



# MUSEUM MUSINGS

## News from Okains Bay Maori & Colonial Museum

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**Murray Thacker: Q.S.M (Te Tuhi –The Historian) 7.10.33 – 08.06.17**  
**His legacy:** the museum, will carry on for the next 100 years.



The museum keeps a record of the various places our visitors come from and how they found out about us. Although most come from Christchurch and New Zealand our largest overseas demographic come from the U.K.; the greatest number of overseas visitors come off the cruise ships. How did most people find out about the Museum? **Word of mouth.**

Just goes to show the importance of friendly service, interesting exhibits and customer care.



Ian Day, Manager



One of the inherent pleasures about working in a museum is that you get to see and handle items that the public seldom know about. When clearing some shelves recently, Ian found **a book printed in 1723**. It is a large book with beautiful binding, albeit in need of conservation work. What was the book about? Did it contain accounts of early explorers, or the secrets of the universe? No! It was merely a badly-written attack on the English system of heraldry. The disgruntled author was ordered to cease publishing or face imprisonment!



Sharon with a korowai carefully stored in specially lined drawers.



Sandy Duncan setting up a new display of sports trophies & awards for cricket, gymnastics and rugby.

Help! The Museum needs a good quality SLR **digital camera** to enable us to put images of items in the collection onto a database. Many people no longer use their cameras because they find a cell phone more convenient to use. If you have one that you are willing to donate, please contact Ian on 03 304 8611 or email [info@okainsbaymuseum.co.nz](mailto:info@okainsbaymuseum.co.nz)

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