

REPORT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMITTEE TE PUNA O NEHERA – 2022-2023

MEMBERS

Tikanga Māori:	Ms Sophie Anania (from October 2022), (Lay) Canon Sharlene Douglas-Huriwai, Ven Dr Hirini Kaa (to August 2022)
Tikanga Pakeha:	Rev'd Peter Bargh (from June 2022), Ms Jane Teal, Rev'd John McCaul (to August 2022)
Tikanga Polynesia:	Rev'd Dr Eseta Mateiviti-Tulavu (to Feb 2023), Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa (to Feb 2023), Rev'd Liliani Havili (from June 2023), Rev'd Benda Reed (from Oct 2023)
Archivist-Librarian: Committee	Mrs Judith Bright Rev'd Robert Bruere, Mr Samuel Carpenter, Mr Andrew Metcalfe (from June 2022)
General Secretary:	Rev'd Canon Michael Hughes

CHAIR Ven Dr Hirini Kaa was Chair in 2022, and the Rev'd John McCaul Co-Chair, until GSTHW in October, after which the General Secretary acted as Chair for 2023 as Tikanga Pasefika (whose turn it was by rotation to Chair) were transitioning their membership.

The Committee met twice in 2022, three times in 2023, and once in early 2024 before this report was submitted. Meetings were a mix of Zoom and/or in person.

HISTORY

1. Anglican Historical Society (AHS). Representatives of the AHS keep the Committee updated as standing agenda item. Member Rev'd Peter Bargh serves on both entities.
2. The Committee notes the various histories being researched and worked on across this Church, including an update of the Diocese of Dunedin history. A copy of the Williams family history was obtained.
3. The Committee gave some time to strategic thinking ahead about needs and possible responses within its area of mandate. And explored some underlying principles and priorities for its work, drafting a Terms of Reference for itself.
4. The Committee has been working with banks, the Societies Register and the NZ Companies Office to wind up the last vestiges of the Selwyn Society (now dissolved).
5. It was noted that Bishop Selwyn's Seal was bought back by the SJCTB in 2022, and the Committee was involved in enabling the return from the UK of the first Bishop of Polynesia's Eucharistic tablet. An original Hikoi of Hope banner, carried to parliament from Christchurch, was returned to the Archive from the office of MP Rachel Boyack who had inherited it from previous MPs.

ARCHIVES

1. A new Archivist has been appointed to assist at the Kinder Archive, Ms Vicki McCulloch, who also works part time for Auckland Diocesan Archive.

2. The Parish Archives Handbook has been revised, and some workshop input has been provided to both the Bishops PA/EA conference and the Registrar-Managers conference. The guideline dates for access to Registers was amended to reflect changes by the Register General.
3. The closure of smaller, often rural, churches and what to do with their records was noted as an emerging feature facing units.
4. General Synod and other Anglican Archives: The John Kinder Theological Library continues to collect and make available the Provincial Archives of this Church and its various subsets. This work is regularly reported to the Committee and of note are the online resources developments, with much new material being added there:

Pumotomoto – the gateway to knowledge <https://kinderlibrary.recollect.co.nz/> which offers online access to Church newspapers and other publications, and photographs.

Putake – the root <https://putake.recollect.co.nz/> – which is a names database giving access to indexes of names from Anglican sources. This also has a subscription section through which there is access to church registers pre-1922.

5. Royal Commission on Abuse in Care: policy on retention of records and access has been discussed and guidance from the Commission Report is awaited.

Tikanga Māori

The Pihopatanga o Aotearoa records, some still held in Gisborne, have been partially transferred to the provincial archive and progressed the process of digitising historic committee's minutes.

Assistance was requested and has been given to most Hui Amorangi around record keeping, with visits from Mrs Judith Bright, who is always available for advice and assistance.

Tikanga Pasefika

The Archives of the Diocese have now been moved to better facilities at the MAST library complex in Suva, during one of several visits to assist and advise by Archivist Mrs Judith Bright.

Some Diocese of Polynesia photographs which were at risk of destruction have been scanned and made available on Pumotomoto. Assistance was also given to preserve early vestments in the Diocese.

Tikanga Pākehā

Dioceses continue to have a range of solutions for storage of their archives, some in the Diocese or partner entities there (eg Turnbull, Hocken, Southland Library), and some in the provincial archive. The input of Archivist Mrs Judith Bright to many dioceses has been appreciated.

The assistance of the General Secretary is noted with appreciation.

Submitted jointly by the Committee