News from Okains Bay Maori & Colonial Museum

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Friends of the Museum and volunteers are vital to the health, wellbeing and maintenance of the buildings, grounds and culture of the museum.

The Kahui Korowai is a team of people who originally assisted Murray Thacker in running the museum, now joined by locals whose main task is ensuring Waitangi Day is successful.

Friends of the Museum are a group of people, nationally and internationally, who pay yearly or life subscription to keep the museum going.

Volunteers are mainly locals who work for fun and friendship creatively working on the exhibits under the guidance of Ian and Sharon.

Staff consist of: Ian - Manager Sharon - custodian David – maintenance Dominique - accounts Thank you to everyone who gave muscle, time, creative energy, power tools, artistic flair, expertise, fuel, machinery, goods, historic items, positivity, maturity and understanding.

The museum was gifted to the nation by Murray Thacker and as such does not receive an annuity. Therefore, it relies on gate takings, grants, fund raising and subscriptions for operational expenses and to maintain the many buildings including the shop and houses for custodians, manager and Okains Bay Store manager. This museum is regarded as being of national significance due to the Maori Taonga collection and we can be proud to have a destination of this quality in Okains Bay on Banks Peninsula.



The collection of cooper tools and barrels in the Colonial Hall is being refurbished, and tools cleaned and protected by staff and volunteers. The guys moving totara stump to Waka Shed from Whare Taonga to make way for housing the korowai (cloak) cabinet

\$25 for single, \$35 for family, \$500 for life. Please support the museum this year and internet banking to the account below or cheques to PO Box 87032, Akaroa

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