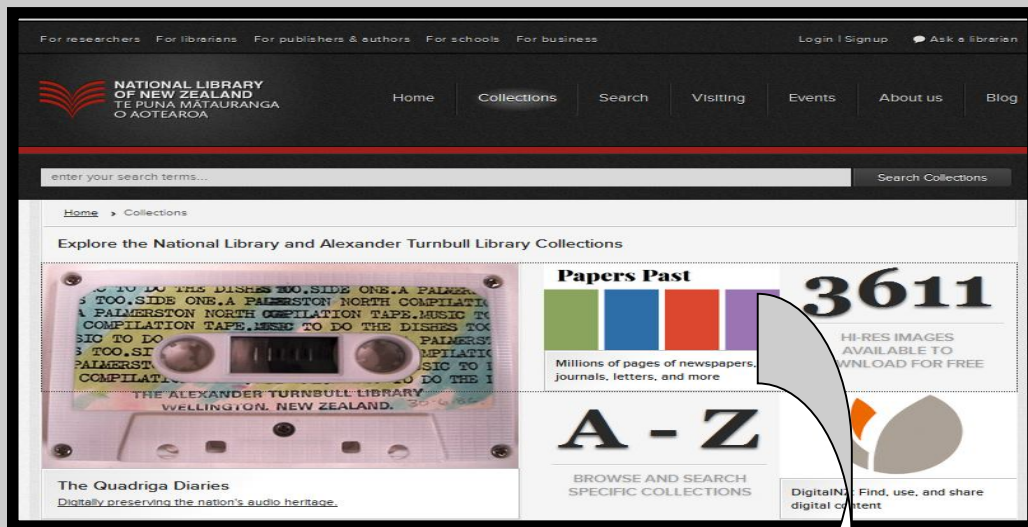
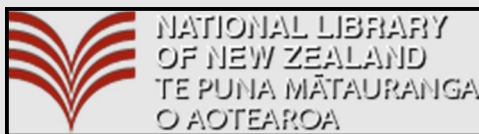


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Brief History

The National Library of New Zealand was formed in 1965 when the Alexander Turnbull Library, the General Assembly Library, and the National Library Service were brought together by the National Library Act (1965). In 1980, the Archive of New Zealand Music was established at the suggestion of New Zealand composer Douglas Lilburn. Staff and collections from 14 different sites around Wellington were centralised in a new National Library building, officially opened in August 1987.

In 1988, the National Library became an autonomous government department where previously it had been administered by the Department of Education. The same year, the Library took on the Maori name Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, which translated means: the wellspring of knowledge, of New Zealand.

On 25 March 2010 the Minister of State Services announced that Archives New Zealand and the National Library of New Zealand would be merged into the Department of Internal Affairs.

Scope and Coverage

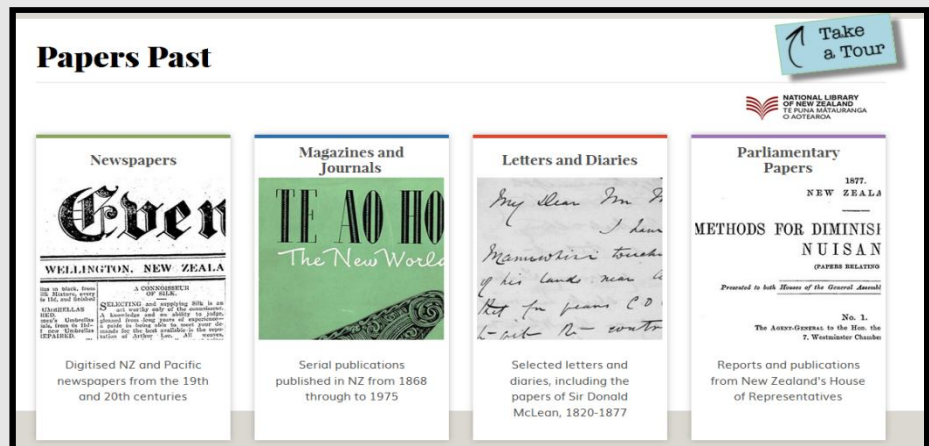
National Library of New Zealand provides historic newspapers from 1839 to 1948, covering New Zealand, Pacific and International news. There is some latest editions are also available.

