

# Positioning the National Library for the Future

A direction of travel to 2030

NL50



*Celebrate with us*



October 2015 marked the 50<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the passing of the  
National Library of NZ legislation

It took over 50 years to arrive



# The General Assembly Library became responsible for Legal Deposit in 1903

# NATIONAL LIBRARY. "IN THE PUBLIC INTERESTS."

## DISCUSSION AT THE CON- FERENCE.

When the Libraries Conference met to-day, Mr. C. J. Parr moved—

"That it is in the public interests that the Parliamentary Library shall be made the nucleus of a National Reference Library; that for this purpose the privilege of taking out books shall be absolutely restricted to His Excellency the Governor and members of the Legislature; that the library shall be open daily to the public as a reference library, subject to such regulations as the Government may prescribe."

The mover urged that, instead of restricting the privileges of the library to a few, it would be better if the institution was thrown open for reference purposes to all persons in the Dominion.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Clark (Dunedin).

The Chairman (Mr. Lays), in support-

NZ Libraries  
lobbied for a  
National Library  
as early as 1911



The Alexander  
Turnbull Library  
was gifted to the  
Crown in 1918

# NATIONAL LIBRARY NEW ZEALAND'S NEED

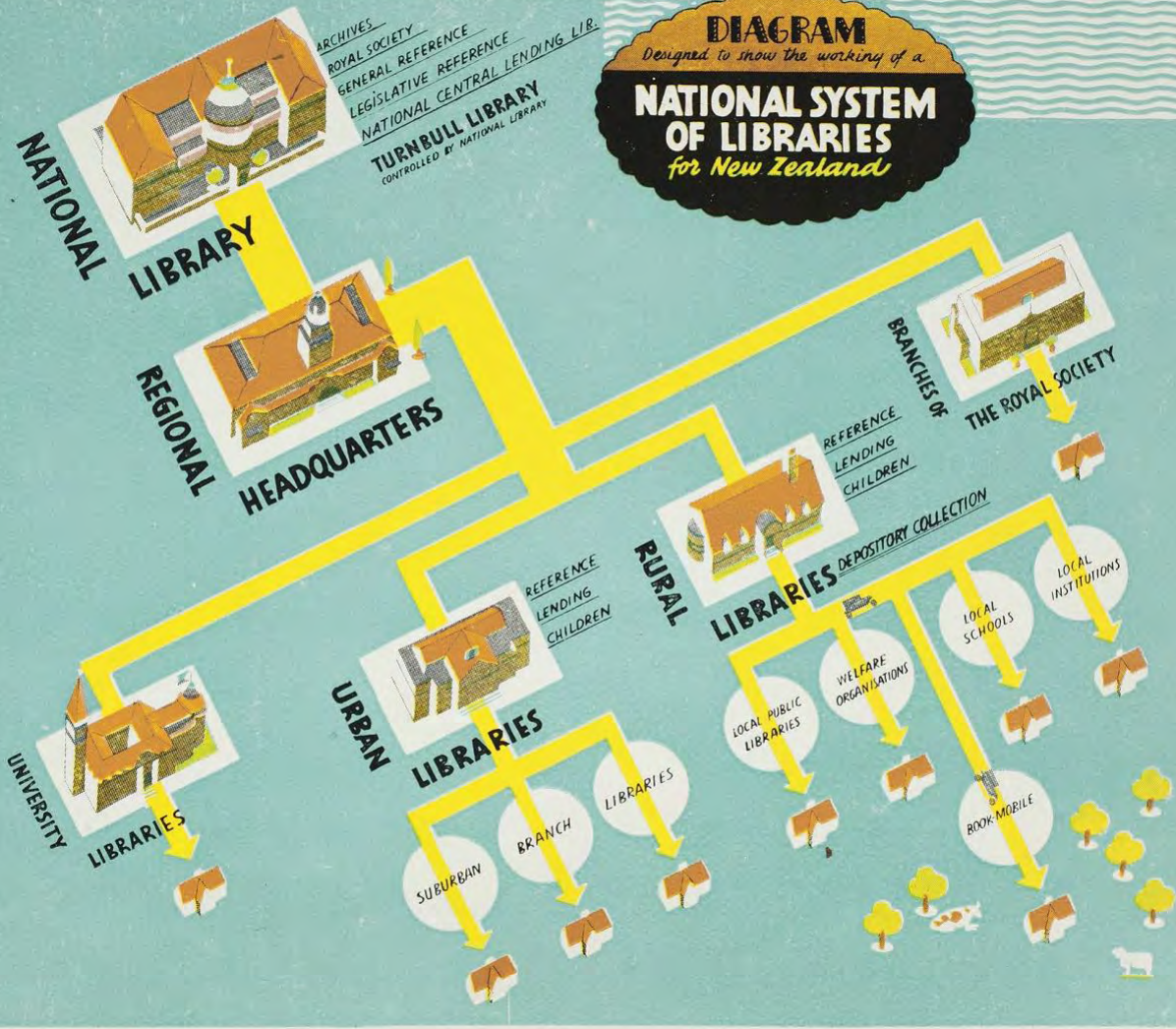
