



Attachment A

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I am writing on behalf of the Heritage Events Trust for some support with an upcoming event we will be hosting. The "Women of Empire" exhibition was held in Thames in 2016. This was an international exhibition and Thames was one of only four venues that were included in the New Zealand tour (along with Auckland, Wellington and Waioru Army Museum). It costs approximately \$6,000 for the transportation, set up and curation of the exhibition alone. To lessen the risk the Thames Community Board underwrote it at that time. As it was, the exhibition proved successful and no funds were required from Council after all.

As part of the 100th anniversary of Armitice Day, we would like to host a new exhibition "Women of Empire - The Homecoming". This one explores how the role of individual women changed at the close of the war - from dealing with returning loved ones that were scarred both mentally and physically, to being relegated back to the domestic role after stepping up to run farms and businesses while the men were away, and of course the widows and women who served overseas in various capacities. These are moving and important stories to share, particularly with the timing of 125th anniversary of Women Suffrage.

We are requesting that the Thames portion of the District Cultural & Heritage Fund be used to underwrite this years exhibition. We do not foresee the need for any funds but would like the assurance as we have commitments to the owners and curators. At their meeting yesterday, the Thames Community Board supported this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Connors

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Chair

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