



# MUSEUM MUSINGS

News from Okains Bay Maori & Colonial Museum August 2016

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## Annual General Meeting

will be held on Sunday, 21st August 2016 at 10.30am in the museum cafe.

All welcome to treasure this community asset.

There is a palpable feel of rejuvenation about the Museum at present, and it is growing. The new Board governance structures are bedding in, with positive steps being taken to ensure the future, the sustainability, of the Museum

### New projects are afoot:

for the arena, the erection of two new display buildings to house a fully equipped cheese factory, and put on show the equipment in the Roads' Board collection; in the very back shed in the arena, the restoration of the colonial boat collection; and in the Colonial Hall, where the "winter women" volunteering trio are hard at work revitalising the whaling exhibits and the displays relating to the early Bay settlers' families.



*Lyn Nicholl, Sharon Henderson (custodian) and Wayne Kay finishing the early Bay settlers' family exhibit*



*Rick Flatman and Crystal Koti, between the vintage boats*



**Welcome to Crystal Koti** and her family. Crystal will be helping Murray and Sharon with custodial duties.

Also **welcome to Arthur Simmonds** and **Rick Flatman** of the Canterbury Historic Boat Restoration group, initially working on the museum's navy boat and "Aide" the ex Sumner life boat.

## Te Papa Visit - Taonga Māori: Assessment "of outstanding quality and national significance"

The importance of the confirmation, by experts from Te Papa, of the Board's belief that the Museum's collection contains artefacts of outstanding quality and that the collection of taonga Maori is one of national significance, cannot be underestimated. The Te Papa report's findings should be celebrated by all. Those findings will be of considerable use to the Board in sourcing funding in the future and in ensuring the continued and continuing existence of the Museum in Okains Bay. Hence, at least in part, my optimism.

If possible, come to the AGM, to hear more about what is occurring, and look around at what has been done, is being done.

Nigel Hampton, Chair Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou



*Janet Lane (nee Mason) and her daughter Zylpha Kovacs assisting Sharon Henderson (custodian), Judy Thacker (Kahui Korowai member) and David Lewis display the Mason christening gowns.*