



# Research Guide



WHAKATĀNE  
MUSEUM  
AND RESEARCH CENTRE

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TE WHARE TAONGA O TE ROHE O WHAKATĀNE

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## Rese▲rch

**The Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre is open  
Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm.**

During these hours staff are on hand to assist with questions and resources available include historical newspapers, scrapbooks, photographic datasheets, biographical files, Whakatāne and District Historical Society publications and the Whakatāne Beacon newspapers.

More indepth requests and collection access require an appointment, to allow staff to prepare items and ensure that your time is spent effectively.

Researchers can make initial enquiries by:  
email: [museum@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:museum@whakatane.govt.nz); or  
telephone: 07 306 0505  
between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.





## Collections

**The Whakatāne Museum has thousands** of items in its collections including Taonga Māori, Social History, Fine Arts, Photography and Community Archives.

**An extensive community archives collection** is available by appointment. This collection includes the H.D. London Library and archives pertaining to individuals or organisations from the District.

**The photographic collection houses** over 600,000 images of the District. Many are available for immediate viewing on categorised data sheets at the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre and at Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi - Whakatāne Library and Exhibition Centre.

**The Museum display** is at Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi, on Kakahoroa Drive. The display features objects and interpretations of the District's histories.



## Newspapers

**The Newspaper collection consists of current local newspapers as well as historical and early national publications. Some examples include:**

Bay of Plenty Beacon (1939 - 1966)

Bay of Plenty Mirror (1972 - 1974)

Bay of Plenty Press (1935 - 1939)

Bay of Plenty Times (1872 - 1911)

Bay Weekend (1999 - present)

Eastern Bay News/Whakatāne News (1993 - present)

Kawerau Gazette (1958 - 1986)

Kawerau Kalling (1954 - 1955)

Opotiki News (1981 - present)

Weekly News (1891 - 1910)

Whakatane Beacon (1966 - present)

Whakatane County Press (1909 - 1914)

Whakatane Press (1916 - 1934)

Whakatane Times & Oporiao Advocate (1899)

A large part of the newspaper collection is available to view on microfilm. This includes the Whakatane Beacon (1939 - 1996), various Weekly News issues and The Bay of Plenty Times (1872 - 1911).



## Periodicals

**A few examples of the extensive collection of periodicals that are available for viewing includes:**

Art New Zealand (1976 - present)

Historic Places in New Zealand (1983 - present)

NZ Genealogist (1977 - present)

NZ Journal of Archaeology (1979 - present)

NZ Journal of History (1967 - present)

Photo News - Bay of Plenty and Tauranga

The Journal of the Polynesian Society (1892 - present)

Te Ao Hou (1952 - 1975)

Various Historical Society Journals - Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Auckland

A full listing of over 200 periodicals is available on request.



The Strand Whakakare. 1960.

Caisley. Photo.





## Electoral▲I Rolls and Directories

The Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre holds electoral rolls for Bay of Plenty, East Cape, Eastern Bay of Plenty, Eastern Māori, Whakatāne, Gisborne, Kaimai, Rotorua, Tarawera, Tauranga and Waikaremoana. The earliest is the Bay of Plenty General Roll, 1941.

Post Office telephone directories 1925 - 1994, early provincial directories 1872 - 1968 and more recent local directories from 1981 are also available.





## Online Resources

**Some useful links for research of people, objects, events and sites of significance.**

Ancestry – database of genealogical records ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com))

Archway - database of the archival holdings of Archives New Zealand ([www.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archives.govt.nz))

Cenotaph - database of service details for New Zealand service men and women ([www.muse.aucklandmuseum.com](http://www.muse.aucklandmuseum.com))

H.J Fletcher Index of Māori Names – database of Māori names compiled by the missionary Rev. Henry James Fletcher (b.1868-d.1933) ([www.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.waikato.ac.nz))

Knowledge Basket - New Zealand historical and current collections of indexed including Māori Land Court Database ([www.knowledge-basket.co.nz](http://www.knowledge-basket.co.nz))

National Library ([www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz))

Papers Past - New Zealand newspapers and periodicals from 1839 to 1945 ([www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.paperspast.natlib.govt.nz))

Te Ara - Encyclopaedia of New Zealand ([www.teara.govt.nz](http://www.teara.govt.nz))

Whakatāne Built Heritage Study – a review of built heritage in Whakatāne ([whakatane.govt.nz](http://whakatane.govt.nz))

Full links are available on the Museum website  
[www.whakatanemuseum.govt.nz](http://www.whakatanemuseum.govt.nz)

# Location

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