The main reason for the fieldwork was to work with the Divine Word University Librarian, Monica Rothlisberger, before she left the University in mid August, following-up on PMB projects at DWU carried out over three visits in 1999-2001.

The fieldwork also included a visit to the Christian Leaders’ Training College in Banz, Western Highlands Province, to microfilm Bachelor of Theology theses and other staff and student papers and to survey archives held in the CLTC Library.

In addition I was asked to carry out a follow-up inspection of the Lands Commissions’ records in Port Moresby and take part in a discussion about their disposition and possible re-formatting.

14 reels of microfilm negative were exposed producing the following PMB titles:

PMB 1348 CHRISTIAN LEADERS’ TRAINING COLLEGE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Theses for the degree of Bachelor of Theology and other staff and student papers held in the CLTC Library, Banz, 1980-2003. Reels 1-7. (Available for reference.)


(Reel Lists and Information Sheets for the above are available from the Bureau on request.)


A White Paper on Law and Justice in PNG, March 2007, had recommended abolition of the National Lands Commission (NLC) and the Land Titles Commission (LTC) and transfer of their functions and jurisdictions to the District Court (Land Division). In May 2007 I had surveyed and reported on the records of the NLC and LTC.

On 2 July, the Bureau was contacted by Roy Kriegler, Adviser Organisational Development and Change Management, at the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General. Dr Kriegler invited me to visit the offices of the Lands Commissions in Port Moresby to inspect the current progress in registering and storing their files, to discuss with the two Chief Commissioners an appropriate path for permanently storing their records and, in particular, to advise on the possibility of reformatting part or the whole of the records. Expenses to be met by the Department.

Dr Kriegler kindly met me at Jacksons Airport and took me to his office at the Department of Justice in Waigani. He introduced me to Mr Benny Metio, MBE, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services and Administration in the Department of Justice, who wishes to ensure that the Lands Commissions’ records are preserved. At my suggestion Dr Kriegler and I then visited Puro Hanua, Acting National Archivist. Mrs Hanua reported that the Archives holds some Land Titles Commission...
archives, mainly consisting of case files of its predecessor, the Native Lands Board. Dr Kriegler invited Mrs Hanua to attend the inspection and meeting at the Lands Commissions.

The following morning, Friday 16 July, Dr Kriegler picked me up from the National Research Institute where I had stayed the night. We picked up Mrs Hanua, Mr Dagi Logu, Records Officer with PNG National Judicial Services, and drove to the Lands Commissions offices in Four Mile, opposite the Boroko shops, where we met Sam Kaima, consultant with the Law and Justice Sector Program, Agi Ilia, the LTC Registrar, and other Lands Commission staff.

The Lands Commissions’ staff has consolidated the bulk of the non-current records in a records room at the rear of the ground floor of the two-story office building. That portion of the building is built into the hillside. There is a continuing risk that the records room could be flooded in the wet season by waters cascading down the hillside above the Lands Commissions’ offices. This room has been flooded in the past.

There are about 570 archives boxes of LTC records, amounting to approximately 2,000 files. The bulk of these consists of a series of case files, c.1963 +, which are arranged by Province. The card catalogue index to the LTC case files (including the Native Lands Board case files already transferred to the National Archives) is laid out on a table in the repository. This index is being transcribed to a digital database, but Mrs Ilia stated that the transcription is far from complete. Supplementary LTC record series are held in 4-drawer filing cabinets.

NLC records, including case files, shelved in the Records Room, amount to about 450 case files in approximately 150 archives boxes. I understand that the NLC case files are being listed and indexed but did not sight the register.

The meeting to discuss preservation and reformatting of the Lands Commissions’ records was chaired by Mr George Baure, the NLC Acting Chief Commissioner. It was attended by Mrs Hanua, Mr Kaima, Mrs Ilia, Mr Logu, Pius Kingal, Farapo Kipo, Veronica Siri, Gabrielle Maino, Dr Kriegler and others. Mr Kaima reported that plans for a separate warehouse to accommodate judicial archives have not been successful. Mrs Hanua made it clear that, although there is a serious shortage of space in the Archives’ repository, the National Archives could accommodate that Lands Commissions’ archives, that the records would be held securely, that files could be retrieved from the Archives by the Lands Commissioners on request, and that files would only be made available to researchers with the permission of the Lands Commissioners. Mrs Ilia confirmed that she holds a hard copy of the index to the Lands Commissions’ archives currently held in the National Archives.