## THE NUCLEUS THERE

“It is time to settle the question of whether the General Assembly Library is to become a national library,” states the Carnegie report on New Zealand’s libraries in advocating a plan for a national system. To complete the national system a national library is essential, remarks the report.

“Local libraries have a definite function within their own communities, but that function is entirely distinct from that of a national library. Financial limitations compel the urban public library to confine itself to the needs of its own people, and this leaves a wide gap which only a national library can fill. Such matters as the care and preservation of national documents, the making of a national bibliography, and the collection of all books, periodicals, and newspapers of national importance are the particular province of a national library. If this work of collecting, preserving, and recording the nation’s

Philanthropist  
Andrew Carnegie  
was among those  
advocating in the  
1930s

**DIAGRAM**  
 Designed to show the working of a  
**NATIONAL SYSTEM OF LIBRARIES**  
 for New Zealand







## The Country Library Service was formed in 1938



# The School Library Service was formed in 1942



Followed by the  
National Library  
Service in 1945,  
headed the first  
National Librarian, G T  
Alley



It was not until the  
1980s that a  
National Library  
building was  
nearing completion



The building  
opening in 1987  
and lasted a  
generation

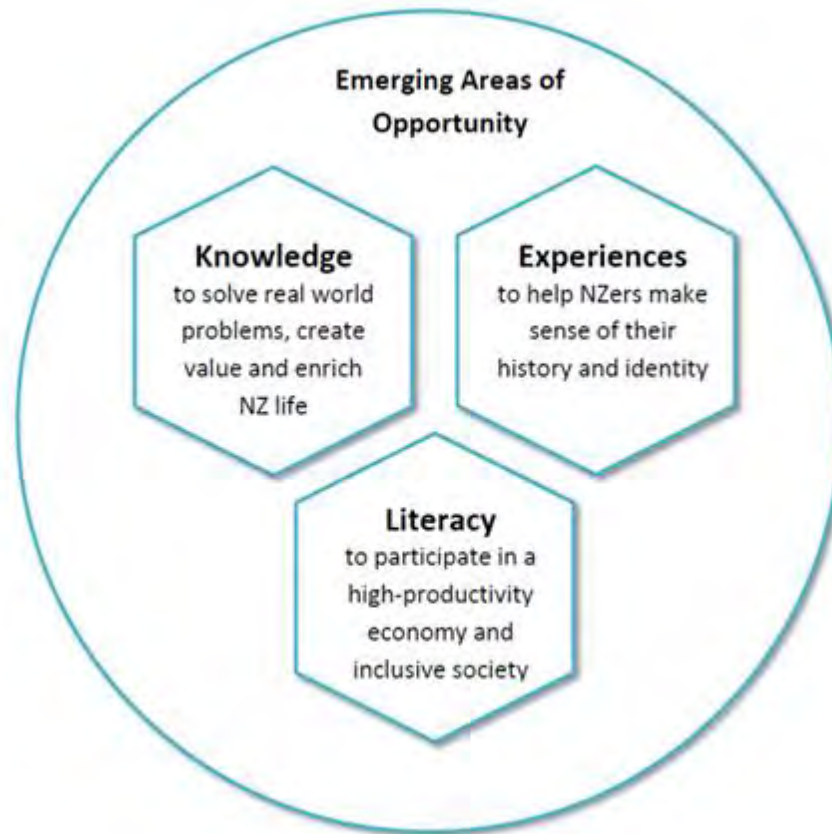


Until our New Generation National Library strategy saw a major redevelopment completed in 2012

