



## Kia ora, Hello

While we are still having some lovely sunny days in the bay, the dip in temperatures signals the **switch to Winter hours** at the Museum: **Weekends only, 10 am - 4 pm.**

However, groups may book to visit at other times and we will open and host these exclusive visits for a set fee.

*Top image: Craighead Diocesan School visit. Bottom image: Thung Chutrchaivech working in the forge on regular visits to the museum over Summer.*



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## Okains Bay Connectivity Update:

Christchurch City Council has granted Rural Connectivity Group (RCG) consent to build, operate and maintain a cell site to deliver 4G wireless broadband and voice calling services to the community of Okains Bay. This is excellent news!

RCG envisage the build will commence in Spring 2022, with the site being live by Summer 2022.

We have been told that "The technology on the RCG site is new and means that older style devices won't work/connect to the site. Users must check with their service providers to ensure that they have devices compatible with the new 4G voice calling over data."

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## **New Experiences at the Museum**

Over the summer volunteer blacksmith Thung Chutrchaivech has been working in the forge handcrafting tray handles, paring knives, and hair clasps to delight visitors and sell in the museum shop.

A new treasure hunt introduced for Sea Week has proved to be a "massive success" and is available for all visitors to enjoy. Designed to discover some of the many maritime objects and stories in our extensive collections, it's not just for kids. There are plenty of challenges and rewards for all participants.

The team have also been working on upgrading some of the collection displays, including the ANZAC, Cobblery and Hettie Wells Collections in the Colonial Hall. New interpretation panels have also been added.



### **ANZAC Letters Home**

The first podcast series featuring letters written by Peninsula N.Z.E.F. soldiers, nurses and family members and read by members of the Christchurch performing arts community was completed and launched on ANZAC Day.

[You can listen to it on the museum's website](#) and in the ANZAC Collection in the Colonial Hall.

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## Up and Coming Events

The joint **Akaroa and Okains Bay Museums' Quiz** fundraiser last year was postponed due to Covid-19 related restrictions. The good news is that we hope to go ahead with it in September, going well.

To prepare you, Okains Bay Museum team will host a **Volunteer weekend, shared dinner and pre-quiz night** before, dates to be confirmed. So start swatting up on local history and general knowledge.

When the Museum returns to Summer hours at Labour Weekend, we'll be taking part in the **Christchurch Heritage Festival** with an **interactive museum experience** called '**A Place Called Home**'.

Set in Okains Bay pre-WWI, teams of participants perform a series of heritage-based challenges to prove their worth as community citizens. It's a kind of heritage 'Amazing Race' meets the video game 'Stardew Valley'. Full details to follow.

## Take Part in Christmas at the Museum 2022

*After the success of the inaugural event last year, our aim is an even better and bigger event for 2022.*

With support from Creative Communities to pay for professional lighting and the Okains Bay Enhancement Society, planning for this event is well underway.



The event will open on Saturday 3 December with a late afternoon/early evening Christmas Market showcasing craftwork from the Bay's artisans. The trees will be lit at sundown and we hope to have Tectonic Tones entertain us again with a selection of Christmas Carols.

The Exhibition will open throughout December and early January so campers and summer visitors don't miss out. There will be Christmas movie and special viewing nights too.

**Register your interest to:**

- Have a stall at the Christmas market.
- Design and decorate a tree.



## Sponsor a Xmas Tree

### Branding/Naming Rights

For a \$250 donation towards the costs of installing and running the exhibition, businesses or individuals receive branding or naming rights on one of the displays which appear on signage and social media, and six complimentary entry passes.

Sponsor a Tree Exhibit

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## Current Museum Projects

An overarching plan for this year is to improve the **care and presentation** of the museum's **collections and stories**.


We have made progress with this by cleaning and adding information panels to the **Hettie Wells Collection**, and we are in the process of doing the same in the **ANZAC Collection** space.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the **Mobile Storytelling Project** designed to unlock collection and object stories as visitors move throughout the museum. Since then, we have raised **\$1500** through multiple channels **towards our \$4000 target**.

If you can **help us with a donation** (of any size), please click the 'support this project' button and donate on our Givealittle Page. As we are a charity, **donations are also tax-deductible**.

**Mobile Storytelling Project**

**\$4,000.00**  
goal



**View**

Support this Project

## Other ways to support the Museum's work

 <p><b>\$24</b></p> <p>1 x DRY CLEANING SPONGE.</p> <p><small>Cleans surfaces, such as delicate fabrics, without getting them wet.</small></p>	 <p><b>\$43</b></p> <p>1 SMALL GARMENT STORAGE BOX.</p>	 <p><b>\$65</b></p> <p>COLLECTION CARE SAFETY EQUIPMENT.</p> <p><small>Allows collection care volunteers to clean items and be protected from dust and mould.</small></p>	 <p><b>\$87</b></p> <p>1 SET OF HAKA CLEANING BRUSHES</p>
 <p><b>\$179</b></p> <p>PAYS FOR A VISITOR HOST FOR A DAY.</p>	 <p><b>\$459</b></p> <p>1 BACKPACK VACUUM FOR COLLECTION CLEANING.</p>	 <p><b>\$680</b></p> <p>MAINTAINS THE GROUNDS FOR A WEEK.</p>	 <p><b>\$1038</b></p> <p>OPERATES THE MUSEUM FOR A DAY.</p>

1. [Choose the work](#) or supplies you would like to support from [our website page](#) and make your donation through online banking.
2. Make a one-off or regular donation from our [Givealittle page](#) using your credit/debit card.

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

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