



TAURANGA VANANGA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

## **TE RUNANGA PUKA – NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE COOK ISLANDS**

- Is a division within the Ministry of Cultural Development (MoCD) located at the Sir Geoffrey Henry Culture Centre.
- Was established in 1992 but became fully operational in 1993 with a collection of just over 10,000 books comprising mainly of:
  - **Children’s Fiction and Non Fiction**
  - **Adult Non-Fiction**
  - **Reference Collection**
  - **Cook Islands and Pacific Books, Reports and Theses**
  - **A very small collection of Pacific rare books**
- Has a dual function that of a National and a Public Library



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### National Library Collaboration with MoCD

- ▶ The Ministry of Cultural Development has a total of 22 permanent staff and 4 outputs consisting of:
  - ▶ Output 1: Cultural National Identity – National Auditorium for events, property maintenance health safety
  - ▶ Output 2: Cultural Heritage – National Museum and Anthropology Division
  - ▶ Output 3: National Records and Information -National Archives and National Library
  - ▶ Output 4: Corporate Services – Policy, Finance and Administration



## Acts Administered by the Ministry of Cultural Development:

A total of 7 Acts are being administered by the Ministry of Cultural Development and the National Library is guided by the MoCD Act 1990

1. Ministry of Cultural Development Act 1990
2. Public Records Act 1984
3. Cultural and Historical Places Act 1994
4. Artefacts and Antiquities Act 1994
5. Reo Maori Act 2003
6. Traditional Knowledge Act 2013
7. Copyright Act 2013



## National Information & Library Strategies

The National Library has two main key deliverables to:-

1. Ensure that the national collection is collected, preserved and made accessible to all Cook Islanders
2. The National Bibliography is fully overhauled, updated and made accessible to the public



