Kapiti Coast MUSEUM

June 2021 Newsletter

My favourite museum object by Anne Thompson, visitor host and committee treasurer

It is not easy to decide on ONE favourite object in the Museum's collection, so I decided to delegate the choice to our grandchildren. During the recent school holidays, we visited the Museum with four of our grandchildren, aged 9-12, and we asked them to each nominate a favourite item.

They enjoyed the school room, the kitchen and the radios but the overwhelming favourite, which they are still talking about weeks later, was the telephone display, especially the switchboard. They found it hard to imagine a world where only a few homes had a telephone, where making a call involved an operator and where "party lines" were common. Raised in homes with no land lines they had no idea how even relatively modern phones, such as dial phones worked. They all enjoyed using the switchboard and the various phones.

Visitor Hosts and other volunteers

We always welcome volunteers who can help as visitor hosts or volunteer their expertise helping with our various collections including camera, musical, radio and telecommunication objects. If you would like to help or know of someone who might, please contact Mark Holland at manadmtholland@yahoo.co.nz

Our Facebook and Instagram pages

Please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages using the following links.

https://www.instagram.com/museumonkapiticoast/

https://www.facebook.com/Kapiti-Coast-Museum-107204451463936/?ref=pages_you_manage

New Exhibition

Scott Stevenson, one of our visitor hosts, has developed a new exhibition called “The camera in the 20th century”.

There are 18 cameras on display but many visitors consider this folding field camera from the early 1900s to be the pick of the bunch

What is this?

Buy yourself a chocolate fish if you knew that this photo in our March Newsletter was of a detachable shirt collar as worn by the gentlemen on the right.

And what is this ?

This object is in the kitchen and has a locking device near the handle. Committee members had to ask everyone's friend, Professor Google, to find out. The answer will be in the September Newsletter.

Last but not least, our new display case at reception

Bev Thomas and Carolyn Krebs have curated the new display case which is the first thing that visitors see when they move past the reception desk. Over time, we aim to change the objects on display.