

# NEW ZEALAND

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND / TE PUNA MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2002 – 2003

### GOVERNANCE AND ROLE

The National Library of New Zealand was established in 1965, and became a Government department in 1989. The Chief Executive, who is also the National Librarian, reports to the Minister Responsible for the National Library. The Chief Executive is assisted by the Directors of the seven operational directorates: Alexander Turnbull Library (heritage collections), Collection Services, Corporate Services, Electronic Services, Policy and Strategic Development, Services to Māori, School Services.

The new CEO and National Librarian, Ms Penny Carnaby, took up her post in January 2003. She has declared her intention to strengthen collaboration between the National Library and other libraries, cultural institutions, the ICT sector and the education sector (including tertiary education and research), in the spirit of the Government's call for a revitalised public service by means of capacity development and integrated delivery of services to Government and citizens.

The new National Library Act was passed by Parliament in May 2003. Among other measures, the Act has clarified the role of the National Library in preserving the cultural heritage of all New Zealanders including the indigenous Māori people, extended legal deposit provisions to electronic publications, established a body named the Kaitiaki ('Guardians') of the Alexander Turnbull Library, and a Library and Information Advisory Commission (LIAC), administered by the National Library, "to advise the Minister on library and information issues, including mātauranga Māori".

Specifically, the role of the National Library is defined by the Act as "to enrich the cultural and economic life of New Zealand and its interchanges with other nations by (....) collecting, preserving and protecting documents, particularly those relating to New Zealand, and making them accessible for all the people of New Zealand, in a manner consistent with their status as documentary heritage and taonga..", and collaborating with libraries and other similar institutions within New Zealand and overseas.

The Library's Māori name Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa means "the wellspring of knowledge for New Zealand".

## STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The year 2003 is the last year of the National Library's revised Strategic Plan, which now has an outcomes-based framework taking account of developments such as e-government, the development of the Library as a 'hybrid' library, the national Digital Library initiative, and the impact of the digital environment on legal deposit, copyright, preservation and access, and collaboration with other government departments (e.g. with the Ministry of Education, for e-learning initiatives) and with various government and non-government stakeholders for the promotion of community access to information and communication technologies). The Strategic Framework is at [www.natlib.govt.nz/en/about/1pubframework.html](http://www.natlib.govt.nz/en/about/1pubframework.html).

The National Library, in common with other New Zealand government departments, now operates according to a formal Statement of Intent. The Statement of Intent for 2003-2004 is at [www.natlib.govt.nz/files/NLBSOI.pdf](http://www.natlib.govt.nz/files/NLBSOI.pdf).

## OPERATIONS:

The NLNZ currently employs 406 staff (385 FTE). Its operating budget is NZ\$44.3m excluded GST (value-added tax), i.e. about US\$25.25m at current exchange rates.

Full details about the NLNZ, its policies and services are available on its bilingual (English/Māori) website: [www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz). The Library's Annual Report 2001-2002) can be found at [www.natlib.govt.nz/files/1pubannual.pdf](http://www.natlib.govt.nz/files/1pubannual.pdf). The Annual Report for 2002-2003 is in preparation.

The NLNZ obtains New Zealand imprints on legal deposit, which now also covers electronic publications (see the note below on the National Library Act 2003). Other information resources are acquired by purchase and donation. In the financial year 2002-2003, acquisitions budgets were: c.\$NZ1.6m for the Turnbull Library<sup>i</sup>, c.\$NZ1.6m for the General Collections<sup>ii</sup>, and c.\$NZ1.2m for the Schools Collection<sup>iii</sup>.

## EXTERNAL LINKS:

In addition to its contacts with other government departments, the National Library is actively involved in the work of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. It maintains regular consultative links with the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA), and has a close working relationship with the National Library of Australia. It is a member of IFLA, RLG, CDNL-Asia/Oceania, and the National Libraries Endeavour Advisory Board.

