

CENTRAL OTAGO HERITAGE TRUST



Minutes of the Board Meeting 4pm Tuesday 21 February 2023 Clyde Museum Blyth St

PRESENT: David Ritchie (Chair), Russell Garbutt, Lynda Gray, Ross Naylor, Graye Shattky, Warwick Hawker. Ann Rodgers (CODC Liaison). Maggie Hope (Heritage Coordinator).

APOLOGIES: John Kerr, Kristy Rusher

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The unconfirmed Minutes of the Board meeting held on 9 November 2022 were reviewed and confirmed as a true and accurate record of this meeting.

Moved: Russell Garbutt

Seconded: Warwick Hawker

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Cromwell and Districts Community Trust - Application for Membership to COHT

FINANCIAL

The January Kiwibank statements were circulated with Agenda papers prior to the meeting.

Current Account Balances as at 15 February 2023

Heritage Trust Working Account	\$65,659.52
Heritage Trust Debit Card Account	394.08
Oral History Account	\$21,632.25
Total	\$87,685.85

Moved: David Ritchie - Financial Statements be accepted

Seconded: Graye Shattky

Carried

Maggie noted that the next six-monthly GST Return is due in April 2023

BUSINESS:

1. Update from Warwick Hawker OGHT

2023 Cavalcade

- Over the last few months, the main focus of the OGHT team has been the 30th Cavalcade event which is expecting over 500 entrants covering the 11 designated trails. There will continue to be more focus and effort placed on the Cavalcade end point (this year at Millers Flat) for leveraging economic value to the hosting community. The 2023 Postie Bike Rally will also end at Millers Flat.
- Cancelling the 2022 Cavalcade due to Covid has had serious implications for the OGHT budget, as the event subscription helps to pay for the two OGHT staff.

2026 World Gold panning Championships

- OGHT are now looking for sponsors for this event and is hoping to send staff to the 2023 championships in South Africa to understand the scope, logistics and technical requirements for hosting this international event.
- A suitable location for the event is being investigated with Arrowtown being put forward as a possibility. Russell Garbutt suggested Conroys Gully as an alternative due to the significant yield from this area.

Heritage Site Review

Recent site reviews have taken place at Cornish Point and Millers Flat. For every known site, the team are still finding at least three more unrecorded sites.

Funding for the Methodist Church (home of OGHT)

The Lotteries funding application for the purchase of the Methodist Church was declined due to oversubscription. OGHT will be applying again in the next funding round.

Proposed Establishment of a Heritage Orchard

OGHT are currently in conversation with DoC to establish a Heritage Orchard on a DoC site in Bannockburn.

David Ritchie thanked Warwick for his update and complemented the Trust on their comprehensive programme of work.

2. Cromwell and Districts Community Trust (CDCT) - Application for Membership to COHT

Moved: Ross Naylor that CDCT application for membership be accepted

Seconded: Russell Garbutt

Carried

CDCT's membership will be confirmed formally at the next AGM.

3. Development of a Central Otago Heritage Award

COHT has been in discussions with CoDC over the last few years about the possibility of including a Heritage Award within the biennial Central Otago Awards. Maggie drafted a document on what such an award could look like. Trustees supported the inclusion of community focussed criteria for this award. Maggie is awaiting a response from CODC to discuss the possibility of including a Heritage Award in the 2023 programme.

4. Central Otago Museums Trust (COMT) Draft Action Plan

Trustees reviewed the Draft Action Plan and agreed on the following:

- That the Action Plan needs to have direct alignment to the Central Otago District Museums Strategy, using the same goals identified by the sector at that time. The development of this Museum Strategy was key to getting support from Council for the establishment of the Trust to deliver on the District Museum Function. We believe that COMT needs to show progress on delivering to these original goals and actions.
- The 'Museums 100' project is now imbedded in the Action Plan. If the Museums 100 Project goes ahead, a detailed description of the project should be prefaced in the Action Plan, while still delivering to the goals and actions set out in the Strategic Plan.
- The Central Otago Heritage Trust Strategic Plan had not been referenced in the 'Related Plans and Strategies' section, nor reference to each of the individual museum strategies.

