

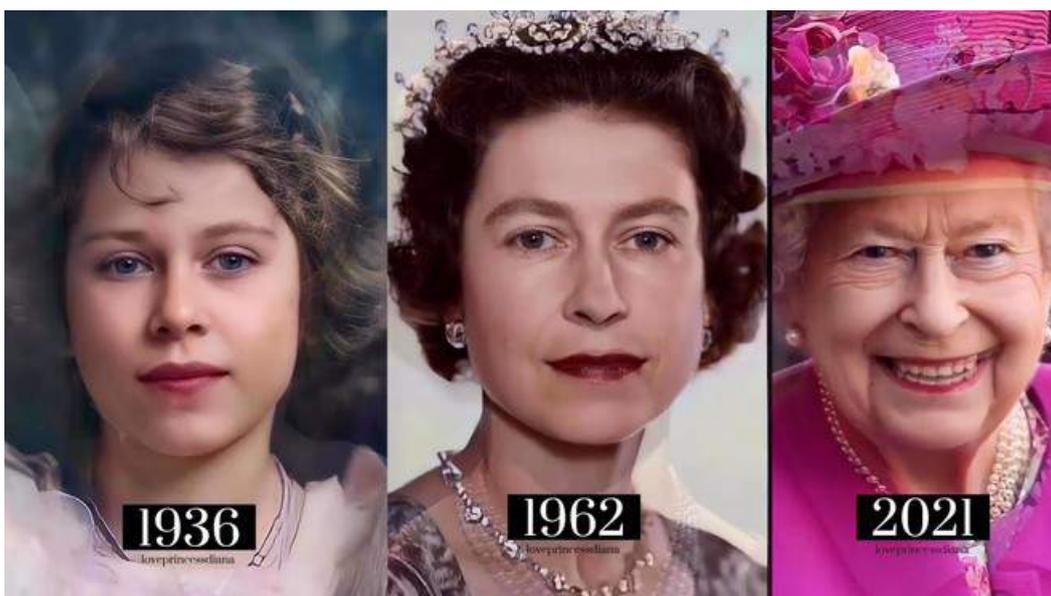
Kapiti Coast MUSEUM

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022

Queen Elizabeth the Second: 1926—2022

In our last newsletter we talked about the marvellous reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II covering 70 years. Now, sadly, we have to record her death on September the 8th 2022.

Our display has had a record of her reign and her death recorded, as well as a floral tribute. Volunteer Meg Griffin has provided a photocopy of the birthday card her mother Peg received from the Queen on the occasion of her 110th birthday (yes, 110th!)



Peg Griffin, at her 110th birthday party in May 2014, about to blow out a fair number of candles, with help from daughter Meg, who is a volunteer at our museum.

Developments on the old SH1 Waikanae River Bridge

In May this year, a statement from Waka Kotahi said: *“Contractors have begun initial work to enable a structure with a shared path and safety barriers on the side to be attached to the downstream side of the bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. These enabling works, including the construction of foundations at both ends of the bridge, are being carried out this month. The new path (measuring 2.5m wide and approximately 80m long), safety barriers and retaining walls will be built in June and July this year”.*

Once again, action is nothing like what we were told. However, no doubt eventually it will be much safer to cross this bridge on foot or by bicycle.



1902 Waikanae

The road bridge has now been built

We have a series of 6 photos in the museum showing the changes to this river crossing that have taken place since 1886. Here is just one of them.

This new photo (taken on 7 October 2022) shows the brackets that have been attached to the bridge in readiness for constructing the pathway.

Scott Stevenson



Heritage Weekends and Opening Hours

The museum is again opening to the public on Fridays, from 1.00PM until 4.00PM. Now, our hours are from 1.00PM to 4.00PM, Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week.

We have been invited to be part of two heritage events in the next 6 months:

Wellington Heritage Weeks—we will open at our usual times for this on 28—30 October and 4-6 November. My email has already informed you of the happenings during these two weeks. You can learn more at wellingtonheritageweek.co.nz.

Discover Kapiti Heritage Weekend, 21-23 January 2023. This event involves all the museums on the Kapiti Coast (Otaki to Paekakariki). There will be a competition encouraging the public to visit as many of the museums as possible. We will open, 1.00PM to 4.00PM, Friday the 20th to Monday the 23rd (yes, a four day weekend for our volunteers. If you'd like to help please contact manager@kapiticoastmuseum.org.nz). *Scott Stevenson*

New Shelving in Our Secure Storage Area

As stated on page 4, the replacement of wooden shelving in the museum's safe proceeded according to plan. The photo shows Neville beating up the old shelves, while on the right is a picture of the new system before all shelves were in place.

The old shelving was quite badly affected by borer and was not able to be repurposed. With help from Murray Cardie of Men's Shed it was consigned to the Otaihanga Landfill.



MUSEUM HOURS: FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-4PM

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Our Annual General Meeting

This year the Annual General Meeting of Kapiti Coast Museum Inc. will be held at the Museum on **Saturday 5th of November starting at 10:00am**. The AGM is when officer and committee member nominations for the year commencing 1 October 2022 will be voted on by members. It is also a chance for all members outside the Committee to hear about the financial position of the Museum and receive an update from the Chair on progress and plans for the year ahead.

All members are strongly encouraged to attend the AGM which normally only takes 30 - 60 minutes. This year a significant proposal that will be voted on is to adopt a new Constitution, a draft of which was circulated to all members some months ago. The aim of the new Constitution is to prepare ourselves for the major regulatory changes coming later next year arising from the passing of the new 2022 Act covering Incorporated Societies. It is hoped that reading and understanding the rules will be easier too.

I strongly encourage members to attend this year's AGM and find out what's happening with your Museum.

Neville Queree (Acting Chairman)

Improvements within the Museum

1. New shelving has now been installed in our safe. Removal of the old wooden shelving highlighted how much it needed to be replaced—evidence of borer was only too obvious. Anne Thomson and Carolyn Krebs did a very good job of removing everything stored in the safe and a couple of days later, reinstating it on the new shelves. Neville and Scott did the demolition work of the old and the bolting together of the new. The whole operation was completed in four days.
2. A new poster is planned for the front window of the museum.
3. A new 'Open' flag is also being considered.
4. 3 containers of Pianola rolls have been donated to the Otaki Museum (they have a restored Pianola, we do not have one). This frees up storage space for us.

Volunteer Receptionists

When the museum is open we prefer to have 2 people on duty. The committee is finding that each month an extra volunteer or two would be desirable. If you could offer assistance on a once a month basis, please email manager@kapiticoastmuseum.org.nz, and we will discuss how you could help.