

AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD
AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

MONDAY 25 MARCH 2013

2.30PM

IN THE AKAROA SPORTS COMPLEX
28 RUE JOLIE, AKAROA

Committee:

Leigh Hickey - Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board representative
David Miller - Friends of the Museum representative (FOAM)
Lyndon Graham - Community representative
Meri Robinson - Ōnuku Rūnanga representative
Pam Richardson - Chairman Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board - ex-officio.

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1. APOLOGIES

An apology has been received from David Miller.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the apology of David Miller be received.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2012

The minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 26 November 2012 are **attached** for members' information.

The Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board received these minutes at its meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2012.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee held on Monday 26 November 2012 be received.

AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2012

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	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 26 November 2012.

The meeting was attended by Committee members, Pam Richardson (Chairman), Lyndon Graham and Meri Robinson

Also in attendance were Kate Clare (2.48pm) and Nigel Harrison, who were both representing the Friends of Akaroa Museum in the absence of David Miller.

Also in attendance was Lynda Wallace (Museum Director).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from David Miller and Leigh Hickey for absence and Kate Clare for lateness.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 24 September 2012.

3. 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:

- Continued closure of Akaroa Museum to allow permanent repairs to be made
- Delivering history to visitors through tabloid newspaper and brochure
- Exhibitions
- Collections
- Temporary building facility to provide a work place for staff
- Upcoming Events

The Committee **received** the report.

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

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

- Oral History Project – members suggested the following persons could also be interviewed for the Oral History Project on the following subjects:

Stewart Miller	-	Local Government
Nancy Robinson	-	Maori History
June Hay	-	Fashion

The Committee **received** the report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

6.1 Meeting Schedule – 2013

The Committee **resolved** to adopt the following schedule for its meetings in 2013:

Monday 25 March 2013	2.30pm	Akaroa Sports Complex
Monday 24 June 2013	2.30pm	Akaroa Sports Complex
Monday 23 September 2013	2.30pm	Akaroa Sports Complex

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Committee members received information on the Takapuneke Conservation Report, which will be presented to Council on 6 December 2012 and the War Memorial Conservation Plan which is available for viewing at the Akaroa School and Community Library.

Next Meeting: Monday 25 March 2013 commencing at 2.30pm.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

3. AKAROA MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

3.1 VISITORS

Continued closure

The Museum has remained closed throughout a busy summer.

Cruise ship visitors

Visitors from cruise ships are taking up the two offers we have available outside the Museum: a brochure, *All About Akaroa*, containing information about the town; and the *Disasters, Mysteries and Sensations* tabloid. To date, 4,500 copies of the tabloid have been picked up from the stand at our gate. The Visitor Information Centre is the other point of distribution for the two products.

School Groups

During February and March Museum staff have delivered off site education sessions for school groups from outside the area. These groups are regular visitors to the Museum and need to be retained. Venues used to date have been the Boatsheds, the Trinity Presbyterian Church and Hall. 130 students, from five separate schools, have been assisted with their study of Akaroa history.

Collaboration with DOC

During the holiday period, in mid-January, the Museum collaborated with the Department of Conservation, contributing some historical context to a public talk about marine mammals.

3.2 EXHIBITIONS – KEEPING THE MUSEUM IN MIND

Story Boards

Two story boards, or street signs, were produced before Christmas, to signal to pedestrians the location and significance of two of our heritage buildings, the Langlois-Eteveneaux cottage and the Court House. The signs include an early photograph of each building and a paragraph of interpretation.

Cross Roads

Just before Christmas, a new exhibition was installed in the windows beside the 4 Square store. Titled *Cross Roads*, the exhibition interprets the history of the Rue Balguerrie/Rue Lavaud intersection and the four historic buildings sited on each corner – the Langlois-Eteveneaux cottage, Bank of New Zealand, old Post Office and former Turenne Dairy building, originally the Criterion Hotel.

What's in store

The next change to the Museum's window display will be just before Easter, when images of collection items will replace *Cross Roads*. Titled *What's in Store*, this exhibition will show the community a selection from the thousands of objects in the collection, currently safely in the storeroom. Objects are variously unique or common, precious or of little financial value, very old or relatively young.

