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President's Report January 2022

We can't say that Covid hasn't affected us, but let's join hands and kick out the old and bring in the New Year with more hope and freedom.

Keeping the museum closed has meant less money coming in; however, we will not dwell on that - we will march on with our heads held high.

It was sad to have our patron aged 102 years die this year but bless her she was a fighter and did much for our museum in her younger days. RIP Kara (Kit) Nelson.

On a more positive note, we have finally completed the new edition of Dixie Day's book *Waiheke Pioneers* and have sent it off to the publishers. We hope to see it in print early in the New Year.

As we have been able to open our doors again, I am very grateful for those who have volunteered to do duty and our committee totally understand those who have chosen not to. We would rather our volunteers stay safe - you are too valuable to lose.

There are several projects I would like to see achieved this year, time and money permitting, but will send an email around once we can carry out repairs to Champion cottage, fix the leak into our main museum, clean out the storeroom and make some changes to some of the displays.

Recently Mark and I met with a tour group from Tauranga who praised us for our very interesting museum. There were two people who had relatives on the island, one being Bill Lord and the other Tim Cooley (who we found lived in Palm Beach). His great granddaughter is keen to find out where in Palm Beach he lived. It is lovely to help people find out about their ancestors and she truly appreciated it. We just need to find out the exact address though. Does anybody know?

Having people come into the museum and ask about relatives, shows how important our archiving is for future generations, so a huge 'thank you' to our wonderful team for their time and care in preserving this information.

I would also like to sincerely thank my committee and our volunteers for your time and support given, as without you all we would not have such a successful museum and have been able to survive the past year.

Let's keep our museum alive with your wonderful support, and if you know anyone else who may be able to help, please let me know.

We are currently planning our Live Heritage Day, at which time, to boost our bank account we will also have a sale table of items donated to the museum, but which are not going on display.

Happy New Year to you all. Take care!

Sue Philcox

Membership renewal – subs are now due for the 2022 year

Please pay your subs of \$20 by online banking to the following account.

ASB 12-3011-0960967-00, reference WIHS subs and quoting your name.

As cheques are no longer legal tender, you can pop into the museum with \$20 cash during opening hours.

Have we got your correct details?

If you have any changes, please update and either return this form to us by email or post.

Name:

Address :

Phone No:

Email:

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