

What's Happening is a regular e-alert to keep you up to date with information about our activities throughout New Zealand, and is supplementary to our quarterly e-newsletter.

### Happy New Year!

We hope you had a relaxing and pleasant break over the festive season and we are looking forward to working with you in the coming year. It feels like January is almost over, but we couldn't resist sending an update anyway. We hope you enjoy the read.

### New Chief Executive for Te Papa

The Chairman and Board of Te Papa are pleased to confirm the appointment of Michael Houlihan as the new Chief Executive of Te Papa.

Michael will come to New Zealand from his current role as Director of Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales, a family of seven museums across Wales. For more about Michael and the appointment visit our website.

### Support your volunteer manager

Museums across New Zealand benefit greatly from passionate volunteers. Victoria University are encouraging those working in an organisation with volunteers to fill in this volunteer management survey. The data helps provide valuable information in developing volunteer capacity and the profession of volunteer management.

To take the survey and for further information visit <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/newspubs/news/Vie wNews.aspx?id=3302&newslabel=hn>

### Put your museum online with ease

Interested to find out more about the museums we have in Aotearoa? Keen to put your museum online? Or view collections from other New Zealand museums? Then the NZMuseums website is your one stop shop. Why not add the NZMuseums widget to your museum website? Then visitors can search the NZMuseums database and browse through collection items from your website.

To explore NZMuseums and check out the widget visit <http://www.nzmuseums.co.nz>

### Listen to engaging presentations

Did you miss one of our presentations? Our website has some great audio recordings of past seminars and conferences. They are free to listen to and download!

To listen visit Resources on our website

### Interested in having a Canadian intern at your museum?

Hard working Canadian graduates are seeking internships in New Zealand museums. The Canadian Museums Association has organised a heritage programme as a way for Canadian graduates to develop museum skills internationally.

Find out more about the programme here

<http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/jct-ycw/info-empl/bld-car-her-eng.cfm>

### Professional development

#### MEANZ Biennial Conference: Engaging Communities

Wellington 4–5 February 2009, City Gallery Wellington

For more information visit

[http://www.meanz.org.nz/discuss/msgReader\\$15](http://www.meanz.org.nz/discuss/msgReader$15)

### Get with the programme: adventures in youth programming – a presentation by Tristan Sharp

Wellington 8 February, 1–3pm at Te Papa

Hamilton 9 February, 1–3pm at Waikato Museum and Art Gallery

Dunedin 10 February, 1–3pm at Dunedin Public Art Gallery

*Please note the Wellington seminar is now in Soundings Theatre at Te Papa.*

### The whereabouts of the Development Officers in January 2010

**Gavin Reedy, Iwi Development Officer** will be in Wellington.

**Julia Gresson, Museum Development Officer** will be in Auckland.

**Judith Taylor, Museum Development Officer** will be in Nelson.

All the Development Officers are doing office work before planning their next series of visits.

### Want to find out more?

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