

Services

We welcome reference enquiries on sources for Pacific material; suggestions for copying projects, particularly for collections in the Pacific Islands where the material is in danger of loss or destruction; orders for digital reproductions and publications; and enquiries about membership possibilities.

Offers of archival material

The Bureau copies archives, manuscripts and rare printed material free of charge.

Records can be arranged, listed and copied by the Bureau's experienced archivist. Owners determine access conditions to the copies and retain custody of the original documents. Preservation quality digital copying can be carried out on-site or in our studio at the ANU.

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Preserving
and improving
access to the
documentary
heritage of the
Pacific Islands

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About

The **Pacific Manuscripts Bureau** copies archives, manuscripts, photographs and rare printed material relating to the Pacific Islands.

Formed in 1968, the Bureau is a non-profit organisation sponsored by an international consortium of libraries specialising in Pacific research. The Bureau is based in the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University and is staffed by an Executive Officer.

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau:

- ❑ digitises archives, leaving the originals with their owners or custodians;
- ❑ provides access to copied documents to member libraries and others;
- ❑ provides national and international support to researchers with intellectual and personal endeavor relating to the Pacific Islands;
- ❑ supports archives and libraries in the Pacific Islands through advocacy, information sharing and collaborative projects that aim to build the capacity of colleagues in the Pacific Islands.

Collections

The Bureau's archive is the most extensive collection of non-Government primary documentation on the Pacific Islands. It includes over 4000 rolls of microfilm, digital copies of archives and photographs, and related published indexes.

The Bureau copies records and documents which are at risk of loss or destruction, or are difficult to access. These include archives located in Pacific Islands and archives held by individuals and organisations throughout the world, which are not accessible through libraries or archives.

The Bureau's collection includes:

- ❑ mission and church records;
- ❑ papers of non-government organisations, political parties, trade unions, environmental organisations, women's groups, youth groups and community associations;
- ❑ newspapers, newsletters and other serials;
- ❑ letters, diaries, notebooks;
- ❑ genealogies and other personal or family records;
- ❑ theses from the Pacific Islands;
- ❑ unpublished novels, stories, plays, poems, songs, music and drawings;
- ❑ grammars, vocabularies and dictionaries of Pacific Island languages;
- ❑ photographs from the Pacific Islands;
- ❑ plantation, mining, trading, shipping and other business records, including cooperatives;
- ❑ papers of Pacific regional organisations;
- ❑ scientific, technical and medical papers.

Accessing the collection

Individuals can search the archive using our online catalogue:

<http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue>

Copies of the Bureau's collection can be found in each of the Pacific research libraries which sponsor the Bureau. See member libraries below.

Where access conditions permit, it is possible to supply digital copies (PDF) of the documents to individuals.

Information on how to access the Bureau's titles, and a current price list, is available online:

<http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/accessing.php>

Membership

The current member libraries are:

- ❑ The Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington
- ❑ The Hocken Library, University of Otago, Dunedin
- ❑ The Library, Australian National University, Canberra
- ❑ Library of the University of California, San Diego
- ❑ Library of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu
- ❑ The Mitchell Library, Sydney
- ❑ National Library of Australia, Canberra
- ❑ National University of Samoa, Apia
- ❑ The University of Auckland Library, Auckland
- ❑ The University of Bergen Library, Bergen
- ❑ The University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor
- ❑ The University of Papua New Guinea Library, Port Moresby
- ❑ University of the South Pacific
- ❑ Yale University Library, New Haven

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