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Welcome to the Spring Alert

Here we are in September already, with the weather finally starting to show signs of drying out and warming up a bit ... unless of course you are in the region that has just had another large dump of snow. Last Friday the weather in Wellington was beautiful for the first meeting of our new Council, a great opportunity to start planning our programme for the year ahead, based on the good foundations put in place by the last Council. Below you will find a brief introduction to each of the Council members so you can find out more about our backgrounds.

But first, a couple of apologies relating to August's Alert – it seems I wasn't quite as recovered from the conference lurgy as I thought, and failed to proofread it properly before I sent it out. I need to clarify one thing and correct another. Many apologies, first, to Paora Tibble, who provided valuable advice to ARANZ on the selection of a Māori name, and whose own name I misspelled Dibble in the Alert I sent you all last month, though it was corrected in the version available on our website. Secondly, my explanation of our new Māori name was a little unclear: it is of course not a replacement for the name ARANZ but an addition. We have not yet been able to make this additional name official as that would require a change to our Constitution, which as you know is not a straightforward process. However, our intention is to use the two names in parallel in our website and other communications.

In this Alert, you will find the dates of our forthcoming Council meetings, as well as news about conferences past and future, other events, news and resources I hope you will find interesting and useful. If you have any comments, news for future Alerts or anything else you would like to discuss, I would be very happy to hear from you. My email contact is at the head of this page.

Meet your new Council

President: Eric Boamah, based in Wellington, who is a lecturer at the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand

Vice President: Jennie Henton, City Archivist at Hutt City Council, with previous experience in recordkeeping in central government as well as at Archives NZ in Wellington (2nd year on Council)

Secretary: Tiena Jordan, based in Whakatane, who has a background in community archives and libraries as well as having been archivist at Scion in Rotorua for 10 years. Tiena has previously served on the Council for 15 years.

Treasurer: Sue Hanham, based in Waimate, South Canterbury, where she works as a local and community archivist. This is Sue's first year on the National Council

Council members:

Alison Breese, Archivist for the Dunedin City Council. This is Alison's 3rd year on Council

Belinda Battley, based in Auckland, where she works for Archives NZ and also lectures in Archival Systems at VUW. This is Belinda's 3rd year on Council

Catherine Barriga, who works in information management at the University of Otago (new to Council)

Helen Pannett, who has a background in public libraries in Southland and Invercargill and now manages the research library and archive at the Nelson Provincial Museum (new to Council)

Kathleen Stringer, based in Ashburton, where she works in archives and textiles at the museum, having previously established an archive in Oamaru (new to Council)

Sean Connelly, based in Auckland, where he is records manager at Unitec (new to Council)

Ex officio members:

Jessica Moran, Digital Collections Service Leader at the Alexander Turnbull Library – Archifacts editor

Sarah Padey, Archivist, Anglican Diocese of Auckland – Membership secretary

Portfolios

The portfolios not already assigned were decided at this meeting. The full list of portfolios:

Branch Liaison/SIG liaison – Tiena Jordan and Helen Pannett. Helen will communicate with the Branches.

Awards – Tiena Jordan

Alert and Archifacts reviews – Belinda Battley

Advocacy – Catherine Barriga and Kathleen Stringer

Conference - tbc

Website/social media – Alison Breese

Information & Records Management – Catherine Barriga and Sean Connelly

Membership database – Sarah Padey, Sean Connelly, Belinda Battley

Kaupapa Maori liaison – Eric Boamah, and tbc

Timetable of meetings for the upcoming year

As this year's Council has a wide geographical spread it was decided to draw up a timetable of meetings for the entire year so that travel can be booked early to reduce expenses. We decided to publicise the timetable here so that any members who wish to raise issues with the Council will know when we will next be meeting. The meetings will all be held on Mondays, and usually in Wellington as the most central location. We are intending to trial an online meeting next year. The projected dates are:

- 12 November 2018
- 18 February 2019
- 20 May 2019
- 15 July 2019 – Online meeting
- 30 September: AGM
- 1 October – Meeting of new Council, and handover from old.

Conferences etc...

Feedback from ARANZ Te Huinga Mahara Conference in Rotorua – Nga Taonga Tuku Iho

We have received very positive feedback from our recent conference. If you missed it, or you just want to relive the experience, you can read a review of the conference by Alison Barnett on the NZMS website here: <http://www.micrographics.co.nz/aranz-conference-nga-taonga-tuku-iho-2018/> Recordings of some sessions will be available via our website soon, and many of the papers will be appearing in a later edition of *Archifacts*.

Australian Society of Archivists Conference in Perth – Archives in a Blade Runner Age

This conference is next week, and the programme is looking very interesting. The conference organisers have arranged for as many talks as possible to be recorded, so they should be available on line later in the year. Watch this space! In the meanwhile, here is a link to the conference website: <https://www.archivists.org.au/learning-publications/2018-conference>

ARANZ/ASA Joint Conference, 21-25 October 2019 – Adelaide: Designing the Archive

Periodically we hold a joint conference with the ASA, and next year the ASA will be hosting us in Adelaide. The Adelaide branch is doing most of the ground work, while our job is to help with the programme of speakers. Our former President Sean McMahon has been having regular meetings with the organising committee and is continuing to assist. The theme for next year's conference, "Designing the Archive", is a broad one which could encompass designing systems, records and information management, digital repositories, community archives, archival buildings, GLAM collaborations, or really any way you would like to interpret it, so I am already looking forward to some creative and interesting papers about our own grand designs.

Rare Books Summer School

Rare Books Summer School 2019 is confirmed for 28 Jan – 1 Feb 2019 at Victoria University of Wellington in conjunction with the Alexander Turnbull Library. An exciting programme with two streams - The World of Altered Books with Paul Thompson (Paekakariki based artist and curator) and Exploring Digital Humanities: a hands-on introduction to data-driven research, with Thomas Koentges (University of Leipzig). Registrations are now open, contact rbss@vuw.ac.nz for more information and to register your interest. Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/RareSchool>

ARANZ NALI Submission

The ARANZ Te Huinga Mahara submission to the National Archival and Library Institutions Ministerial Group in August 2018 can be found under “News and Events” on our website, here:

<https://www.aranz.org.nz/Site/home/>

Other news

Archives New Zealand looking for feedback on its regulatory role:

In case you missed it, this appeared recently on the NZRecords list:

Kia ora koutou

Archives New Zealand is seeking engagement on our draft Regulatory Programme to ensure we're doing the right things.

We are developing a work programme focused on raising information management capability across both public offices and local authorities, and ensuring our regulatory approach is fit for purpose in an increasingly digital environment.

*From **17 September to 12 October 2018**, we want to share this work with all our stakeholders to hear what you think about what we're either planning to do, or have already started. The programme is shaped around four themes:*

- 1. Understand information management*
- 2. Set up information management*
- 3. Make information management happen, and*
- 4. Be supported.*

*For this engagement, we will be primarily using a New Zealand-based, online, open source collaboration tool called Loomio. It is open to anyone who wants to contribute and it's very easy to join the discussion. **The Loomio link and further information is on the [Records Toolkit blog](#).***

We will also be running targeted engagement with some stakeholder groups and welcome your feedback to our rkconsultation@dia.govt.nz address.

If you have any questions, please contact us via rkconsultation@dia.govt.nz.

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A recent publication on the future of email archives

The Council on Library and Information Resources in the USA have just published a very readable report on technical approaches to dealing with emails in archives. It's free! You can download it here:

<https://www.clir.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2018/08/CLIR-pub175.pdf>

UNESCO Memory of the World Newsletter Special Edition Marks Women's Suffrage Day

Helen Gemmell reports:

19 September 2018 marks 125 years since the Electoral Act 1893 was passed, giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote. The UNESCO Memory of the World New Zealand's special edition of Nga Mahara celebrates this date and the Women's Suffrage Petition. It also features other documentary heritage inscriptions on the Memory of the World Register that recognise the achievements of women who have contributed to the heritage of our nation.

Here is a link to the newsletter:

[http://www.unescomow.org.nz/images/newsletters/MOW%20Suffrage%20125%20newsletter%2019%20Sept%202018%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.unescomow.org.nz/images/newsletters/MOW%20Suffrage%20125%20newsletter%2019%20Sept%202018%20(1).pdf)

Governance and Recordkeeping Around the World Newsletter

Here is a link to this regular newsletter from Library and Archives Canada:

<https://apac01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bac-lac.gc.ca%2Feng%2Fabout-us%2Fpublications%2Fgovernance-recordkeeping-world%2FPages%2Fdefault.aspx&data=02%7C01%7Cnz-libs%40lists.vuw.ac.nz%7C26434036542447205eea08d61cc7b0f1%7Ccf63e236951427e8683bb84dcf1d20c%7C0%7C0%7C636728041370425395&odata=T5d7SErt7VHQjv84u%2Fv%2F%2B142Ni2dUVmUt89ol9dz9sw%3D&reserved=0>

An article from the Guardian on the terrible fire at the Museum in Rio, Brazil

It begins: "Brazil's oldest and most important historical and scientific museum has been consumed by fire, and much of its archive of 20 million items is believed to have been destroyed." You can read more about what happened, and the future implications, here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/sep/03/fire-engulfs-brazil-national-museum-rio>

Thanks to the ASA's "Archives Live" for this link, and for the next one, which is considerably lighter reading:

"Recovered Ruby Slippers visit museum for examination by conservators, curators . . . and FBI agents"

Read about the detective work behind the recovery of Judy Garland's ruby slippers here:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/blog/recovered-ruby-slippers>

Thanks, and I hope you enjoy Spring!

Wishing you a not-too-tempestuous few months until the next Alert. If you have any questions, comments or contributions, you can email me at newsletter@aranz.org.nz