

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY WORKING PARTY HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT Clrs Barker (Chairman), Bennett, Jack and Kennedy
Museum Director – Philip Howe
Mandy Gillies – CSIT Marketing Executive

APOLOGIES The Mayor and Chief Executive

IN ATTENDANCE Chris Thomas – Events Coordinator
Neville Cross (Communications Officer)
Secretarial Assistant (J Brownie)

150th ANNIVERSARY OF LANDING OF STRATHALLAN IN TIMARU - JANUARY 2009

1 **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes of the previous working party meeting were received and noted.

2 **DINNER ON HMNZS CANTERBURY**

Chris Thomas advised that he is liaising with Grant Finlayson regarding arrangements for the celebratory dinner on board the HMNZS Canterbury including tables and chairs, PA system, background music etc. The caterer will use his liquor licence, Neville Cross will produce placemats based on the top section of the poster, Joanne Brownie is to investigate flowers for the tables.

In addition to the bus transport, some vintage cars and possibly a horse and gig will be available to take VIP guests to the ship for the dinner.

3 **PUBLICITY**

Neville Cross advised that the posters have been completed and distributed and additions to the entrance signs at both ends of Timaru are being designed. Investigations are continuing in regard to keeping the overbridge signs up for all of 2009, rather than just the standard 3 weeks.

The working party agreed that it be suggested to the appropriate authorities that the 150th anniversary signs be permitted to remain on the Church Street overbridge until 31 December 2009.

As well as the Timaru Herald supplement, a programme and advertisement needs to be published in the Herald on the day as well as information in the Council noticeboard, with a “flag” on the front page referring readers to the information inside.

Television coverage is uncertain. The working party discussed filming the day's events for historical purposes – Brian High would charge \$1,000 to film plus \$2,000 to produce (with some editing) or \$5,000 for a more tightly edited version.

Philip Howe explained that the museum would like as complete a record as possible. It was agreed that Chris Thomas engage Brian High to film the event for \$1,000, and editing be arranged later (perhaps museum staff or polytech may be able to assist?).

In addition Neville Cross and a professional photographer are to take photos of the day. Chris Thomas is to engage a capable photographer at a cost of up to \$500.

4 RE-ENACTMENT

Chris Thomas advised that the SC Drama League will not be involved in the re-enactment but he has approached people directly and has a team of participants to take part with 3 cutters, each taking up to 5 adults and 3 crew. The boats will come from the end of the north mole and bring the passengers to shore. The group will move then to the trailer for the next part of the proceedings.

The community lounge at the bay has been set aside for costume changes, including councillors who are planning to dress up for the day.

5 MEDALLIONS

Councillor Barker advised that the delivery of the medallions has been delayed due to problems with the presentation boxes not arriving from the overseas suppliers. They are due to arrive on 27 December and can be sold at the museum and at the bay.

6 MINIATURE HORSES ON THE BAY

Clr Bennett is to make enquiries about having the Oaklea miniature horses on the bay to add to the amusement options.

7 CEMETERY TOUR

On the Sunday following the main events, Alan McKenzie – author of the book ‘Timaru at Last’, has offered to take a tour of the cemetery with a focus on those graves linked to the Strathallan. Philip Howe and Neville Cross to liaise on publicising this option.

8 NEXT ARRANGEMENTS

The working party is to meet again on Wednesday 14 January 2009 at 3pm at the CBA lounge to make the final arrangements.

In the event of wet weather on the day the chairman will contact the working party and Chris Thomas to make a decision.

The meeting concluded at 2.10pm.