

AKAROA MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – 25 MARCH 2013

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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 25 March 2013.

The meeting was attended by Committee members, Pam Richardson (Chairman), Lyndon Graham and Kate Clare, representing the Friends of Akaroa Museum, in the absence of David Miller.

Also in attendance was Lynda Wallace (Museum Director).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Leigh Hickey, David Miller and Meri Robinson.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The committee **received** the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 26 November 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:

- Off site education sessions for school groups
- Success of the "Frequently asked Questions" brochure and "Disasters, Mysteries and Sensations" tabloid
- Update on closure of facilities
- Will Watkins painting unveiling – Friday 19 April 2013
- Community Consultation – Theme for exhibits when Museum reopens
- Upcoming Events

The Committee **received** the report and acknowledged the Akaroa Museum staff's innovative ways in which they were meeting the needs of visitors and residents during the closure of the Akaroa Museum.

The Committee also **decided** to write a letter conveying their appreciation of the work being undertaken by the Museum and the wider staff team.

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 – Lyndon Graham's name was put forward to participate in the Oral History project as a previous County Clerk.
- Recognitions – Mention was made of the recent deaths of Gwen Manhire, Jim Sunckell and Frank Helps. Committee members wished to recognise the significant contribution over the years that they had made to the Akaroa Museum and the community.

The Committee **received** the report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

Nil.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

7.1 Akaroa Museum Exhibits – Theme

The Committee **decided** to hold a workshop on Monday 24 June 2013, following its next meeting, to contribute to the proposed community consultation regarding the themes which might be used to guide displays and exhibitions when the Akaroa Museum reopens.

7.2 Funding

The Committee discussed funding sources that might be available to the Friends of the Museum and suggested this could be followed up with appropriate staff.

7.3 Facilities Rebuild

The Committee expressed support for the work of the museum team and noted that no firm date for the reopening of the building and other community venues in Akaroa was yet available.

The Committee **decided** to ask staff for an update on these matters to a future Community Board meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 24 June 2013 commencing at 2.30pm.

The meeting closed at 4.25pm.