## 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 12.5 million bibliographic records - 5m in the National Bibliographic Archive, and 7.5m (including 11m holdings) in the National Bibliographic database - available to all via subscribing libraries, and a further 1.5m records available freely to all from the National Library's own catalogue. Te Puna gives access to 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. It offers search, cataloguing and interlending services. Significant resources with their own websites include 'Papers Past' (over 600,000 digitised pages from 19th century New Zealand newspapers and periodicals - <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>) and 'Discover' (a new online resource from the Library's School Services, designed to support the New Zealand curriculum - <http://discover.natlib.govt.nz>).

- The Alexander Turnbull Library:

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 specialist collections of rare books, fine printing and the works of John Milton.

- School Services.

This combines a dedicated national collection of library resources for schools, a national network of advisors who work with schools to develop their information management capabilities, and regional centres which lend materials to support the teaching of the New Zealand curriculum.

## **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. The work programme currently underway within the Library includes the following activities:

- development and implementation of business process workflows for incorporating digital objects into the Library's business processes, e.g. selection, acquisition, care and handling, transformation of physical originals
- development of infrastructure for digital material, e.g. upload process, storage, authentication, access
- purchase and implementation of a metadata repository for provision of portal services to NLNZ applications
- creating a testbed application for researching and implementing a range of digital library activities, e.g. resource discovery metadata, preservation metadata (schema, extraction, storage), persistent identifiers
- evaluating the feasibility of and piloting web harvesting for the capture and preservation of New Zealand-based and related web sites
- implementing a production process for bulk digitisation of textual materials including evaluating the feasibility of and piloting full text search and retrieval.

The National Library is leading a project to develop a multi-organisation, distributed application. The project, yet to be named, is based on Picture Australia and Images Canada and consists of a centralised metadata repository (Dublin Core Qualified) built in ENCompass, the Library's portal software, with links out to digital objects located within the participating organisations' web sites.

## **PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES**

The National Library has a policy of partnership (Te Kaupapa Mahi Tahi – [www.natlib.govt.nz/files/policy-Māori.pdf](http://www.natlib.govt.nz/files/policy-Māori.pdf), covering all aspects of the Library's services) with the indigenous Māori people of New Zealand. The Library's policy on 'Principles for the Care and Preservation of Māori Materials' can be consulted at <http://www.natlib.govt.nz/en/about/1keypolpreservation.html#3-a>.

## CURRENT NATIONAL ISSUES:

Over the past year, the National Library has been involved in the following activities, which are continuing:

- implementation of the New Zealand Government's e-government strategy
  - the Library is responsible for the thesauri (of functions and services) which provide the metadata for resource discovery through the e-Government Portal ([www.govt.nz](http://www.govt.nz))
  - the Library participates in the development of the e-Government Interoperability Framework (e-GIF)
- advising on the implementation of 'Connecting Communities', the Government strategy for promoting community access to ICTs;
- advising the Ministry of Economic Development's intellectual property team on:
  - the proposed revision of the 1994 Copyright Act to take account of developments in the digital environment
  - proposals by WIPO concerning intellectual property protection of traditional cultural expressions (TCEs)
- discussing the promotion of e-learning (with the Ministry of Education);
- liaising with the library and information sector on major issues (e.g. a trial scheme for consortium purchasing of certain electronic resources)
- presenting the New Zealand Government's views on the agenda for the World Summit on the Information Society
  - the National Library and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade are the two agencies making up the NZ Government delegation to the Preparatory Committee for the WSIS
  - the NZ Government's position paper (May 2003) on the draft WSIS agenda can be found on the website [www.itu.int/wsis/documents](http://www.itu.int/wsis/documents)

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<sup>i</sup> ATL c.\$NZ1.6 divided 60/40 between the 'published' collections and 'unpublished' collections.

<sup>ii</sup> The acquisitions budget for FY 2002 for General Collections (including General Lending, Reference, Music, Serials, Auckland Business Collection, Print Disabilities, Medical/Health Literature, National Children's Collection) was c.\$NZ1.6m.

<sup>iii</sup> The acquisitions budget for the Schools Collection for FY 2002 was c.NZ\$1.2m. The Schools Collection (currently 526,380 items, mostly in book format, of which 47,178 items were added in 2002-2003) covers all areas and levels of the national curriculum. Holdings are distributed between the Wellington building and four main Regional Centres.