



Kia ora, Hello

How quickly the year has gone and the Museum is once again heralding in the festive season after the shift to Summer hours at Labour weekend.

Now open Wednesday - Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm.

Visit from the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage



In October the Museum welcomed Hon Carmel Sepuloni and shared with her the taonga - and the challenges - of this amazing place and collection. The Minister was accompanied by Courtney Johnston Chief Executive of Te Papa, and came to see the Museum's work carried out with the support of the Museum Hardship Fund (a Covid recovery initiative coordinated by Te Papa) and the Ngākahu Human Remains repatriation programme in action.

"The beautiful taonga in our amazing museums across the country always just leaves me with goose bumps. Behind these taonga are generations of individuals, Whānau and communities that care for the whare taonga. Okains Bay Museum (near Akaroa) is one where the largest collection of Maori taonga outside of our big metro museums is housed. The whanau that care for these taonga are working with Te Papa through the Ngakahu programme on repatriation. They are also meticulously going through taonga to ascertain which are made from human bone, as part of the rethink about displaying and holding koiwi and where possible - the options for repatriation of both koiwi and other taonga. It is an incredibly important kaupapa."

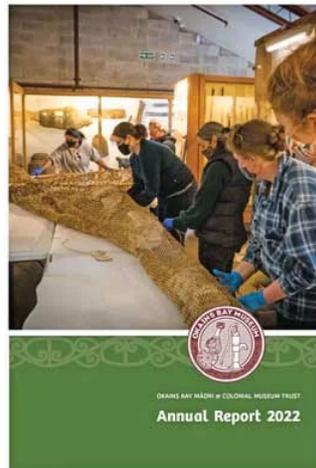
Minister Carmel Sepuloni

Courageous Conversations

Annual General Meeting and Annual Report - 7 August 2022

Board Chair Helen Brown introduced and invited the Museum community to be part of "some courageous conversations" about the Museum's future. Look out for community meeting dates in the New Year when opportunities to discuss this kaupapa will be confirmed.

"The Museum's founder, the late Murray Thacker, left us an incredible legacy. But the ongoing maintenance of such an extensive complex of buildings, and the care of nationally significant collections with multi-faceted conservation needs, requires huge resourcing. How we achieve this will require us to think outside the square."



2021-22 Annual Report

"In considering future directions we also need to understand the wishes, values, and aspirations of the wider community. It is my hope that everyone with an interest in the future of Okains Bay and the Museum, including mana whenua, local residents, Christchurch City Council, GLAM sector allies, and those involved with the Museum itself will be willing to approach this kaupapa with open hearts and minds. Together I believe it will be possible for us to create something of lasting and substantial benefit for us and our children after us."

Helen Brown, Chair

Okains Bay Connectivity Update:

"The RCG contractor Ventia should have just started work on the site and if everything goes according to plan, we hope to have the facility live by early December 2022. This site also provides the backhaul for Le Bons Bay so there will be two happy communities once we get these cell sites livened.

"Please remember to provide the [attached information to the community](#) about 4G Voice Calling, which is the service along with wireless broadband available from the RCG cell sites."

Caitlin Metz, Engagement Manager

Up and Coming Events

Christmas at the Museum 2022

From 3 December 2022 to 15 January 2023, Okains Bay 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.

Opening Night: Saturday 3 December

A Free Community Event

10 am - 3 pm: the trees will be set up by the decorators. The Museum will be open as usual.

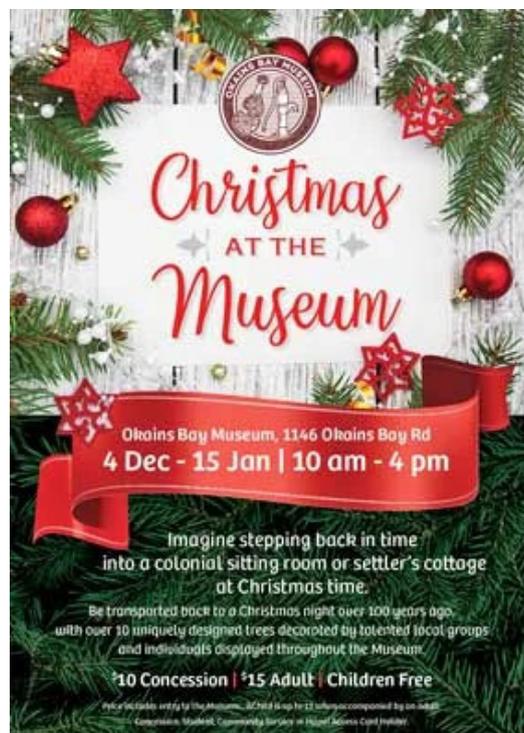
4 pm - 8 pm: Christmas Market in the Museum Bach Grounds. The Museum will be closed to the public while the displays are professionally lit by The Light Site.

5 pm - 6 pm: Children's Event featuring a special guest dropping in from his home in the North Pole, and a preview of the Christmas Tree Displays.

8:30 pm: Tree Lighting at sunset and carols fill the Museum to herald in the Festive Season at Okains Bay.

Register your interest to:

- [Have a stall at the Christmas market.](#)
- [Design and decorate a tree.](#)



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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

Museum Family Fun Day – Sunday 5 February

The Okains Bay Waitangi Day commemoration will not be going ahead in 2023 as whānau from Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata are not available to co-host as they are organising and hosting the centenary of the whare Tūtehuarewa at Easter 2023.

Instead, the Museum is planning a family fun day on Sunday 5 February followed by an evening of entertainment. More information to follow.

Support the Museum's Work

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

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