



Kia ora, Hello

Wind, water and snow - the Bay has had a wild start to winter!

While the museum is now open at weekends only, we've still been working on lots of projects, thanks to the help of our wonderful staff and volunteers.



Project Updates

Ticket & Info Office Refurb

With the help of Court Theatre set and props designer Julian Southgate, we have designed a new look for the ticket and information office.

Work is in progress, and we are very excited about making this space more appealing to visitors and workable for staff.

Maintenance

Now that the lawns aren't growing as fast, Rick can concentrate on the long-standing maintenance projects, including improving the drainage, repairing brickwork, and exterior painting.

Collections Care

- Collection experts recently visited to sort and categorise the museum's extensive bottle collection.
- We also were privileged to have volunteer collections experts from the Canterbury Museum visit and develop an ongoing programme of care for the Taonga Māori Collection.
- As firearm regulations are changing for museum collections, we are grateful for John Thomson's ongoing help to navigate these in relation to the Museum's Gun Collection.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.

Annual General Meeting

10:30 am Sunday, August 1st in the Museum Tearoom.

You are invited to attend, provide feedback, and hear from the Trustees about the museum's work and future plans.



New Trustee Kyle Davis

Kyle Davis is currently Manager Matauranga Taiao at Mahaanui Kurataiao and Ngāi Tahu Archaeologist.

He has a background in archaeological field research, cultural and environmental mapping, museum collection work and research, and hapū and iwi engagement facilitation.

Quiz Night Fundraiser

Saturday 21 August

Akaroa and Okains Bay Museums' inaugural FUNdraising Quiz Night is happening at The Gaiety on Saturday 21 August.

Grab your friends and **make a team of 4**, or come along and join a team. **MC/Quiz Master** for the night is the multitasking and quick-witted Court Theatre Improvisor/Jester and Artistic Director, **Dan Pengelly**.

\$15 per person. Plus supper plates \$10 each. Book at Akaroa Museum or Okains Bay Museum. Limited numbers so book early.



Labour Weekend Workshops

The Craftmasters' Festival

As part of the Christchurch Heritage Festival, the museum will hold a [weekend of heritage craft workshops](#), including favourites from our Waitangi Day Commemorations. There will be colonial baking with Tanya and Ron, printing with Howard, and blacksmithing with Les and Thung.



➔ [Donate or Lend a Tree.](#)

➔ [Register to Design a Tree](#)

Christmas Night at the Museum

Saturday 4 December

Individuals and groups from throughout the Peninsula - and as far away as Australia - are designing unique decorated Christmas trees to display in the museum during December.

Carol singers will guide visitors around the tree displays on opening night to see them lit up for the first time. We hope they will draw visitors to the museum to vote for their favourite display during the festive season.

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.

[Register here to become an Okains Bay Museum Volunteer](#)

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Open Wed-Sun, 10am-4pm | Ph: (03) 304 8611