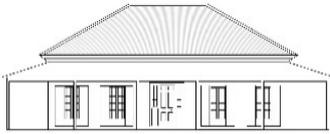


NEWSLETTER



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Lady Reed

It is with deep regret that the Trust passes on the news of the death, at 104, of Elizabeth, Lady Reed. She was Patron of the Williams Museum Trust and a generous donor, as was her late husband, Sir Nigel Reed. A memorial service will be held at 3.00 pm at St Pauls Church, Paihia, on the 26th November.

Retreat restoration

Plans for the interior restoration of the Retreat are still on hold as we have been unable to raise sufficient money to cover the cost. However, we are focussing on a few smaller projects. The wrap-around verandah is in need of attention and specifications are being drawn up prior to obtaining quotes. Plans for the garden include a “stumpery” which utilizes the roots and stumps of fallen trees as a base for planting, in a similar fashion to a rockery. Anyone with ideas –let us know!

Maintenance

Repair and cleaning of the water tanks, and removal of fallen and storm-damaged trees, are among the more significant of the maintenance items.

2023

The 2023 bicentennial preparations have occupied several of the trustees this year. The Retreat will be one of the attractions that family will be able to visit. We are discussing the possibility of a Williams exhibition in the Waitangi Museum where we have been offered exhibition space, as well as displaying collection items in the Retreat itself. Exhibitions require expert preparation and are expensive, so funding will be a requirement.

Open Day

An Open Day will be held at the Retreat from 10.00 am-4.00 pm on Sunday 8th November, at which all visitors are invited to take in the garden and see the exterior of this important heritage house. There is a small charge for entry.

Website

Go to the museum website (www.williamsmuseum.org) to check out the new material that has been added recently. It also tells you how to make a donation –we are always in need of financial support for our work.

....and keep well

This has been a difficult year for many, so we hope that you have not been too greatly impacted, and that 2021 sees us in a more relaxed environment.

With best wishes,

Trustees: John Andrews (Chair), Tina Angelova, Camilla Hope-Simcock, Kirsty McGill, Eila Searles, Heather Stanley, Dan Williams and Priscilla Williams.