

From the President's Desk

Greetings

During the past few months a lot has been happening, hence the delay of this newsletter.

On the building front, the kitchen joinery (pictured bottom) has been installed and the vinyl laid. Vinyl has also been laid in the toilets in readiness for the installation of the toilets.

The wall graphic for the Victorian picture theatre has been installed and looks terrific (pictured right).

Visits to the Bluff Maritime, Riverton and Owaka museums have been very beneficial in respect of planning our museum.

Unfortunately the Invercargill toll board, which is in storage, will not be on display when the museum opens. However, it will feature on a wall graphic in the museum.

Three mannequins, which will be part of the museum display, are being constructed in Dunedin at very competitive rates.

A request to extend the building consent to complete the museum was favourably received and granted by the Invercargill City Council.

During the past few months, sourcing funds has been to the fore, and my thanks goes to Clifford Shirreffs and Ian Donaldson, of Teamwork South, for their untiring efforts. The support we have received from funders has been fantastic and is very much appreciated.



Submissions were made to Invercargill City councillors and to the Draft Annual Plan, both of which were well received, as was the submission to the Southland District Council's Draft Plan. See Clifford's report regarding funding.

An Operations Committee has been formed to get the museum up and running, and I urge you all to get behind them and make this museum a wonderful place in which to be involved.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee resolved that an independent committee be set up to organise the Awarua Radio Centennial celebrations because the museum was not in a position to undertake those duties as well as handle the current work load. Please see details for the centenary overleaf.

Paul McKay



Financial Report | Clifford Shirreffs

As a result of a submission made to the Invercargill City Council for their Draft Annual Plan, we were delighted to receive \$50,000. This will enable us to complete the basic building facilities, such as kitchen, plumbing, toilets, floor coverings, electrical and exterior painting. Another boost to the project was the donation of the paint for the exterior of the museum; grateful thanks to Paula and Bede McKenzie.

A successful application was also made to the Southland Regional Heritage Committee, who recently provided us with \$40,000. This will be put towards the mannequins, introductory video and audio and video loops.

An application for funding for feature graphics and information panels has been submitted to the Stout Trust; the result of which will be known in late November.

Applications will soon be submitted to the Lion Foundation for kitchen appliances and to The Trusts Community Foundation for additional graphic design, fire extinguishers and a security system. Results should be known in early December.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Outgoing: Since the start of the financial year on 1 April 2013, \$21,678 has been spent on the building and displays and \$4,947 on routine costs such as insurance, land rent, power, etc.

Incoming: In the same period, ICC and Southland Regional Heritage grants of \$50,000 and \$40,000 respectively, interest \$240, Members' fundraising from food, scrap metal and Trade Me sales of \$1,033, \$1,856 and \$2,740 respectively, donations of \$660 and subscriptions of \$700. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who has assisted with our ongoing fund raising. Special thanks to Brendon Sparks and Paul McKay for the scrap metal sales and to Arthur Williams for the Trade Me sales.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription accounts of \$20 have been sent to all Members since the AGM. If you have forgotten to pay your most-needed sub, an early forwarding to PO Box 722, Invercargill 9840, would be appreciated. Alternatively, your sub can be paid to our Westpac account 03 1745 007752 00. Please include your name or invoice number on the deposit details. If you are unsure if you have paid, phone 03 214 4563 or text 027 214 4563 and I can advise you. Thanks in anticipation.

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Awarua
Radio
VLB-ZLB
Centenary

17th-19th January 2014
Awarua Coastal Radio site
and
Ascot Park Hotel
Invercargill

The Awarua Coastal Radio station opened
18 December 1913 and closed in its historic
form and purpose 30 August 1991

We invite all past staff and friends to join us
and mark this important milestone in
New Zealand's history

Awarua Radio VLB-ZLB Centenary

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Centenary highlights and optional activities include:

- Friday — Evening Get-together
- Saturday — Visit to the Awarua Radio site to see the ERO, the transmitting building, etc, Ham Radio group, Unwin Radar-Tiger and the European Space Tracking Agency site
- Visit to Bluff for lunch and to see the Bluff Maritime Museum and other Bluff landmarks
- Visit to Bill Richardson Truck Museum
- Centenary Dinner at Ascot Park Hotel
- Visit to see Private Communication Collections
- Humpridge Jet trip on Waihaurahiri River
- Garden Tour of Invercargill-Winton area
- Tour of the Southern Catlins
- Sunday — Barbecue