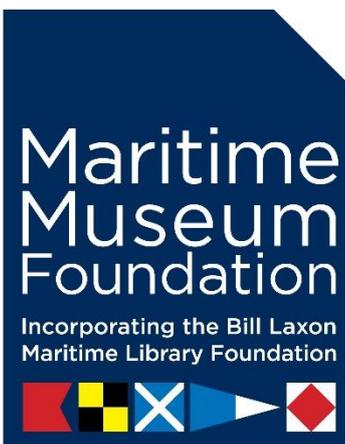


27 March 2018



Dear Friend of the Maritime Museum Foundation

Attached to this letter is an announcement from Regional Facilities Auckland and the New Zealand Maritime Museum, which you may have already received, which advises that the Museum is now a business division of RFA.

The trustees of the Foundation fully support this integration of the Museum into RFA as we believe it will help to ensure the long-term survival of the Museum and its highly prized collections.

The Foundation is entirely independent of RFA and this change will result in the Foundation having an enhanced role in fundraising and advocacy for the Museum.

The Foundation trustees will maintain direct communications with the director of the Museum and with you and other supporters of the Museum to assist in the acquisition and preservation of items of Maritime history and to ensure that the generous support which the Museum has received in the past continues to be devoted to Museum collection purposes.

I am pleased to advise that the Foundation trustees have recently been joined by David Winstone, former Chair of the Museum trustees and Terry Bates a former Museum trustee to help ensure the ongoing fulfilment of the purposes for which the Museum was established.

In the meantime the Foundation trustees seek your ongoing financial support and **enclosed** is a gifting card for your use.

The Foundation trustees will be meeting with the Museum director in the near future to identify a range of specific projects to enhance the Museum's role in the preservation of Maritime history, research and education. We will be contacting you to outline these projects and seek your further support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian McCombe". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a blue line.

Ian McCombe

Chair

March 2018

Tēnā koe,

New Zealand Maritime Museum joins Regional Facilities Auckland (RFA)

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that New Zealand Maritime Museum has joined RFA as a business division. It is exciting to be working together to enhance our joint value and contribution to the city of Auckland and to all the key stakeholders and partners that support us.

A proud legacy of uniting people with the sea

As a heritage institution of national significance, New Zealand Maritime Museum Hui Te Ananui A Tangaroa has been home to our country's largest maritime collection for 25 years. A unique attraction on the edge of the Viaduct Harbour, it welcomes more than 160,000 visitors a year and offers enriching experiences through exhibitions, events, education and community programmes, and harbour sailings around the Waitematā.

With the integration into RFA, the Museum will retain its unique brand and mission, to explore and unite people with the sea. The Museum's relationship with its key supporters, partners and stakeholders remains a priority, and day to day operations will be unaffected.

Tapping into the benefits of a holistic approach

The integration enables a more holistic approach to developing some of our city's most valuable assets. This includes managing our waterfront spaces, public programming, priorities for investment, and developing a cohesive response to waterfront planning.

The Museum will be able to access the commercial benefits of scale, marketing and development support afforded to RFA's other iconic divisions: Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland Conventions Venues & Events, Auckland Live, Auckland Stadiums and Auckland Zoo, as well as leverage IT, HR, health and safety, procurement and finance expertise.

Creating new and memorable experiences

For RFA and the New Zealand Maritime Museum, this integration is a natural progression that fulfils the strategic direction laid out in the Auckland Plan for the city's arts, culture and heritage sectors.

We confidently look forward to providing many memorable maritime experiences to Aucklanders and visitors to our city.

Ngā mihi,



Chris Brooks
Chief Executive
Regional Facilities Auckland



Vincent Lipanovich
Director
New Zealand Maritime Museum