# In 2016 we deliver

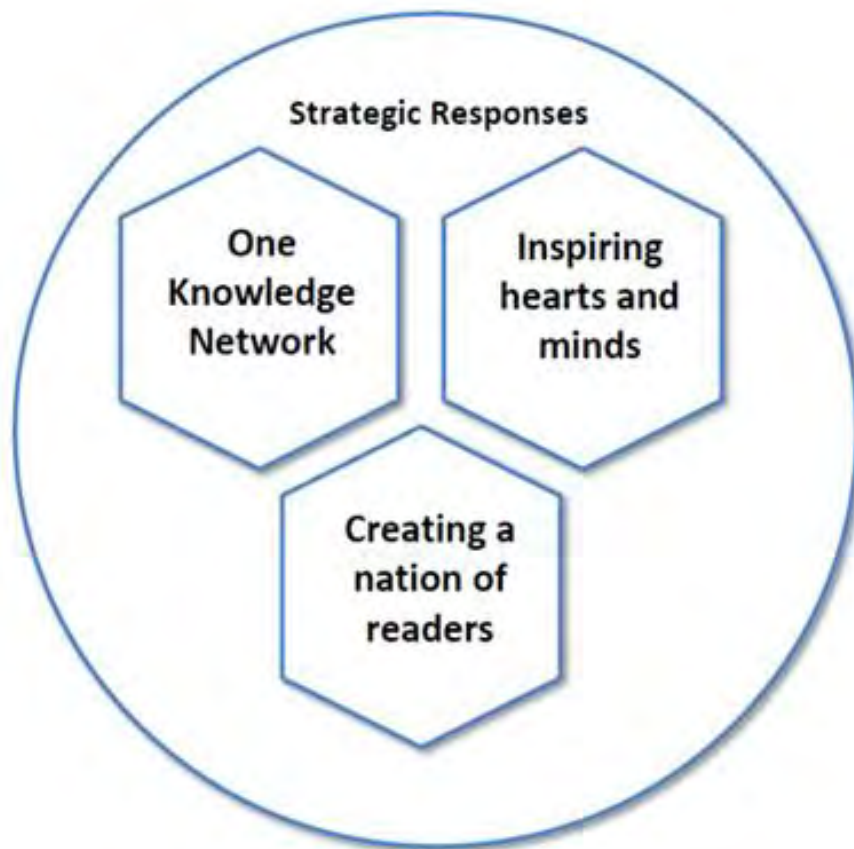
- Services to Schools and School Libraries
- Content and bibliographic services to libraries and the public
- The Alexander Turnbull Library and Reading Rooms
- Services to Public Libraries including free public internet and a shared LMS
- Search and discovery of NZ content through DigitalNZ

# We are about to produce a new strategy to 2030





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# Looking to 2030: Possible Investment Horizons (McKinsey)

## HORIZON 3 OPPORTUNITIES – NEW MARKETS/NEW SOLUTIONS

**One knowledge network**

**All NZ published output digitally available**

**Te Reo reading strategy**

## HORIZON 2 OPPORTUNITIES – EXISTING MARKETS WE DO NOT SERVE/SOLUTIONS WE DO NOT USE

**One library network**

**Massively scaled up digitisation, starting with Te Reo Māori publications**

**National documentary heritage framework**

**National partnership programme for reading**

## HORIZON 1 OPPORTUNITIES – EXISTING MARKETS/EXISTING SOLUTIONS

**Services to Schools Transformation**

**Digital Preservation NZ**

**Smaller General Collections**

**Whole of Country licensing deals**

**Partnerships with creators and publishers**

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