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Dear Member

At a Special General Meeting of the Auckland Museum Institute (AMI) on Wednesday 30 September 2020, AMI members voted in favour of changes to AMI Membership to align our membership as a premium tier offering within the Museum's new membership framework.

As a result, Auckland Museum Institute members are now invited to opt in to the new combined Auckland Museum Membership programme to receive its value benefits at no extra cost in addition to the existing tailored benefits provided by the Institute.

Opt-in now and take advantage of Auckland Museum Membership benefits at no charge.

What are the new Museum Membership benefits?

With the launch of Museum Membership all existing AMI members who opt-in will receive the new Museum benefits;

- Free unlimited entry to charged exhibitions
- 10% discount at the Museum cafés
- Discounted or free parking at selected Membership events
- \$12.50 movie tickets at Rialto Cinemas including on Friday and Saturday night
- Monthly Museum Membership e-newsletter

These benefits are additional to your existing special AMI member benefits, which will continue.

How is my Auckland Museum Institute Membership changing?

For the first three years following the launch date of the Museum Membership programme, existing AMI membership categories and fees will remain unchanged. During this period you will receive all your existing distinct AMI membership benefits;

- Priority booking and/or discounts for selected Museum events
- Exclusive exhibition previews and after-hour events
- Invitations to curatorial talks or tours
- One free guided highlights tour of the Museum for up to two people
- Invitation to exclusive Museum research events (e.g. Museum Medals)
- Annual Museum Director presentation and update
- 10% discount at the Museum Store
- AMI e-newsletters

Plus, the additional new benefits of Auckland Museum membership at no additional cost.

All Life members and Kaitautoko members will be provided with complimentary Museum Membership in addition to their AMI membership free of charge, for life, as long as they opt-in to the new Auckland Museum Membership programme.

At the end of the three-year transition period, AMI membership categories and fees will change as follows:

- The annual individual membership subscription will increase from \$50 to \$75 per person, subject to any subscription price adjustment as determined by future AGM/SGM
- Joint, Household and 2-year AMI membership options will no longer be offered - any existing AMI Joint and Family memberships, and any 2-year memberships, will be transferred to an individual membership with an annual membership fee of \$75
- Members will continue to receive both special AMI membership benefits and Museum membership offerings

The arrangement between the AMI Council and the Royal Society Te Apārangi for Royal Society Fellows membership in AMI will remain in place, unchanged.

Why do I need to opt-in, and how do I do it?

Whilst being statutory partners; the Auckland Museum Institute and Auckland Museum are independent legal entities.

In compliance with New Zealand's Privacy laws all current Auckland Museum Institute members and Life and Kaitautoko members will need to opt-in to take advantage of both the new Museum Membership benefits and the current AMI benefits provided in the combined Museum and Institute Membership programme.

The opt-in form can be downloaded from our [website](#) or the enclosed form completed, **one for each AMI member**, and emailed to membership@aucklandmuseum.com or returned by the **deadline of Sunday 17 January 2021** to:

Auckland War Memorial Museum
MEMBERSHIP
Private Bag 92018
Victoria Street West
Auckland 1142

For Joint and Family memberships, please fill in one form for each family member.

Completion will ensure your new combined Museum Membership programme card and Welcome pack will be ready by early February 2021 and will be posted to you.

If you have any queries please email: institute@aucklandmuseum.com or leave a message on 09 306 7923.

To enjoy the full suite of the benefits of the combined Museum Membership programme and to access membership services, it is essential that members complete the opt-in process and the Auckland Museum Institute Council encourages you to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you

We look forward to seeing you at our next Institute membership event.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McIntyre', written in a cursive style.

John McIntyre
President
Auckland Museum Institute