



Kia ora, Hello

We have some exciting news! Okains Bay Museum has been selected for [The Funding Network NZ](#)'s Generosity Generator Programme which supports us to run our own crowdfunder on Givealittle from 1st May 2023 - 12th May 2023.

On Monday 1st May at 9am we will be launching our crowdfunding campaign, which will be raising funds to replace spouting so old (rusty and leaking) it could be in our collection!

This means that from 1st - 12th May you'll be hearing from us a bit more than usual as we share news about our campaign, and take you along for the journey.





So how can you help?

1. We are putting together a match funding pot of \$2,000 to motivate increased generosity from our community by doubling their donations. If you would like to chat about helping with this, please [contact Museum Manager Wendy Riley by email](#) or phone 021 192 0047.
2. We would LOVE to get the campaign off to a strong start on Monday 1st May, as this builds confidence in other donors and gives us an amazing boost. If you would like to donate, [you can do so here from 1st May](#).
3. If you are not able to offer financial support at this point, a great way of helping is to share our campaign far and wide, chat to friends/whānau/neighbours about it, and share our social media posts from [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)

It may be that you have an amazing idea that we haven't mentioned here - we would love to chat with you about it. Get in touch by replying to this email.

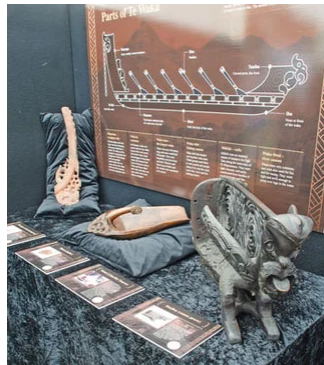
A Weekend at SailGP



Kōtukumairangi is front and centre on the best photos from Christchurch gallery on the SailGP web page.

The Museum had a fabulous time working with Rāpaki - Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke and the Ngāi Tahu Archive on the curation of a small exhibition of waka-related taonga for SailGP.

The Ngāi Tahu waka Kōtukumairangi, which is cared for by the Museum, made the journey to Te Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour from Kawatea Okains Bay with the support of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Coastguard Canterbury, Ngāi Tahu kaihoe (paddlers), and Museum staff and volunteers.



Reconnecting Taonga



Recently, taonga from Okains Bay Museum travelled home to Ōnuku Marae to reconnect with Ōnuku whānau, and to Koukourarata Marae as part of the Tūtehuarewa Centenary celebrations.

One of these precious taonga is this outstanding hei tiki from the Museum collection.

Museum founder and former director Murray Thacker noted that Kenneth Webster of England (from whom he purchased the tiki) told him it was collected from its original Māori owners in Akaroa by a crew member of a whaling ship in the early 1800s.

Biosecurity Team Visit

If you are anything like us, you'll be big fans of the work of our biosecurity officers helping stop harmful pests and diseases at the border.

We hosted a small group from the capability team in a session on what to do when faced with museum taonga and heritage treasures. We were impressed with their knowledge and the care and respect they showed when handling our practice items.



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

With your basket and my basket, the people will live

Okains Bay Museum

Currently open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm