



# What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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### 1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government  ii. External Sources	[Note: NZ financial year is July-June] i. Current operating budget (2018/19) is NZ\$28.66million excluding the cost of capital and shared services. ii. Figures for external sources are not available.
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post-graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	i. 280 FTE ii. [figures on types of qualifications are not available]
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection  ii. Digital collection preserved	i. Physical collection (current total): - 4,018,696 <u>published</u> items. - Total number of descriptive records published on the Internet, for <u>unpublished</u> collection material, is 868,537. ii. Digital collection (current total): - 2,216,648 intellectual entities preserved within NDHA Rosetta ( = 253TB).

d	Visitorship (Annual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Physical visits to reading rooms</li> <li>ii. Digital visits to websites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 51,448 visitors to reading rooms in 2018.</li> <li>ii. 4.02 million visits to all websites (including 'Natlib', 'Papers Past', DigitalNZ.org, 'Tiaki', the NLNZ Catalogue, the 'A to Js' [Appendices to the Journal of the House of Representatives], 'M&amp;P', 'NZ Research', 'Search Stations', 'Te Puna Search', and 'Te Ao Hou'). The daily average on 'Papers Past' was 4,381 visits.</li> </ul>
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	5,185 inter-library loans in 2018, including international ILLs.

## 2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services

- a) During 2018 the National Library continued to deal with some issues caused by the earthquake of 2016. That was not centred in Wellington, but still caused damage in the capital. The National Library experienced damage to shelving, and remediation work (cross-bracing) has recently been completed.
- b) The National Library has opened its newly refurbished auditorium. This new modern facility will help to communicate the Library's contribution to the cultural and intellectual life of the country.
- c) The *He Tohu* exhibition, opened 3 years ago in the National Library, continues to be highly popular with visitors from all sectors of the community at all levels, and is becoming a significant tourist attraction in its own right. The main focus of *He Tohu* is the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi between the British Queen Victoria and the Māori chiefs of New Zealand. It also displays the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition (New Zealand was the first sovereign state to grant the vote to women). In 2018 national celebrations were held to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event.
- d) In mid-2018, Flying Nun Records donated their collection of master music tapes to the National Library. For the Library this was a major acquisition of nearly 1200 tapes covering 1981 to the mid-2000s. The collection is not yet complete, lacking several hundred tapes, and the Library is working with the Label to bring those in at a later date. The Library has committed to digitising the entire collection over 3 years so that they are digitally preserved and available for the Label to reissue, and of course for researchers.
- e) (Flying Nun Records is New Zealand's most internationally significant record label. Created in 1981, the label tapped into the local post-punk scene in alternative popular music of the 1980s-1990s. The Label is still releasing music by some of New Zealand's significant artists.)

- f) Since the end of 2018 the National Library has been involved, from its perspective as a government agency, in the ongoing national consultation on the forthcoming review of New Zealand's copyright legislation, being conducted by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). The National Library has liaised with the national professional associations (civil society) in the library sector on their submissions to the consultation.

### **3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country**

- a) Not a cross-sector collaboration but a government initiative of high importance for national collecting institutions:
- b) The National Archival and Library Institutions Ministerial Working Group (NALI) was set up to consider the roles of these statutory institutions and how they can be better enabled to fulfil their roles. The Department of Internal Affairs, with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage and the State Services Commission, drafted a paper which was submitted to Cabinet on behalf of the Group, in December.
- c) As part of the 'Preserving the Nation's Memory' (PtNM) Project, there were ongoing discussions and workshops during 2018 on potential co-location of services with Archives New Zealand. In early November the two institutions' leadership teams looked at the work so far and agreed to look at the future opportunities for co-location and collaboration arising from a new build, in order to strengthen the Preserving the Nation's Memory business case to be delivered to Government at the end of that year.
- d) Significant progress was made during the year on arrangements for a technical refresh of APNK (Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa) which was originally set up and led by the National Library, in collaboration with local government and support from the private sector, to support capability and capacity development of New Zealand's public libraries.
- e) The National Library has continued to strengthen its Services to Schools division, which is based in the Library's Auckland Centre but operates throughout the country in collaboration with schools. In particular, lending services have been strengthened as part of the Library's efforts to improve literacy and learning outcomes for young people.

### **4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries**

- a) In January 2018 the National Library of New Zealand and the NLB of Singapore signed a new 5-year Arrangement on Cooperation. The first activity within the framework of the Arrangement was a discussion and peer review by teams from each library of their policies and practices in collection management, with a particular focus on digital operations. That activity took place in September 2018 following the IFLA congress in Malaysia.

- b) The National Library delegated representatives to the Pacific Library Summit in Suva, Fiji, at the end of May 2018, and to the APLIC (Asia-Pacific Library and Information conference) in Brisbane, Australia, in July.
- c) In November 2018 the National Library hosted the IIPC (International Internet Preservation Consortium) General Assembly and Web Archiving Conference, in Wellington. The Library is a strong supporter and member of the international web archiving and digital preservation community.
- d) The National Librarian, Bill Macnaught, visited the National Library of China in November 2018; to prepare the new 5-year Arrangement on Cooperation between the NLNZ and the NL of China, which will be signed in Wellington in February 2019.
- e) The NLNZ has recently reviewed its engagement with IFLA and decided to strengthen it by increasing to 10 the number of Sections in which the Library is registered.