



## **Kia ora Hello**

2021 is speeding to a close and we have some exciting updates and events on the calendar designed to bring festive cheer.

### **New Visitor Host Samarah**

Our first piece of news is to introduce our new Visitor Host, Samarah Turner. Samarah, partner Nigel and children have moved to the Bay from Nelson.

Samarah is following in the footsteps of her tupuna and says it was her journey of whakapapa and wairua that brought her to Okains Bay. She also brings with her a passion for history and deep whānau connections to the Peninsula.



Visitor Host Samarah Turner

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## **A Christmas Night at the Museum**

Okains Bay Community Christmas Celebration



*Free Event for Okains Bay Residents*

Join us for a unique free community event to welcome Christmas and mark the official gifting of the Okains Bay Store to the Enhancement Society.

The evening starts at 7:30 pm at the Store, followed by a light Christmas supper at the Community Hall. At dusk, carol singers from Tectonic Tones will welcome us to the museum to see the Christmas tree displays lit up for the first time throughout the museum buildings and collection spaces.

## **December at the Museum**

Imagine stepping back in history into a colonial lounge or settler's cottage at Christmas time

From 5 – 31 December the museum will feature displays of Christmas trees throughout the museum's buildings and collection spaces. Visitors will be transported back in time to a Christmas night over 100 years ago, with uniquely designed trees decorated by talented local groups and individuals. You can even vote for your favourite. Normal admission costs apply.

We are extremely grateful to [Gallery Akaroa Inc.](#), [The Light Site](#) and [Showbiz Christchurch](#) for assisting us with lighting and display stands, and to the many people who have donated Christmas trees, lights and decorations.

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## **Waitangi Day Commemorations 2022**

Planning Meeting and Christmas Shared Lunch



Recently, the museum trustees and Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata agreed to work together to co-host Waitangi Day Commemorations 2022.

You are invited to join us on **6 December from 10 am in the museum tearoom** to help with the planning for 2022. We will also celebrate the festive season with a shared Christmas-themed lunch.

To attend and assist with the planning of this iconic event on the Okains Bay community calendar, **please R.S.V.P by email.**

### **Mini Working Bee - 6 December from 1 pm**

There are two tasks we need help to complete before the summer holidays. If you have a couple of hours to spare **from 1 pm on Sunday 6th December**, we need help to clean up the grounds behind the bach and to remove and lay carpet tiles in the museum tearoom. No need to RSVP, just come along!

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## **The Museum and the COVID Protection Framework**

Okains Bay Museum is a museum for the community and for all Aotearoa New Zealand. Protecting our taonga and our collections is equally as important as keeping our community of visitors, volunteers and staff safe.

Due to recent New Zealand Government policy announcements concerning the COVID-19 Protection Framework system (aka the traffic light system) the museum's board of trustees and management team are working to comply with Government regulations to help minimise the spread of this deadly disease.

It is likely that all visitors to the museum aged 12 and over will be required to show their vaccine passports when entering the museum grounds. This will also apply to all staff and volunteers.

Please keep yourself, our staff and other visitors safe by wearing your mask and signing in on arrival when visiting the museum. Please also be prepared to show your vaccine passport.

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## **Okains Football Team & NZEF Soldier**

## Who Are They?

Our recent article in the Akaroa Mail seeking to identify an unknown NZEF soldier and the 1913 Football Team sparked a lot of interest and new connections.

We believe we have identified all but one of the 1913 Football Team. However, the identity of the soldier remains elusive. If you can help please get in touch.

Rugby Historian Keith Gordon is looking to purchase copies of **Peninsula Rugby Sub Union 1908 - 1958 booklet** printed by Akaroa Mail Print and the **Banks Peninsula Rugby Football Club 1908 - 2008 centennial book** written by Cheryl Jenkins. If you can help him with these, please email: [keith.gordon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:keith.gordon@xtra.co.nz)







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## **Labour Weekend** Wins and Losses

Covid-19 severely impacted the success of our Labour Weekend Craftmasters' Festival. We had to cancel the Printing and Colonial Baking Workshops due to low bookings.

Conversely, the Blacksmithing workshops were very popular with two sold-out days. Supported by master blacksmith Les Schenkel and local farrier John Thacker, Thung Chutrchavech put in three days of hard mahi to run the blacksmith workshops, mostly single-handed. Thank you, Thung!



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