From pinned insects to antiquities, Japanese armour to moa eggs – the Otago Museum collection holds more than 1.5 million items. We use these items to create exhibitions and events. For example, recently an exhibition of Chinese textiles was held, showcasing over 250 items from the Otago Museum collection.

Margery Blackman, Otago Museum's Honorary Curator of Ethnographic Textiles and Costume, has been building the collection for over 80 years. She has invited a number of expert curators to contribute to the exhibition, including Steven Young and Kay Mercer.

The exhibition is part of a larger initiative to bring Otago Museum textiles to life. In addition to the Chinese textiles, the exhibition also features material from other cultures, including Maori material. Through exhibitions like this, the Otago Museum aims to provide a platform for the study and appreciation of cultural heritage.