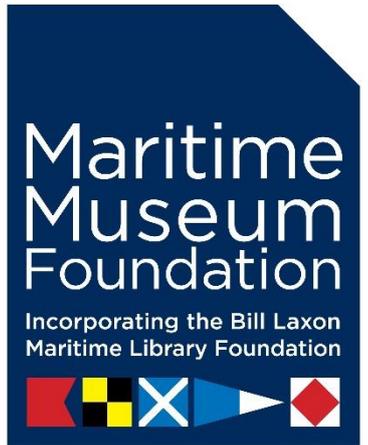


23 May 2018



Dear Friend of the Maritime Museum Foundation

We contacted you recently to advise of the change in structure in the Museum and the Foundation's ongoing role to support the Museum.

We also advised that we would be meeting with the Museum Director to identify a range of specific projects to enhance the Museum's role in the preservation of maritime history, research and education.

The Director has provided the Foundation Trustees with a schedule of projects and forthcoming events all of which show that the Museum will continue to have a vital role in those areas.

The Foundation Trustees would greatly appreciate your financial support of either or both of the following very worthwhile projects and a gifting card is enclosed for your use. You may, but need not, specify which project you wish to support.

One of the projects identified by the Director is immediate assistance related to **preservation of the Auckland Harbour Board** records held by the Museum.

These records are currently stored on microfilm and an expert in the field has identified that this unique information which includes plans and correspondence dating to the late 1800s is in danger of being lost forever due to degradation of the film. In total there are 314 reels of information which needs to be transferred to a digital format. To date 107 are in the process of being transferred with funding received from Lion Foundation and Pub charities.

To assist in this project the Foundation has made an immediate grant of **\$20,000** which means that 100 more reels can be rescued and 13 reels of original engineers' plans can be digitalised.

The transfer of these records will make them available on line to researchers and other who have an interest in such matters.

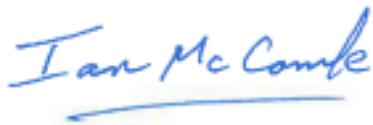
Those of you familiar with the Museum operations will recall the **late Marleene Boyd** who was the Museum Librarian for many years but who sadly passed away in 2017 after a short struggle with cancer. As part of its regular support for the Museum, in particular the Bill Laxon Maritime Library, the Foundation Trustees have agreed to grant the Museum **\$5,000** for the acquisition of a number of art works which are reflective of Marleene's strong interest in botany, ecology and conservation and

will become part of the Museum's permanent collection and will be specifically dedicated to Marleene's memory.

We will be back in touch in respect of the further projects identified by the Director which will also need support from you and the Foundation.

If you no longer wish to receive communications from the Foundation, please contact the Secretary ([secretary@laxonfoundation.co.nz](mailto:secretary@laxonfoundation.co.nz))

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 single horizontal stroke.

Ian McCombe

Chair