

**Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee**  
**OPEN MINUTES**

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**Date:** Wednesday 20 May 2026  
**Time:** 2.01 pm  
**Venue:** Akaroa Boardroom, 78 Rue Lavaud Akaroa

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**Present**

Chairperson Pam Richardson - Community Representative  
Members John Curry - Friends of Akaroa Museum (FOAM)  
Jeanette Elliot - Friends of Akaroa Museum (FOAM)  
Asif Hussain - Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board Representative  
Staff Lynda Wallace, Director Akaroa Museum

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- Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision**  
**Part B Reports for Information**  
**Part C Decisions Under Delegation**
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## Karakia Tīmatanga

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

### 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

**Part C**

**Committee Resolved AMA/2026/00006**

That the apology from John Curry for absence be accepted.

Jeanette Elliot/Asif Hussain

**Carried**

### 2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

**Part B**

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

**Part C**

**Committee Resolved AMA/2026/00007**

That the minutes of the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 be confirmed.

Pam Richardson/Asif Hussain

**Carried**

### 4. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

**Part B**

There were no deputations by appointment.

### 5. Friends of Akaroa Museum (FOAM) – President’s Update

**Committee Resolved AMA/2026/00008 (Original Staff Recommendation accepted)**

That the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee:

1. Receives the information in the correspondence report Friends of Akaroa Museum (FOAM) – President’s Update dated 20 May 2026.

Jeanette Elliot/Asif Hussain

**Carried**

## 6. Akaroa Museum Director's Update

### Committee Resolved AMA/2026/00009 (Original Staff Recommendation accepted)

That the Akaroa Museum Advisory Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Akaroa Museum Director's Update Report.

Pam Richardson/Jeanette Elliot

**Carried**

#### Attachments

A Akaroa Museum Origin of Visitors April 2026 

## 7. Committee Members' Exchange of Information Te Whakawhiti Kōrero a ngā Mema Komiti

### Part B

It was suggested that the Friends of Akaroa Museum hold a community fundraising event in support of the museum in association with the 150 year anniversary of the Akaroa Mail, or alternatively, invite Michael de Hamel to speak at the Annual General Meeting.

It was also suggested that Michael de Hamel be interviewed for an oral history project.

There has been an incident of vandalism at the Custom House resulting in broken handcrafted hinges, locks and broken windows. The matter was reported to Police, however no further action was available. A request has been made for a heritage quality repair through Council facilities.

It was highlighted that there has been a change in origin of visitors to the Museum during April and May 2026, with overall visitor numbers being maintained through increased visitation from Asian tourists. (Attachment A).

The Committee noted the museum's wish to develop its relationship with local rūnanga and look forward to progressing this with Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku representative on the committee.

The museum is contributing to a display of taonga at Ōnuku at Matariki.

## Karakia Whakakapi

**Meeting concluded at 2.48pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2026**

**PAM RICHARDSON  
CHAIRPERSON**