5. Central Otago Museum Trust – 'Museums 100 Project'

COMT has asked COHT for a letter of support to attach to a funding application to the Ministry of Culture and Heritage for the 'Museums 100' Project. Trustees reviewed the summary of the project:

Discussion summary

- The project scope has merit but has not received unanimous support from the five Central Otago museums.
- The project is perhaps too large too soon.
- The process has not fully engaged all museums for input and support
- Further funding applications for the project may be in conflict if museums are applying to the same funders for different projects.

Resolution: While Trustees are supportive of the Museums 100 project scope we cannot provide a letter of support given that support has not been gleaned from all five Central Otago Museums. A letter confirming this decision will be sent to COMT Chair, Owen Graham

Moved: Russell Garbutt
Seconded: Ross Naylor
Carried

Action: David Ritchie to send a decision letter to COMT Chair, Owen Graham .

6. Submissions on Plan Change 20

Trustees agreed to lodge a submission in support of Plan Change 20 which references the Heritage Precinct Guidelines. Graye Shattky will speak with Kristy Rusher, who is preparing a submission on behalf of the St Bathans Heritage and Environmental Protection Society, to ascertain if they have any areas of concern.

Action: Maggie to lodge submission to CODC on Plan Change 20 due on 10 March 2023.

7. Hearings on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement

On the 13 February, Graye Shattky and Kristy Rusher, spoke to our written submission at the Otago Regional Council hearings on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement (pRPS), where they pressed Council to reconsider their definition of Historic Heritage to include intangible aspects of cultural heritage. 'Intangibles' cover images, music, oral histories, poetry, letters, diaries and documents that provide substance to our physical or 'tangible' heritage. Graye and Kristy received positive feedback from the hearing commissioners. A video of their oral submission is available in the library section [on our website](#).

8. The New Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Russell Garbutt and Warwick Hawker attended the recent workshop in Cromwell aimed at preparing for the changes in the new Act. Russell Garbutt expressed concern that the changes may see smaller societies dissolve due to the increased responsibilities.

Action: Maggie to include a story on the changes in the new Act in the Autumn newsletter.

9. 2023 Program of 'Heritage Talks'

The next three Heritage Talks have been confirmed:

- Repeat of the 'History of Central Otago Merino Farming' with Jillian Jopp (Wednesday 26 April at Cromwell Museum; 6:30pm).
- 'Black Gold – the History of Coal Mining in Alexandra and Clyde' by Russell Garbutt (Wednesday 3 May at Clyde Museum; 6:30pm).
- 'Remembering the Hyde Rail Disaster' with Jim Sullivan (Wednesday 31 May at Central Stories, 6:30pm).

Further topic ideas were put forward:

- History of Earnsclough Station
- Drybread Cemetery – research update
- St Bathans Fossils
- Mana Whenua
- The History Viticulture - perhaps with Alan Brady and Rudi Bauer presenting together.

Action: Graye Shattky and Ann Rodgers to ask contacts about speaker for the Mana Whenua talk.

10. Heritage in the News

- Maggie and Lynda will be meeting with the editor of CO News to discuss the possibility of including a six-weekly column on "Heritage Matters". This column would come from David Ritchie as Chair.

- Maggie also noted that Russell Garbutt has started doing monthly heritage interviews on Radio Central.

11. Other Business

Resource Consent Application – Earnsleugh Castle

Marco Creemers and Ryan Sanders have been in contact with David Ritchie regarding their Resource Consent application to re-render the exterior of Earnsleugh Castle. This rendering was the intention of the original owner, Stephen Spain back in the 1920s. Submissions close on the 28 March.

Marco and Ryan have invited Trustees to have a tour of the homestead between 25 February - 1 March.

Action: Maggie will send out a Strawpoll to ascertain a suitable date for Trustees to visit.
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MEETING CLOSED:

6:15pm

NEXT MEETING

Immediately after Easter (TBC)

David Ritchie

Chair