Community consultation

The exhibition connects with the Museum's focus for the next few months, which is starting the process of engaging with the community to find out what local people would like their museum to be when it reopens. Exhibition spaces and display cases are now empty, so there is an opportunity to start again with a blank canvas.

3.3 COLLECTIONS

Collection valuation confirms significance

A valuation of the collection has been completed and the process of adding individual values to the object records on the collection data base has begun. The independent valuers who assessed our collection confirmed that it is of much more than merely local significance.

Will Watkins painting

The project to conserve and reframe the Will Watkins oil painting of Akaroa Harbour is now complete and plans are underway for an event to celebrate its return to Akaroa (see Events). Our colleagues at the Christchurch Art Gallery have been generous in their support for this project, as have the Friends (in funding the new gilded frame). Both will be acknowledged and thanked at the April event.

3.4 FACILITIES

Heritage buildings

Following the installation in February of a safety fence around the 1965 block of the Museum, access to the back of the Langlois-Eteveneaux cottage was restored. Visitors can now use the Rue Balguerie gate to view the interior of the cottage from the rear viewing windows as previously.

The Customs House may also be able to be reopened before too long, while design work on the foundations of the Court House is underway.

3.5 EVENTS

Thursday 11 April 2013 - Film screening, *Shackleton's Captain*, Akaroa Cinema
(time to be advised).

Friday 19 April 2013 - Friends function, Unveiling Will Watkins painting, Trinity Hall
4.30 pm

Saturday 20 April 2013 - Seminar, The Art of the Frame-maker, with Lin Klenner, Trinity Hall
3 pm

Friday 26 April 2013 - *Stranger than Fiction*, a literary event, Trinity Hall
7 pm

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum Director's update be received.

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

4.1 FUND RAISING

The Friends of Akaroa Museum has had a very successful summer fund-raising season, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of dedicated people. The Garden Tours, run in conjunction with Akaroa District Promotions on 24-25 November, were a roaring success.

As in previous years, the Antiques Fair on 5-6 January in the Akaroa School Gymnasium started the FOAM year. It was again a successful Fair, with cruise ships boosting the attendance on the Saturday (Sunday had no visitors from the ships because of bad weather).

4.2 NEW ACQUISITIONS FUND

Recognising that the lack of an acquisition fund has hampered Museum staff in their search for objects to add to the collection, the Friends resolved at their February meeting to establish a fund for that purpose. The sum of \$5,000 has been set aside initially.

4.3 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

T The Oral History Project will be re-started this year with Marie Frost agreeing to take on the role of coordinator. Volunteers are sought to assist with interviews and transcribing. Training on both will be provided in the coming months.

4.4 TRIBUTES

We pay tribute to three people who have been contributors to and supporters of the Museum over many years - Gwen Manhire, Jim Sunckell and Frank Helps.

Friends patron and loyal supporter of the Museum, Gwen Manhire, had braved months of illness with grace, but sadly lost her battle in November last year.

In January we were so saddened to learn of the death of Jim Sunckell. Jim had been our President for two years and, with Elizabeth (Betty), has been a supporter of FOAM for many additional years.

January also saw the loss of Frank Helps, an irreplaceable Peninsula identity who died in his 101st year. Frank had been a significant contributor to the Museum and to the wider community.

4.5 EVENTS

Looking forward, we have a variety of significant events on the horizon. As part of the Museum's 'Keeping the Museum in Mind' programme, FOAM will be collaborating with Museum staff to host four presentations in April:

- Thursday 11 April 2013 – a public screening of 'Shackleton's Captain' at Akaroa Cinema.
- Friday 19 April 2013 – a Friends event to mark the return of the restored and reframed Will Watkins painting.
- Saturday 20 April 2013 – a public presentation on framing and gilding by Lin Klenner.
- Friday 26 April 2013 – a literary event 'Stranger than Fiction' with readings from literature in which Akaroa and the Peninsula feature.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Friends of the Akaroa Museum President's update be received.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE
6. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE
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