Kind of Information

The library has three main groups: the General Collections, the Schools Collection, and the collections of the Alexander Turnbull Library. Access to many collections is provided through digital products and online resources.

They have launched a new version of Papers Past, which has been providing access to millions of pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers since 2001. The new site delivers a number of major changes that bring the service into the present and prepares it for the future.

To search archived newspapers visitors need to click on Newspapers under Papers Past



Newspapers:

The Newspaper section contains digitised NZ and Pacific newspapers from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Each newspaper has its own page containing information about the publication, including the date range which is available online. Visitors can find links to all the newspapers on the Explore all newspapers page.

The newspapers on Papers Past are only a proportion of all New Zealand newspapers. If visitors cannot find what they are looking for online, it may be available as a paper copy or microfilm. Check the National Newspaper Collection page on the National Library website for more information.

Maori newspapers

In 2015 the National Library added a collection of historic newspapers published primarily for a Māori audience between 1842 and 1935. This is based on the digital Niupepa Collection developed and made available in 2000 by the New Zealand Digital Library Project, at the Department of Computer Science, University of Waikato. The source material for this digital collection is 'Niupepa 1842-1933', a collection of newspapers published in Māori or for a Māori readership, filmed by the Alexander Turnbull Library (1988) and made available on microfiche (1996).

National Newspaper Collection:

The National Newspaper Collection contains newspapers from New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific. It is the country's most comprehensive collection of historical New Zealand newspapers. The National Newspaper Collection forms part of the Alexander Turnbull Library collections. The collection includes New Zealand's earliest newspaper, the *New Zealand Gazette*, published in 1839. It also holds recent daily and community papers.

Special Features

- ❖ Newspapers are available in various formats including paper, microfilm, and digital.
- ❖ There is a separate section for The New Zealand Gazette, which was New Zealand's first newspaper. The Gazette was first published in London under the auspices of the New Zealand Company on 21 August 1839.

Featured Newspapers

THE NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE OR WELLINGTON AND SPECTATOR.

The New Zealand Gazette was New Zealand's first newspaper. The Gazette was first published in London under the auspices of the New Zealand Company on 21 August 1839. A revised edition was issued a fortnight later. The second issue was published on 18 April 1840 in Wellington making it the first newspaper printed in New Zealand.

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Arrangement Pattern

Newspapers are arranged alphabetically under three main categories, i.e. Title, Region and Date.

Title	Region	First year	Last year
Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser	Canterbury	1877	1939
Albertland Gazette	Auckland	1862	1864
Alexandra Herald and Central Otago Gazette	Otago	1902	1948
Anglo-Maori Warder	National	1848	1848
Aotearoa : he Nupepa ma nga Tangata Maori	National	1892	1892
Ashburton Guardian	Canterbury	1879	1921

- ❖ Visitors can search a newspaper of a specific region, year or on a specific date by selecting these options



The image shows a search interface with three main components: a dropdown menu for 'Region' currently set to 'All regions', a horizontal slider for 'Year published' ranging from 1839 to 1948, and a text input field for 'On a specific date' with the placeholder 'YYYY-MM-DD'.

Remarks

The new Papers Past provides more than just newspapers, bringing letters and diaries, magazines, and parliamentary papers into one site for the first time. The search tools have been improved, making it easier to search groups of papers, pick date ranges, and scan results. They will continue to add more full-text material to Papers Past, including additional newspaper and journal titles, diaries, letters and other manuscript materials, which are very important source of information for the researchers.

Comparable Tools

- The British Newspaper Archive (<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>)
- Irish Newspaper Archives (<https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/>)
- Chronicling America : Historic American Newspapers (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>)
- NLA Trove (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/>)

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