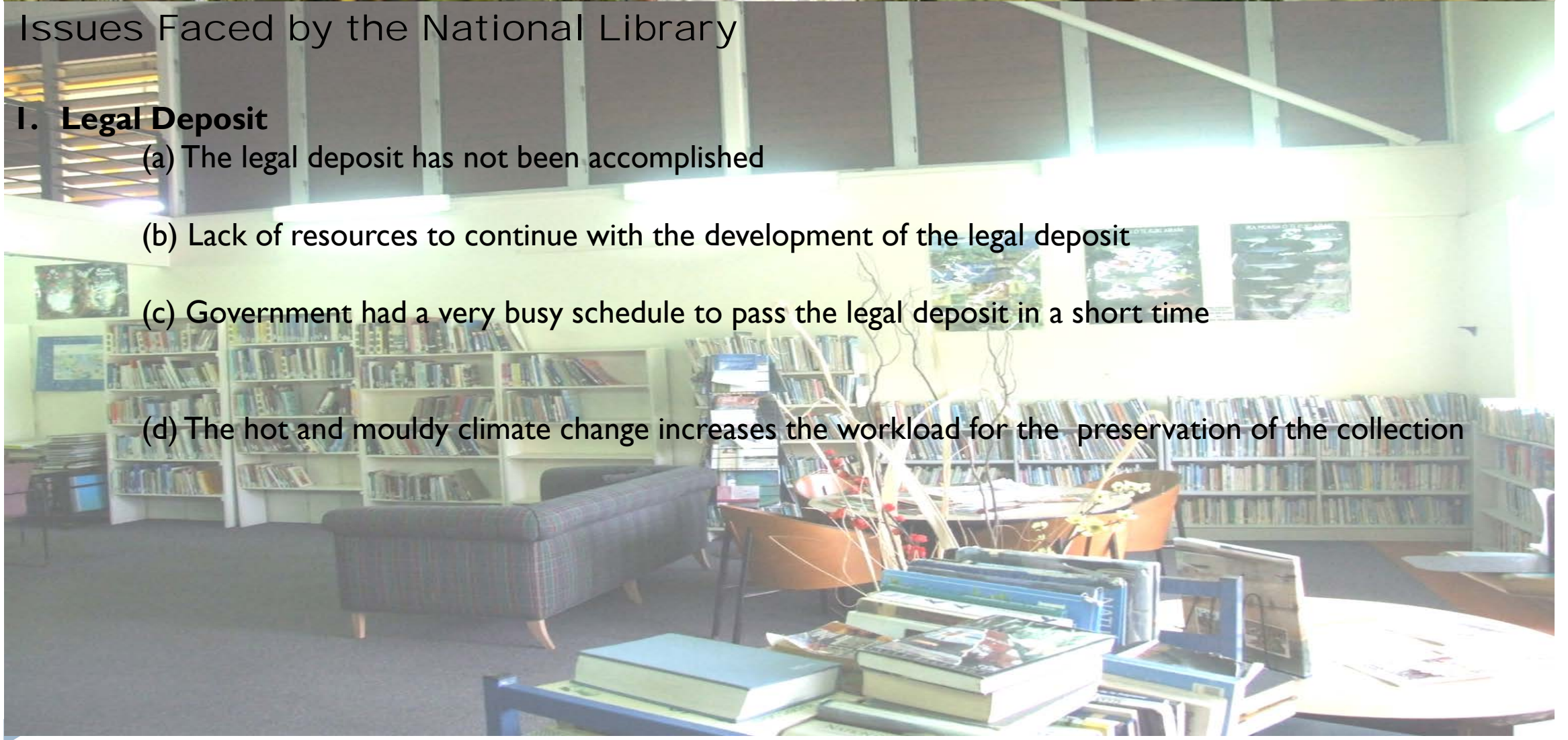


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## Issues Faced by the National Library

### I. Legal Deposit

- (a) The legal deposit has not been accomplished
- (b) Lack of resources to continue with the development of the legal deposit
- (c) Government had a very busy schedule to pass the legal deposit in a short time
- (d) The hot and mouldy climate change increases the workload for the preservation of the collection





## Issues Faced by the National Library...continued

### **2. Budget**

- (a) A library database no longer exists to help achieve the 2<sup>nd</sup> key deliverable
- (b) Limited budget
- (c) Has a trading revenue that cannot be achieved
- (d) New publications could not be purchased to help build the collection

### **3. Training** (a) Training needs in:

- (i) library field to obtain qualifications
- (ii) management field
- (iii) computer programmes
- (iv) website uploading



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:-

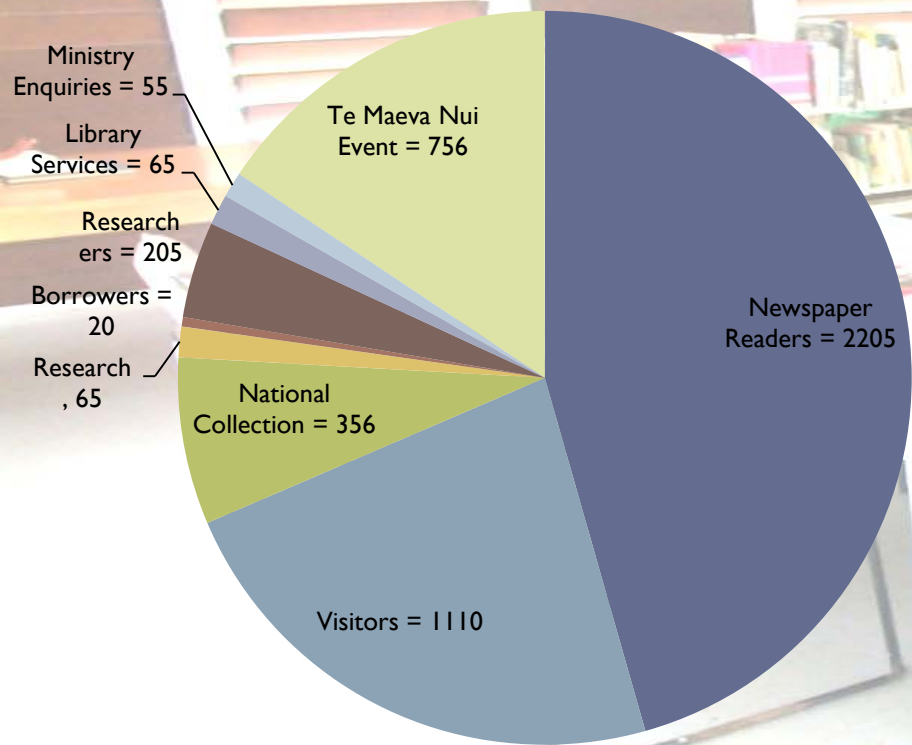
## The National Library collaborations

- ▶ Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand
- ▶ National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand
- ▶ National Library of Australia
- ▶ Auckland Council Library, Auckland, New Zealand
- ▶ University of Auckland Library, Knowledge Basket, New Zealand
- ▶ University of the South Pacific Library, Fiji
- ▶ UNESCO