Mr Baure responded that the Lands Commissioners were not yet ready to transfer further files to the National Archives. Staff of the Lands Commissions indicated that in order for the functions of the Commissions to be carried out they would need continuing access to their records. In particular cases being heard in the Provinces may need access to related case files. There were additional complications in that:

- Digital transcription of the LTC and NLC indexes to case files had not been completed;
• a new file numbering system, to be combined with a case management system, is being developed for current case files (the old numbering system had been working well but follow-on papers are not being controlled);
• LTC and NLC policy and administration files of the LTC and NLC have not been registered.

The Chief Lands Commissioner and staff of the Lands Commissions were keen to explore the possibility of scanning key documents on each of the non-current case files to digital format, as follows: application, map, status of matter on completion, including decision. I explained that PMB could only undertake microfilming of peripheral public records, such as the English translations of the German administration land registers of the Colony of German New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, and of the Bismarck Archipelago. However the bulk reformatting of non-public land case files was beyond the capacity of the Bureau. Nevertheless I was asked to prepare a report outlining a phased reformatting project for the Lands Commissions’ archives, specifying which records are to be copied and goods and services required, which would enable eventual transfer of the original records to the National Archives.

After the meeting Dr Kriegler and I looked for a large format scanner which could be used to scan Lands Commissions’ maps. At the Mapping Office of the Department of Lands, Mr Wike Songake showed us a Dainippon Process Camera (purchased in 1976) which, together with a Devere 108 Enlarger, occupied two large rooms. However it has not been used for some years due to an electrical fault and lack of chemicals for processing exposed film. No large format scanner is held at the Government Printing Office.

During our discussion the previous day, Mr Metio had referred to a paper by Norman Oliver on land law procedures. I located the paper in the Justice Department Library late in the afternoon. It is interesting to note that Oliver’s paper, dated 1995, recommends that “all Land Court jurisdictions and functions be absorbed by Magisterial Services under a Deputy Chief Magistrate (Land Courts)” – a precursor to the recommendations of the 2007 White Paper.¹

Dr Kriegler and his gracious wife, Takiab, kindly invited me to dinner at their home that evening, let me stay over night and dropped me at Jacksons in the morning.


Proposed Single Land Court System.
The proposed single body will incorporate the Land Titles and National Lands Commissions, and the Land Court Secretariat, within the Magisterial Service. The various legislation administered by these bodies will be amended to allow the Provincial Land Court to take over these jurisdictions. All applications and claims can then be dealt with in the province of origin. Expenditure on travel, accommodation and allowances will be greatly reduced.
The Chief Magistrate has advised that his office will be able to accommodate the present staff, office equipment and records of the two Commissions, so that present cost of renting office space will be saved. The present funding for operational costs of the two Commissions could be transferred from the Department of the Attorney General so that there should be no extra expenditure at the HQ level…
The expeditious and efficient resolution of land disputes in the district of origin should lead to the mobilisation of more customary land than at present. (pp.74-75)

Note response to Oliver Report by Sao R. Gabi, Secretary, Attorney General’s Department, 31 May 1995, as follows:

I thoroughly support general principle of your [Oliver’s] recommendations, which is essentially to transfer the land court functions to the judicial service. The judicial functions of the government, no matter what the topic being arbitrated, should properly come under the judicial arm, not that of the executive…[adds] This should be worded to reflect transfer of the National Judicial Staff throughout rather than the Magisterial staff per se. The transfer should be effected under the National Judicial Staff Services Act.
Christian Leaders’ Training College of PNG, Banz, Western Highlands Province, 17-23 July

The PMB fieldwork at CLTC Banz was arranged with the assistance of Adrian and Margaret Rickard who I had met at the Bible College of Victoria while carrying out PMB work on the Unevangelized Fields Mission archives. Dr Graeme Batley, Dean of Studies at the CLTC, gave the Bureau permission to microfilm theses held in the College Library.

Don McLean from the College kindly picked me up from Mt Hagen airport. Coming into town we drove past the Western Highlands Provincial Government offices which are entirely burnt out. We spent the morning in Mt Hagen while College staff and visitors were buying provisions. We had an interesting drive of about 40 kilometres up the Wahgi Valley to the CLTC, passed villages, gardens, tea and coffee plantations. The valley is suffering a serious drought, not having had substantial rain for more than a month.

The CLTC campus, which consists of 412 acres, is situated about 12 kilometres from Banz in the upper Wahgi Valley. The College was established in 1964 with support of the Unevangelized Fields Mission and other evangelical Protestant missions and churches in PNG. It has close links with the Bible College of Victoria and Laidlaw College in Auckland. The College offers courses to a Bachelor of Theology degree, a Diploma of Theology, a Diploma of Missions, and training in urban ministry. There are about 125 residential students at the CLTC and another 4,000 extension studies students. The *Melanesian Journal of Theology* is published from the CLTC.

Bill Osbourne, a visiting scholar from Auckland who was lecturing Masters students in Old Testament studies, kindly allowed me to share his flat. Meals were shared with Dr Osbourne and about a dozen of the live-in Masters students who come from all over PNG and the Solomon Islands. Meal times were very lively, especially as the students were tracking events in Port Moresby as Sir Michael Somare deflected a serious no-confidence vote in Parliament which may have brought down his government.

Mr Samuel Korul, the CLTC Librarian, and Robyne Hobson, a volunteer Librarian who makes regular visits to the College from Sydney, had selected theses for microfilming. I checked the shelves for additional theses, arranged them in chronological order, listed and microfilmed them over the following days. (See attached PMB 1348 Reel List.) With permission, additional PhD theses by Graeme Batley, Ross Weymouth and John Hitchen, were also microfilmed.
PNG, many collected by John Hitchen when he was at the University of Aberdeen, particularly strong on mission and church history, a good range of PNG serials, some rare pamphlets, and several filing systems, including the ‘Hitchen Papers’, a ‘Vertical Information File’, and the ‘Evangelical Alliance Archives’. The Evangelical Alliance Archives in particular is a well organised record group of unique documents which would be well worthwhile microfilming if permission were granted. The paper by Michael Maeliau, *The Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific Islands* (1982?), microfilmed at PMB 1348, makes good use of the EA archives. (For details of holdings of archives and serials, see Appendix 1, *Survey of holdings of archives and rare materials in CLTC Senior Reference Room.*)

I had intended to microfilm the CLTC newsletter, *College News*, 1965-2003, a good run of which is held in the Senior Reference Room, but I had overestimated the time available and had to leave a day earlier than planned.

Ross Weymouth, a former CLTC Principal, who was visiting the College at the time of my visit, took a strong interest in the PMB microfilming. He mentioned that he has a good library of PNG materials at home in Victor Harbor, South Australia, including good runs of UFM serials. Dr Weymouth also has audio recordings from a range of informants, including Mr Deasey when he was UFM Field Leader, gathered for his thesis, *The Gogodala Society in Papua and the Unevangelized Fields Mission*. He advised that the Bureau contact David Lawrence over preservation of UFM movie film and still photographs. Dr Weymouth also suggested that the Bureau investigate what records are with the Evangelical Church of Papua at Tari. He had rescued papers of Mr Deasey left at Port Moresby and sent them to Tari. The ECP should also hold annual conference, Highlands and Lowlands conference minutes and Field Council minutes at Tari. Lastly, Dr Weymouth mentioned that he is interested in writing an account of the development and history of the CLTC and wondered whether the work could be undertaken with ANU support?

**Divine Word University Library, Madang, 23 July – 1 August.**

On arrival at Mt Hagen airport the flight to Madang on Airlines PNG was cancelled; the Twin Otter having been chartered by the LNG Project, with no other flight to Madang for three days. Luckily for some unknown reason the cancellation was cancelled and the plane took off, then returned to Hagen for extra passengers, and finally made its way above the Highlands Highway into Madang.

