



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Private and Confidential

20th July, 2026

Dear Samantha,

The King has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter, in which you so kindly invited His Majesty to attend the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Oamaru Public Gardens on 10th October, 2026.

Although The King is sadly unable to accept your invitation, I can tell you that His Majesty is most grateful to you for thinking of him, and would have me pass on his sincere hopes that the occasion will be enjoyable and memorable for all involved.

Thank you, once again, for sending your message to The King, who has asked me to convey his warmest good wishes to everyone at Waitaki District Council.

Yours sincerely,

James Dawson
Head of Royal Correspondence

Samantha Marshall, Cadet – Horticulture