

## Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee AGENDA

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### Notice of Meeting:

An ordinary meeting of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 28 June 2017  
**Time:** 2.30pm  
**Venue:** Akaroa Sports Complex, Akaroa Recreation Ground,  
28 Rue Jolie, Akaroa

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### Membership

#### Members

Pam Richardson - Banks Peninsula Community Board Representative  
Janis Haley - Banks Peninsula Community Board Representative  
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**1. Apologies**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected/appointed representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

**3. Deputations by Appointment**

There were no deputations by appointment at the time the agenda was prepared.

#### 4. Akaroa Museum Director's Update

Reference: 17/627324

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##### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report (**attached**) is to update the Committee on the activities and events of the Akaroa Museum.

##### 2. Staff Recommendations

That the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee receive the information in the Akaroa Museum Director's update.

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#### Signatories

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| Approved By | Jenny Harper - Director Art Gallery      |

#. AKAROA MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S UPDATE -

#.1 VISITORS

**Visitor numbers**

Although at the time of writing we have not quite reached the end of the financial year, we are close enough to predict total annual visitor numbers. Total for 2016/17 will be just under 24,000 compared to 24,398 for the previous year.

**Origin of visitors**

Cruise ship passengers continue to make up a significant proportion of total visitors. As reported to the September meeting of the Committee, cruise ship passengers made up 26% of all visitors last year; this year will likely be closer to 20%.

**National visitor survey**

Our Museum again participated in the Museums Aotearoa annual visitor survey, conducted over seven days in March. The results showed a high overall level of satisfaction with the Museum and its exhibitions, despite having only some of our galleries open.

#.2 EXHIBITIONS

**Temporary exhibition**

*Painted and Carved: the art of J. H. Menzies*, closed in April after a very successful year. Thousands of visitors were exposed to the work of this little-known local artist and carver and were intrigued by what they saw. Many subsequently made the trip to Little Akaloa to view Menzies' magnificent interior in St Lukes church. Furniture borrowed from private owners for this exhibition has now been returned.

*New Collections* has been installed in the temporary exhibition gallery. The exhibition features two recently acquired collections – the Richard Stewart Pharmacy collection from Akaroa's old chemist shop, and the T. E. Taylor collection of photographs, dating from the late 1890s to about 1910.

**Long term exhibitions**

*Ngā Taenga Mai Arrivals*, the first of our new long-term galleries, was opened in October last year and has been favourably received by the summer crowds. Very little further work was done on the new long-term exhibitions over the summer season while our exhibition designer/installer was committed to another project. Work has now resumed and will continue over the winter months.

#.3 COLLECTIONS

**An unexpected donation**

While we were in the process of returning loan items from the Menzies exhibition, the photographer Neil Pardington, whose image of St Lukes church interior had featured in the exhibition, offered it to the Museum as a donation. It is a beautiful, large framed colour photograph, valuable both as an art work and a document of the building, so was very gratefully received and added to our collection.

**Conservation**

Preparing collection objects for display in the new galleries has occupied a substantial amount of staff time over the past few months. One of the collection items, a pair of huia in a Victorian case, required some conservation to ready it for display. Tai Tapu conservator Emily Fryer cleaned the case interior and the birds, restoring them to a displayable condition. As good examples of a now-extinct species, these are among the most valuable of our collection objects.

#.4 FACILITIES

#### **Court House**

Within the last week, scaffolding surrounding the court house has been removed, revealing the repaired and repainted 1879 building in all its glory. The finial decorating the front gable has been restored for the first time in over 50 years – it was burnt, the front windows cracked, and façade charred, when the court house almost caught alight during the Metropole Hotel fire in January 1962.

In the court room, a heat pump has been installed and audio-visual equipment overhauled, ready for use again as the Museum's theatre.

#### **Customs House**

The customs house is also almost ready to reopen, waiting only on new interpretive material to be produced. The external (above roof) chimney has been rebuilt and is now supported by a steel frame constructed within the chimney cavity. The barrier and viewing windows that previously prevented visitors from walking into the building has been removed, and the exterior repainted.

#### **Langlois-Eteveneaux cottage**

A reopening for the cottage will be further off, as there is still considerable work to complete on the site, the interior, and producing interpretation.

### **#.5 OTHER**

#### **A tribute to Murray Thacker, Okains Bay Museum**

We have all noted with much regret the death of Murray Thacker, founder/Director of the Okains Bay Maori and Colonial Museum, whose energies and personal resources have been devoted to the growth and development of his Museum and the community within which it is located. Murray was a rare individual who combined a focus on community and family with a dedication to collecting and preserving history that remained constant throughout his long life.

### **#.6 EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS**

#### **Upcoming events**

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Akaroa French Fest           | 6-8 <sup>th</sup> October                  |
| Friends of Akaroa Museum AGM | 5pm Fri 13 October at The Gaiety           |
| Beca Heritage Week           | 13-23 October                              |
| FOAM Antiques Fair           | 30/31 <sup>st</sup> December at The Gaiety |





## 5. Friends of Akaroa Museum (FOAM) - President's Update

Reference: 17/627358

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### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is to update the Committee on the activities and events of the Friends of the Akaroa Museum.

### 2. Staff Recommendations

That the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee receive the information in the Friends of Akaroa Museum President's Update.

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**BANKS PENINSULA COMMUNITY BOARD AKAROA MUSEUM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FRIENDS OF AKAROA MUSEUM (FOAM) – PRESIDENT’S UPDATE June 2017**

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**1. The FOAM AGM on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

The AGM was very well-attended, with Dan Smith giving a scholarly and insightful – and very enjoyable - presentation on the life and times of John Henry Menzies. Lynda Wallace gave an uplifting briefing also on the Museum’s year of progress – that can be seen in the new galleries, with more to come.

The AGM was also the occasion for celebrating Kate Clare as she left the role of Treasurer after 16 years. Kate was nominated and unanimously endorsed as a Patron and Life Member of FOAM, joining Liz Haylock in that role. The other formal elections of officers resulted in the following:

- ☐ President: David Miller
- ☐ Vice President: Nigel Harrison
- ☐ Secretary: Sue Johns
- ☐ Treasurer: Sue Craw
- ☐ Committee: Allison Craw, Cheryl Jenkins, Alyson Grigg, Carole Francis-Miller, Graeme Curry, John Harding, Paddy Stronach.
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We are particularly grateful for the continued support of the FOAM Committee colleagues, both ‘old’ and ‘new’.

**2. Garden Tour 26-27 November, 2016.**

Liz Haylock and Hollie Hollander ensured superb planning and organization for the Garden Tour late last year. 15 Gardens were on show, under mostly kind skies, and the turnout was outstanding. In fact, the Garden Tour raised just over \$5,000 for FOAM! Our grateful thanks for all those who volunteered on the gates of the gardens over the weekend.

**3. Christmas Dinner on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016.**

As always, the Christmas Dinner was great fun and very well attended. No dancing on tables this time, but there’s always next year.

#### **4. Antiques Fair, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

The Antiques Fair was a gratifying success, with over \$2,000 raised for FOAM over the two days. In fact, our use of the Gaiety was curtailed by half a day, due to an unforeseen booking error. The Council made a gracious apology and assured FOAM that mix-ups of that nature will not happen again. As always, our grateful thanks to Liz Haylock, Nigel Harrison and Cheryl Jenkins for their great help in making the event a success.

#### **5. Oral History Project.**

Paddy Stronach has worked very effectively to bring a new sense of purpose to the Oral History Project. Abstracting has gained much-needed momentum in recent weeks, and we are poised for a new round of training in both interviewing and abstracting.

#### **6. Paving for Posterity.**

The paving stones project became stalled over Summer, with the peak season meaning no stones could be laid at this time. However, we are hopeful the first tranche will finally be laid by July this year. We will likely have a formal unveiling of the first tranche, as a stimulus to expanding the reach of the project in the coming months.

#### **7. FOAM's 2017 AGM**

The FOAM AGM this year will be held on **Friday 13 October**. Our guest speaker will be Helen Leach – she will speak about the Watkins family as horticulturalists and artists in Akaroa from the 1850s to 1890s, with lots of illustrations.

Our continued thanks to Lynda and the Museum team for their continued leadership in keeping the Museum alive at the centre of our community, and to the Christchurch City Council for its support in bringing our Museum back! We are excitedly poised at the cusp of a new era for the Museum and full of hope for its future.

**David Miller**  
**President**  
**Friends Of Akaroa Museum**

## 6. Committee Members' Exchange of Information

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This item provides an opportunity for Committee Members to update each other on recent events and/or issues of relevance and interest to the Committee.