Monica Rothlisberger kindly met me at Madang airport and I was given fine accommodation in one of the DWU staff houses with meals at the University mess if required. It was the first time I had seen the magnificent DWU Friendship Library, built in 2004. I met Mr Makis Dunni-ib, the former DWU Librarian, with whom I had worked in the old Noser Library a decade before. Fr Jan Czuba SVD, the President of the University, remembered the earlier work the Bureau had carried out on the Noser Archives and welcomed the current PMB work.

Fr Czuba asked whether the ANU could arrange in-house archives administration training for DWU Library staff.

I also met Fr Pat Gesch SVD, formerly head of the DWU PNG Studies Program, now Provost of the Wewak Campus of the DWU, and was informed that Fr Doug Young, with whom I had also worked, is now Archbishop of Mt Hagen. It was a great pleasure too to spend time with Dr Linda Crowl, former Editor at the Institute of Pacific Studies at the USP in Suva, who is now lecturing in the DWU Pacific Studies Program.

The Noser Library, which is the DWU Library’s special collection, is housed on the top floor of the Friendship Library. It is a reference collection of books, serials and archival materials on PNG and Pacific Islands subjects for senior students and scholars, including the Tschuader Papers and the ‘Noser Archives’.

Folders of the papers of Fr Tschauder, which I had arranged, listed and microfilmed previously, have been bar-coded and entered into the Library’s catalogue, with cross-references in most cases to the item numbers used in my earlier listing. I microfilmed Fr Tschauder’s series of translations from SVD and other mission periodicals at PMB 1352/Reels 1-3, which concludes the microfilming of the Tschauder Papers.
The ‘Noser Archives’ has expanded from four to nine 4-drawer filing cabinets since 1999. It is an open-ended research collection, consisting of archives, manuscripts, published, semi-published and ephemeral material, documenting various aspects of PNG society, but focusing on Madang, Morobe, the Sepik and the Highlands Provinces and the SVD operations and personnel in that those areas. It is arranged in bar-coded folders and catalogued by a combination of subject and provenance. I microfilmed about a third of the SVD series within the Noser Archives (at PMB 1353/Reels 1-2), mainly consisting of research papers of Fr Henry Aufenanger SVD, but ran out of time to finish microfilming the series. Remaining files in that series have been listed for follow-up microfilming by the PMB at a future date.

In view of Ms Rothlisberger’s plans to leave her position as University Librarian we spent some time together tidying up loose archival ends hanging over from the move to the new library building and identifying new acquisitions of archives for processing. In particular, I worked over part of a list of papers of Fr John Z’graggen SVD which Monica had made, and helped identify other loose archival documents, including a strong series of correspondence of Fr. Weigel which is to be processed by visiting volunteers. We also commenced a review of the DWU Library’s holdings of the Tok Pisin newspaper, Wantok, with a view to microfilming them in the future. Note however that issues 1-153, 1970-Nov 1976, are held in tightly bound volumes which, having a deep gutter, would be difficult to microfilm successfully.

I wish to thank all the PMB project partners for their hospitality, goodwill and cooperation. In particular, Roy Kriegler, his wife Takiab, and Sam Kaima in relation to work on the Lands Commissions’ records; CLTC staff and visitors, Dr Batley, Dr Weymouth, Dr Osbourne, Mr Samuel Korul and Robyne Hobson; and DWU staff Monica Rothlisberger, Lynda Crowl and Br Hugo.

Ewan Maidment
PMB Executive Officer
12 August 2010
Survey of holdings of archives and rare materials in the Senior Reference Room in the Library of the Christian Leaders’ Training College, Banz, PNG.

22 July 2010

Hitchen Papers.
One 4-drawer filing cabinet.
PNG secondary source materials. In good order. Photocopies of published articles, extracts from books and some archival documents, together with some ‘grey literature’, i.e. roneoed conference papers, c.1880-1972. Arranged alphabetically by author, with card index.

