

Sport NZ

Appraisal ID 20170011

I have been asked to make this submission on behalf of ARANZ (Archives and Records association of N Z) as its advocacy representative.

Firstly, I would to congratulate Sport NZ on their comprehensive appraisal report. Such a report will allow for future record managers and archivists to understand, exactly, the organisation's history and structure, as well as their rationale for making the decisions regarding their archives.

Second, Sport NZ is to be commended that it considers the interest many New Zealanders have in sport and sportspeople and questions what needs to be retained for these purposes, rather than solely those records the organisation requires to function. Therefore, given that the organisation understands the level of interest we do suggest that records pertaining to athletes be moved from Medium to long-term business value to Permanent archival value.

Overall, the appraisal report provides not only the necessary information in order to complete an appraisal and arrangement of the material gathered, but also acts as a encapsulated description of the history and many facets of the organisation and its predecessors.

DISPOSAL

Overall, we agree with the decisions made concerning the records. However, we have one exception:

2.1.3 and **3.1.3** Given that Sport NZ understands the interest people have in sports people we would question why material such as photographs would be destroyed. While the scope of 'personal information' was not specified in the report it is understandable that this information may be considered to encroach the athlete's privacy, however it can be restricted for a period of time. Destroying such records may remove interesting information for biographies and other research. We suggest that such records should instead be donated to some other institution that deals with personal information, with the appropriate privacy and copyright conditions attached to the collection.