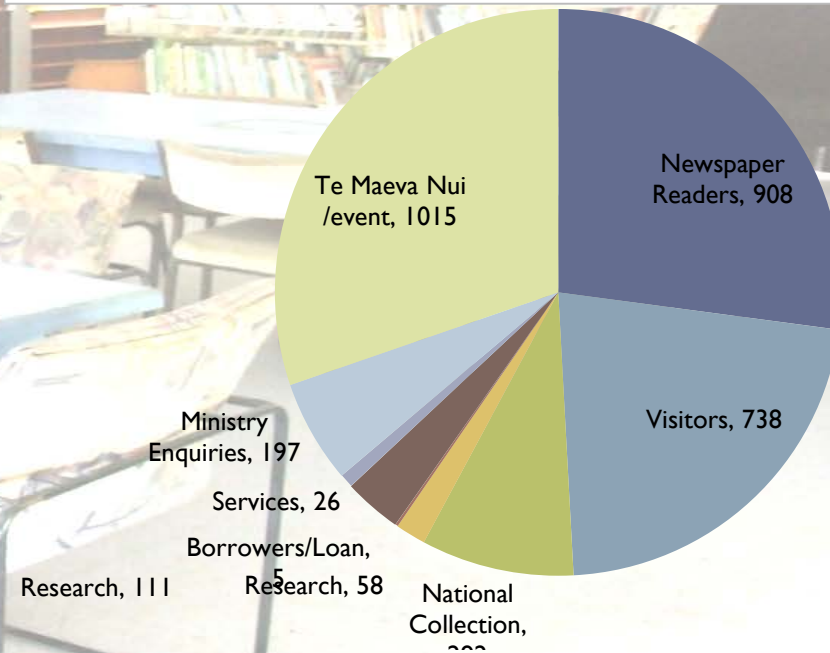


# Library Statistics

**Statistics for July 2014 to June 2015**



**Statistics for July 2015 to February 2016**







## The Collection

National Library Collection as at January 2016			
Type of Collection	Total No.	Description of the Collections	
<b>Cook Islands Collections:</b>	429	Documents and stories of the Cook Islands	
Cook Islands Acts/ Legislations	100	Laws of the Cook Islands of the Cook Islands	
Theses	95	Research about the Cook Islands	
EIA -Reports	150	Environmental Impact Assessment Report	
Cook Islands Reports	250	Reports by Cook Islanders	
Taira Rere's Collection	86	Genealogies, Short stories about the Cook Islands	
MOC DVDs	30	DVDs of Ministry events	
<b>Pacific Collections</b>	2,955	Cook Islands and Pacific Islands Books	
JPS	26	Journal of the Polynesian Society	Special Issue - 1997 -2003
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<b>Rare Books Collections</b>	250		
References Collections	1,841	Encyclopedias	
		Dictionaries	
		World Maps, Atlases	
<b>Non-Fiction</b>			
Adult Non Fiction	3,077		
Children's Non-Fiction	2,055		
<b>Other Collections</b>			
French Collection	1,127		
Chinese Collection	137	Books about China	
Children's Fiction Books	3,558	Children stories	
Today's Vision Magazine		February 1999 -January - February 2000	
Cook Islands Times	28	June 2012- December 2012	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	20	August 2012 - December 2012	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	48	January 2013 - December 2013	
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Cook Islands Herald News Paper	36	February 2015 - October 2015	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	36	November 2015 - December 2015	



## The Way Ahead for the National Library

1. Increase the collaboration between the National Library and:-

- a) all government departments in Rarotonga
- b) all the schools in Rarotonga
- c) all non-government organisations in Rarotonga
- d) international libraries and organisations

2. Seek for funding or assistance from international stakeholders or funding agencies

3. Seek for training opportunities in the required fields to help develop staff

4. Having a stronger network with other stakeholders

5. Need to be more pro-active