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Whangārei Museum extends formal Moratorium

Whangārei Museum & Heritage Trust wishes to inform our community of an extension of the moratorium set in 2025 on the Whangārei Museum Collection and Archives. Due to restraints in resourcing the museum team we initially set this period to prioritise addressing the backlog of enquiries and provide our community and fellow institutions with the highest quality of service and support thereafter. During this previous year, we worked on enhancing our internal processes and systems to ensure more efficient and effective communication in the future, this includes a complete rewrite of our collection policy, the appointment of a registrar and the launch of our major digitisation project with Heritage Studio's partnering to lead the pilot.

We are proud of the progress and momentum we have generated behind the scenes, and the next 12 months will prepare us for a new era of accessibility and innovation. Creating meaningful partnerships with local iwi, educational institutions, and cultural organisations will be at the forefront of our efforts. These collaborations will not only enrich our collections but also foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of our shared history.

The museum remains committed to its mission of preserving and sharing the rich heritage of Whangārei and will continue to host events and exhibitions as scheduled alongside the other teams on Heritage Park. We encourage the community to stay engaged through our social media, public programs and visit our exhibitions to explore the fascinating stories of our region.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

