



Kia ora, Hello

from the Okains Bay Museum Team

As the days draw in and the leaves turn colour, Autumn is showing us that Okains Bay is still a beautiful place to be.

The Museum has enjoyed a busy few months. Following on from the success of the 2021 Waitangi Day Commemorations, we've had a large number of High School groups visit as part of the start of their social science study year.



What's Happening at the Museum

Winter Hours from 1 May

The museum will be open weekends only until October from 10am - 4pm, other times by arrangement.

ANZAC Weekend

Saturday & Monday: 10am - 4pm

Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

We'll be open over the long weekend for those wishing to pay respect to the local ANZACs honoured in the Museum's collection.

Join us at **2:30 pm Sunday and/or Monday** for a **Free Coffee and Crochet** workshop to make poppies and enjoying homemade ANZAC biscuits with complimentary tea and coffee.



ANZAC Poppy Making Workshop

2:30pm Sunday and Monday



New Education Programme

As you may know, the National Curriculum is undergoing review. From 2022, Aotearoa New Zealand histories will be taught in all schools and kura. Some schools are already testing draft content this year.

To ensure our Education Programme is aligned with the National Curriculum, we have obtained funding support from The Sargood Bequest to develop new material.

Waka Festival and Weekend Workshops

Early stage planning is underway for a Quiz Night and a series of weekend workshops focussing on Mirimiri and Rongoā Māori, Colonial Baking using the Museum's outdoor colonial oven, Printing and Blacksmithing.

We also are planning another larger event featuring Waka which will include learning about Waka traditions, construction and carving, paddling and sailing.



New Trustee Quentin Roake

Introducing Quentin Roake, the newest member of the [Museum Trust Board](#). Quentin has worked as an architect, publisher and project manager in New Zealand and England. After restoring a medieval house in Kent, Quentin and his family returned home.

Sparked by an early visit to Okains Bay Museum, he has since been researching, designing and building contemporary Māori and Pasifika waka. Quentin has a Bachelor of Architecture degree and a Masters of Indigenous Studies. We warmly welcome Quentin to the Museum Team.

Working Bee

Sunday 16th May, 10 am - 4 pm

There's always work to be done on the museum's collections and grounds. The Working Bees are also social events where you can meet new people, learn or share your passion and skills, and enjoy giving back to the community.

Lunch will be provided.



Would you like to join us?

Please email us.



Garden Tools Needed

We need some more **garden tools** so if you have any spare **secateurs, garden forks** (large and small), **trowels, spades, loppers** or **yard brooms** in your garage or garden shed, please let us know.

We also are on the lookout for more **vacuum cleaners** so if you are wanting an excuse to upgrade yours and pass your old one on to the Museum, here it is!

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will live

Many of you have also worked on other projects for the museum. Thank you to those who have given their time to paint, clean, impart knowledge, find and bring useful donations or advocate on the museum's behalf ... the list goes on and so does our appreciation. **Kia ora. Thank you.**

If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering at Okains Bay Museum, please forward this email to them.

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