

ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

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LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT FOR ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at Taranaki Museum, New Plymouth, on 14th March 1963, the question of local body support was discussed. It was resolved that Council should approach the Municipal and Counties Associations regarding the possibility of further assistance for art galleries and museums.

The President, Mr. H.C. McQueen, called on members of the executives of the Associations and received a sympathetic hearing. Before further discussions are held with the Associations, information is needed regarding present local body grants. Mr. McQueen has compiled the following report for consideration of members at the Annual Meeting on 8th April 1964:-

"The figures given at the end of this report are the figures for one year only (1962-3); in many cases it is clear that variations do occur from year to year. They do not as a rule include grants for capital expenditure in previous years. Certain points are worth commenting on:-

1. The total of local body contributions reported are over £120,000. Taranaki Museum figures would probably bring the figure up to £125,000.
2. With a reservation shortly to be made, the contributions range from nil to 100 per cent. The reservations is that in some cases there is evidence that local bodies have not been asked for support.
3. The sources of revenue fall into three main categories:-
 - a. Local body support, by which all ratepayers contribute whether they visit the institution or not. On the basis of a population of 2½ million, contributions from rates work out at about 1/- a head of population.
 - b. Admission fees and donations made by those who use the institutions.
 - c. Subscriptions from people who belong to societies which support the institutions.

It should be added that taxpayers contribute about 5d. a head of population to the cost of the national institutions in Wellington.

4. a. The number of institutions getting no support is 7; of these 6 are very small local museums.
b. There are 8 institutions getting 90 to 100 per cent of their revenue from local bodies. (Probably Taranaki Museum should be added to the 8).
5. a. Three institutions have statutory rating powers.
b. One institution gets from rates a contribution per head of population.
c. All other institutions get grants from rates on an ad hoc basis.
6. Institutions were not asked to supply information on all sources of revenue; consequently the final column below reports only those that supplied this information.
7. It should be noted that in three instances there are changes pending in the basis of support.

This survey was made following a proposal at New Plymouth in 1963 that local bodies should be asked to put their contributions to galleries and museums on a uniform basis. It will be seen from the analysis below and the summary above, that the prospects of such action are nil. It is recommended :-

1. That copies of this report (corrected if need be) be supplied to the Municipal Association and the Counties Association.
2. That both bodies be asked to put the matter of support on the Agenda for their 1965 conference.
3. That they be asked also to invite the Association to supply a speaker at each of their conferences, to deal with the needs of galleries and museums.

14th March, 1964.

H.C. McQueen"

Local Body Support for the Financial Year 1962-3.

A. ART GALLERIES.

<u>1</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Locality</u>	<u>3</u> <u>Municipalities</u>	<u>4</u> <u>Counties</u>	<u>5</u> <u>Basis</u>	<u>6</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>7</u> <u>Other Revenue</u>
Aigantighe	Timaru	655	-	Grant	93	Donations
Auckland	Auckland	21,705	-	Grant	100	Nil
Dunedin	Dunedin	3,000	-	Grant	100	Nil
Hamilton	Hamilton	225+	-	Grant	10	Not Given
		+ Grant for 1963-4 is £725.				
Invercargill	Invercargill	200	-	Grant	Not Given	Not Given
McDougall	Christchurch	10,327	-	Grant	100	Nil
Manawatu Society of Arts	Palmerston North	500	-	Grant	41	Subscriptions
Sarjeant	Wanganui	757	-	Grant-excess over endowment	47	Endowment
Suter	Nelson	100	-	Grant	20	Endowment, rents, donations
Whangarei	Whangarei	522	-	Excess over Donations	98	Donations

B. MUSEUMS

Auckland	Auckland	27,862	2,298	Statutory rates & voluntary	82	Endowment, sales, subscriptions, donations.
Canterbury	Christchurch	29,773		Statutory rates	95	Not Given
Clapham's Museum of Clocks	Whangarei	865	-	Deficit	61	Admission Fees
Gavin Gifford Memorial	Te Awamutu	172	10	Grants	63	Subscriptions and donations
Lakes District Centennial	Arrowtown	---	-	-	-	Donations
		+ In the first six years, local bodies gave £283.				
Nelson Institute and Museum	Nelson	The City Council has made an annual grant of £3,000 but has not specified the amount to be spent on the museum. A new Museum Trust Board has been created by statute (1963). Local body support will be on a provincial basis in future.				
Otago	Dunedin	17,834		Statutory Rates	86	Endowment and rents.
Pioneers' Memorial	Waipu	-	-	-	-	Donations
Russell Centennial	Russell	-	-	-	-	Admission Fees
South Canterbury Historical	Timaru	161	-	Grant	100	-

1 Name	2 Locality	3 Municipalities	4 Counties	5 Basis	6 Percentage	7 Other Revenue
Southland	Invercargill	2,471		Grants	84	Donations and contributions
Stewart Island Centennial Memorial	Halfmoon Bay	-	---	-	-	Donations
+ A donation was made originally by County Council						
Taranaki	New Plymouth	Not Reported		Grants	Not Reported	
Thames Mineralogical	Thames	117	-	Grant	50	Admission Fees
Wanganui	Wanganui	1,225	-	Grant	46	Admission Fees
West Coast Historical	Hokitika +	-	-	-	-	Donations
+ In 1960 four boroughs and three counties gave £246 towards the establishment of the Museum.						

C. ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS COMBINED

Gisborne	Gisborne +	-	-	-	-	Donations and Subscriptions
+ The Gisborne City Council provided £2,000 (out of £13,414) towards cost of buildings. It meets costs of maintenance (£462 in 1962-3).						
Hawke's Bay & East Coast	Napier	1,664		Napier City Council 1/- per head, other local bodies make grants.	36	Various
National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum	Wellington	10,405		Grants	16	Government
Waihi Arts Centre and Museum	Waihi +	-	-	-	-	Subscriptions
+ a. Waihi Borough Council charges nominal rent for building. b. Paeroa Borough Council pays subscription £4. 4. 0. a year.						