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Archive facility to add to local heritage weekend offerings

Hauraki-Coromandel research centre and archive The Treasury is joining its heritage neighbours in opening on Saturdays.

The Treasury's purpose is to collect, care for and share the diverse historical paper-based records of the whole Coromandel Peninsula and Hauraki District. The Treasury is a place where visitors can research and learn about the people and places of our past and the Queen Street, Te Kauaeranga | Thames centre is just one way to see the many taonga | treasures The Treasury safeguards.

Visitors are able to explore the collections The Treasury holds, see exhibitions, research the history of an area or people, read real life experiences of people past, buy books and look at the Heritage building interior.

General Manager, Katherine Quinn, says the opening on Saturdays is a game changer. "Our customers have been telling us for some time that they want to be able to visit our Centre outside of the 9-5 working hours. It's really important to us that we make access to our services very easy for everyone. We've already made huge improvements to our online offerings and our archival catalogue will be launched online in June. Opening on Saturday's is one more step towards sharing the facilities we have on offer".

"Not only that, but Te Kauaeranga | Thames is so lucky to have many facilities which acknowledge and share our heritage. The recent storm events have highlighted just how important it is for us to celebrate our town as a heritage destination.

Quinn notes that the Centre is heavily supported by volunteers but it is only through a recent successful application to the Ministry of Cultural Heritage that it can now pay a staff member to welcome our visitors. "Without such generous funding we wouldn't be able to open, but we are still looking for Saturday volunteers to join our team to help our visitors do research. We'd love to hear from anyone with a knack for researching family, whakapapa and local places and has a few hours to spare a month."

The Treasury invites anyone who has historic connections to the area or who wants to know more about our region's rich past to stop by our centre during opening hours or explore our website. The centre is already opening on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 3pm, and will start opening Saturdays from 14 May 2023.

About The Treasury

The Treasury is a Research Centre and Archive on the Coromandel Peninsula. We collect, house, preserve and share records of the history of the people, organisations and businesses from our rohe/area - the entire Coromandel Peninsula and the Hauraki District area including Paeroa, Waikino, Waihi, the Hauraki Plains, Ohinemuri and Te Aroha. Visitors can also access our services by visiting our website www.thetreasury.org.nz.

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