Vertical Information File.
One 4-drawer filing cabinet.
Drawers 1 & 2. Labelled as follows. “This file contains articles, conference reports, reprints from magazines, student and staff papers, etc., which are primarily related to PNG and in many cases of great historical and anthropological value. There are many articles dealing with the culture and customs of many PNG and Pacific tribes, and also numerous articles on the history and development of the church and missions in Melanesia.” Another tag marked, “Class papers, articles, Mission histories, Culture studies.”

# Drawers 1 & 2 include:
- Evangelical Alliance meeting paper by Joshua Daimoi, 1975
- Evangelical Alliance papers.
- Melanesian Council of Churches papers
- Set of files, “Mission Histories”:
  1. Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission / Christian Broadcasting Service / UFM
  2. SIL / SIL in PNG / Aust Churches of Christ PNG Mission
  3. Catholic Church
  4. Lutheran Church / United Church of PNG & SI, Highlands Region
  5. PNG general
  6. UFM
  7. APCM / Evangelical Church of Papua
  8. Scripture Union of Borneo / CMS in Palestine / Borneo Evangelical Mission / Wycliffe BT in Brazil
  10. ABMS
  11. Catholic Church in PNG and SI / UFM / Jehovah’s Witnesses / LMS / Melanesian Institute / Salvation Army
- CMML conference and committee papers and reports, Station reports, c.1960s. c.20 files.
- Evangelical Alliance, Annual meeting files, 1976-1978.

# Drawer 3, includes:
- Melanesian Council of Churches
- Melanesian Association of Theological Schools Study Institute
- Melanesian Institute Seminars
- Theological Students Conference
- UFM / APCM Council minutes 1963-1971

# Drawer 4, includes:
- Letters from Graduates
- Outreach papers
- CLTC graduation papers 1980s

Evangelical Alliance Archives
One 4-drawer filing cabinet.
Drawer 1. EA Archives 1:1 – 2:12
Drawer 2. EA Archives 2:13 – 4:20
Drawer 3. EA Archives 4:21 – 5:26
Drawer 4. EA Assorted files. 6:1 – 6:12, and loose files.

Papers of Kay Liddle, Guala Mission Station, Koroba, WHP
- One carton. On top of book shelf.
- Diary Mar 1962 +. Ms., carbon, pp.1-29. (1 vol.)
- “New Guinea Diary” by Kay and Gwen Liddle, c.1961-1966; Ts., d/s, roneo, loose, c.100pp. (1 folder)
- Church offerings. (8 exercise books)
- Station expenses and ledgers (3 vols.)

Message from Allison Weymouth, 20 Jul 2010. Kay Liddle does not want his diaries etc. on microfilm in libraries because he is writing a book. He is up to Ch.34 and has reached 1975. This applies to the box of Guala Mission Station records. Does it apply to the Evangelical Alliance Archives? Kay Liddle was the first EA Secretary.

Audio tapes
On floor. Among cartons one carton of reel-to-reel audio tapes. c.33 tapes. Labelled, for example, “Graduation CLTC Testimonies – Tape 8” “Graduation CLTC TAPE 3”

In Librarians’ work room, on shelves in archives cartons:
- Graduation various docs.
- Admin minutes. Wkshop.
- Council meeting minutes 1980-1996
- 1999 various docs
- Council meeting minutes 1991-1996
- Unlabelled carton

Serials.
In magazine boxes on top of bookshelf.

Asian Theological News

Evangelical Quarterly, 1970s

Harim (Missionary Association of PNG, Boroko), c.1969-1977

Hiri Nius (Information Service, Port Moresby), c.1990-1994


New Guinea Writing

Nius bilong Yumi (Office of Information), 1979-1982

Not in Vain, 1897-1970s (gaps).


PNG Education Gazette, 1967-1977

Read

Reo Pasifika (Pacific Churches Research Centre, Port Vila), No.1, 1980


South Pacific Bulletin


Umbe (Melanesian Institute), c.1984-1999?


Western Highlands News, Vol.1/81

Yagl-Ambu strong run


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