

Waimate Historical Society



Waimate Museum & Archives

Courthouse Roof Repairs

Well folks, the scaffolding is finally down and the grass is starting to grow back.

Many thanks to the Waimate District Council, Brad Keen Building and Cunningham Plumbers. The roof is finished and we can start moving forward again. The \$60,000 project is completed and we are hitting the ground running.

Many of the interior renovations are finished. Now is stage 2.... The Military Room and Judges Room are being redesigned and this will take a few months.

Cabinetry is in and now staff have the job of deciding what will be going in them, collating all of the information that goes with the objects and displaying it in a professional manner. This all take time but will be worth it in the end.



We were lucky enough to have 10 of Herries Beatties grandchildren visit us for our open day in September . Below is a photo of them all together.



Over the last year we have been having Weekend open days which are proving to be successful.

Pictured right are a couple of Herries Beatties grandchildren taking part in the fun on a purpose built cart made by Alan Williams—one of our volunteers/Committee Members.

The handrail was an old gate donated by Murray Dempster, the seat is a tractor seat we found lying around and the steering wheel was kindly donated to us from the Vintage Car Club by Mr Keith Blackman. The frame was an old mobility scooter.

Originally designed for parents to take their children around on—it just goes to show that there is a child in all of our hearts waiting to play at the Museum.



Lily Pali, (pictured Right), a Waimate High School student at our open day raising funds to get herself to the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships In October.

Lily started gymnastics with the Waimate Gymnastics club and then moved on to trampolining at Saints Trampoline Club in Oamaru

Lily was selling raffle tickets and bags of kindling.

We would like to wish Lily all the best in her endeavours



Just a couple of the projects that our volunteers have been working on .

Pictured above are 2 interactive photo boards kindly painted by Indhu Thomas. of Waimate . The vision is for these to be used at various Museum functions so children (and adults) can enjoy having their picture taken



Above & below: Both bikes have been refurbished—keeping their old style but giving them a new lease of life.

Just some of the things people can be involved with at the Museum



Are you looking for something to fill in the days?

There is always something happening here at the Museum and Archives. There are many jobs big and small that need attending to.

Throughout the last year our volunteers have taken on everything from restoring trikes and models to painting walls, cleaning, gardening, taking rubbish to the dump, repairing fences, moving machinery and sorting books.

Not every volunteer is here every week . Some volunteers like to come in for an hour—clean a designated area , enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits and head home smiling.

Other volunteers take on a larger project—like Ian Jones and Vaughan Peterson who are in the process of rebuilding a rotten wall in the workshop. It isn't just about the project at hand. If you happen to drop in you will probably see (and hear) the men having a laugh with each other as they work out the best way to proceed or the next project they are thinking about.

That culture is as important to us as our collection items as we realise it is the people that have the passion that make the Museum and Archives the wonderful place that it is.

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer?

Can you sew? Do you like to paint things?

Can you help at Bookarama or an open day?

If you are looking for a way to become engaged or just looking for a friendly team and someone to talk to—Then the Museum is the right place for you to start. We welcome all ages and all skills.

Call Tracy in the office on 689 7832



It is that time again. Pop on down this labour weekend and grab yourselves a bargain. Raewyn, Lyn and the team do an incredible job sorting out the thousands of books that get donated throughout the year.

The Museum will be open and the barbeque will be on so come and enjoy a day out browsing stalls, viewing the Museum and socialising with friends.

If you would like to help over Labour weekend manning a stall for an hour or 2 please call the office on 689 7832 and register your interest with Tracy.



Suzie Rutherford was the winner of our \$100 note raffle held at New World earlier this year



Robbie Lane was one of the 3 winners of our "The Lion King" colouring competition

White Elephant

Were you aware that the Museum collects White Elephant goods and estate lots/vintage items all year?

These go into our Bookarama sales and our open day stalls to raise funds to better our communities Museum

Memberships

Have you paid your Subscription for this year?

We rely on your subscriptions to restore and protect the many items on display.

Next Open Day

Our next open day will be Saturday the 16th of November 2019

11:00am-3:00pm

Stalls, Music and more

See you there!!