more important to celebrate and that a 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration may detract from the bigger one in five years time.

Members **agreed** to support the idea of a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and asked that this item be placed on the Museum Advisory Committee’s June agenda for discussion. It was noted that funding for an exhibition to coincide with the celebrations could be on the previous anniversary. Funding for an exhibition could also be included in the Board’s submission to the LTCCP Plan in 2012.

#### 5. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER’S UPDATE

##### 5.1 New Zealand Historic Places Trust – Proposed Wāhi Tapu

The Community Board had asked the Museum Committee to consider the details of the proposal to register Oteauheke (Brasenose) as a Wahi Tapu.

The Committee **decided** to support a submission from the Board and felt this was a positive step.

##### 5.2 Management Plan for Onawe

Members were informed that the Draft Management Plan for Onawe could be viewed on the Ngai Tahu website.

#### 6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- Historic Monuments and Public Items

The Committee **decided** that staff be asked to update the Committee on the conservation of heritage items in the Akaroa area.

- Peraki Monuments

The Committee **decided** that staff be asked to investigate the historic items at Peraki and to look into who is responsible for these items.

- Helen Brown – Historic Places Trust

The Committee **decided** to request staff to write to Helen Brown, on behalf of the Committee and the wider community, for her contribution to not only the recent exhibition at the Museum but also for her work on the registration proposal for Places in the Akaroa Harbour.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28 June 2010 at the Akaroa Service Centre commencing at 2.30pm.

The meeting closed at 4.05pm.