

WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



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Mr Lewis Holden  
Chief Executive  
Ministry of Culture and Heritage Te Manatu Taonga  
P O Box 5364  
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Dear Mr Holden

**APPLICATION: MINISTRY FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE'S REGIONAL MUSEUMS POLICY FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

On behalf of our District of Wanganui, please find attached a copy of our application for funding towards the proposed Sarjeant Gallery redevelopment.

We believe that this application represents a very important commitment to the long-term betterment of Wanganui. It will ensure that our art gallery is built on the legacy from which it came; that our community has a facility worthy of the memory of Henry Sarjeant and Sir Archie Tairaroa. This new building will help us to establish a new sense of pride and partnership within our District.

This initiative will enable the Sarjeant not only to function in the way a modern art gallery should, but it will also make sure that one of the finest collections of art in New Zealand is safeguarded well into the future. This nationally important collection is one of many treasures held by our community and its preservation for future generations is vital not only for us, but for the people of New Zealand.

I, and my Council, wholly endorse this application to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's Regional Museums Policy for Capital Construction Projects. I do hope that it is given due consideration and that this submission will meet the criteria required to make a successful bid.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Annette Main'.

Annette Main  
MAYOR OF WANGANUI DISTRICT

Encl: Application for Funding for proposed Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment