

# NEW ZEALAND

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND /  
TE PUNA MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA**

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2001 – 2002

### GOVERNANCE AND ROLE

The National Library of New Zealand was established in 1965 as a Government department. The Chief Executive, who is also the National Librarian, reports to the Minister Responsible for the National Library. (The Library's Māori name Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa means "the wellspring of knowledge for New Zealand".)

The NLNZ currently employs 399 staff (366 FTE). Its operating budget is NZ\$43.5 million (c.US\$14.5million at current rates). The Library is the national ISBN and ISSN agency and operates a cataloguing-in-publication programme. It is a member of IFLA and RLG. Full details about the NLNZ and its services are at [www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz).

### SERVICES

Major areas of the NLNZ's services include:

- Te Puna, the National Library's gateway to national electronic resources. Te Puna gives access to over 10 million records, including the national union catalogue, the national bibliography, the rich collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library, an index of New Zealand journals and newspapers, and a directory of New Zealand and Pacific web sites. Services offered are: Search, Cataloguing and Interloan.
- The Alexander Turnbull Library (ATL): with its specialist heritage and research collections and associated services, this is part of and located within the NLNZ in Wellington. It holds the national documentary collection of New Zealand and Pacific materials, and continues to develop collections of rare books, fine printing and the works of John Milton.
- School Services: a national network of advisors who work with schools to develop their information management capabilities, and centres which lend materials to support the teaching of the New Zealand curriculum.

## **ACQUISITIONS**

The NLNZ obtains New Zealand imprints on legal deposit. Other information resources are acquired by purchase and donation. Under the current budget NZ \$1.6 million is available for purchases for the Turnbull Library<sup>1</sup>, just under NZ\$1.5 million for the General Collections<sup>2</sup>, and NZ\$1 million for the Schools Collection<sup>3</sup>.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

The National Library's revised Strategic Plan (until 2003) has an outcomes-based framework taking account of developments such as e-government, the development of the Library as a 'hybrid' library, and the impact of the digital environment on legal deposit, copyright, preservation and access.

## **REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT**

The new National Library Bill 2002 is now before Parliament. Among other measures, the Bill makes provision for legal deposit of electronic publications, and establishes a Library and Information Advisory Commission, administered by the National Library, "to advise the Minister on library and information issues, including mātauranga Māori".

## **DIGITAL LIBRARY INITIATIVES**

The Library is actively planning to meet the challenge of preserving digitally published New Zealand information and digitising documents from its collections to provide access. It is currently discussing with other institutions ways to follow up the National Digital Forum held in May 2002.

Significant digital developments over the past year have been:

- 'Papers Past'. This website contains over 300,000 pages from 19th century New Zealand newspapers and periodicals - (<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>)
- 'Discover': a new online resource from the National Library's School Services, designed to support the New Zealand curriculum (and the first application to use the Library's Digital Library Infrastructure) – (<http://discover.natlib.govt.nz>).

## **PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES**

The National Library has implemented its policy of partnership with the indigenous Māori people of New Zealand. A successful recent exhibition drew on the Library's culturally significant collection of late 19<sup>th</sup>-century portrait photographs of the Ngāti Kahungunu people, part of the Māori population.

## **A NOTABLE DONATION**

In December 2001, a collection of nearly 700 European rare books was deposited in the Alexander Turnbull Library.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2001/02 acquisitions budget of the ATL is NZ\$1,603,000, including NZ\$1,066,000 for the published collections and NZ\$536,500 for the unpublished collections.

<sup>2</sup> The 2001/02 acquisitions budget for General Collections (including General Lending, Reference, Music, Serials, Auckland Business Collection, Print Disabilities, Medical/Health Literature, National Children's Collection) is NZ\$1,480,000, of which 75.7% is for serials.

<sup>3</sup> The 2001/02 acquisitions budget for the Schools Collection is NZ\$1,020,000. The Schools Collection (currently 533,221 items, mostly in book format, increasing by c32,000 items p.a.) covers all areas and levels of the national curriculum.

**CURRENT NATIONAL ISSUES:**

The National Library is involved in the following activities:

- implementation of the New Zealand Government's e-government strategy;
- advising public libraries on the implications of e-government;
- providing input to the Government strategy for community access to ICTs;
- providing input to the current review of the 1994 Copyright Act;
- discussing the promotion of information literacy (with the Ministry of Education);
- liaising with the library and information sector on major issues.

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