The Pacific Collection Policy is bound by the general principles detailed in the Library’s Collection Policy. It is not a stand-alone document and should be read in conjunction with the Library’s Collection Policy and any other subject specific collection documents such as the Maori Collection Policy and the New Zealand Collection Policy.

The policy is informed by the University’s Pacific Plan which is a plan for ensuring that the University builds on its teaching and research endeavours, to meet the aspirations, needs and priorities of Pacific peoples.

1. General Information

1.1 Collection Purpose

Pacific material supports the research, teaching and learning of staff and students of the University particularly in culture, history, politics, statistics, geography, flora and fauna, literature, commerce, law, tourism and Pacific studies.

1.2 Primary User Groups

The collection is used by undergraduate students, postgraduate students, researchers and staff of all schools of the University.

1.3 Interdisciplinary Relationships


2. Description of Existing Collection

Pacific material is held in the General Collection, the New Zealand Collection, and in the Law Library, and in the Teaching Resources Library as noted below. Material has been collected to different levels reflecting the relationship between particular islands and New Zealand and on the broad categories into which the Pacific is divided. Polynesia is well covered while Melanesia and Micronesia are less so. European presence in the Pacific is also represented.

All New Zealand Statutes, regulations and law reports as well as books on New Zealand and Pacific Law are held in the Law Library.
2.1 Pacific material includes:

**Government Documents**
Where New Zealand or the United Kingdom had held responsibility for islands or island groups information is held in Government Documents in the New Zealand Collection.

**Statistics**
Where New Zealand or the United Kingdom had held responsibility for islands or island groups information is held in New Zealand Statistics in the New Zealand Collection.

**Other sequences**
All islands are covered by the Map Collection.

**Rare Books**
The Rare Books Room holds a small selection of Pacific material.

**Databases**
Pacific information is available from various databases, including Niustext, Index New Zealand, Newztext Plus and Ebsco.

**Readers**
A collection of readers in five different Pacific Island languages (Cook Island Maori, Nuiean, Samoan, Tokelauan and Tongan) is held in the Teaching Resources Library. These are mainly from the Tupu Series and are designed to be used in schools for children learning to read in their island language. These are purchased by the Education Subject Librarians.

2.2 Access

Most items are borrowable, although government documents, statistical publications and other reference works are for use in the Library only. The Rare Books Room is a closed access collection.

3. **Scope of Collecting**

Pacific titles of interest to all the disciplines taught at the University are acquired. The level of collecting for Pacific material is at a general to research level wherever possible. The policy is to acquire materials with significant Pacific content.

3.1 **Chronological Periods**
All time periods are collected.

3.2 **Types of Material**
Print and/or electronic formats are collected but other types of material may be considered.

3.3 **Geographical Areas**
Comprehensive collecting: Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, Tokelau, Niue, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Fiji and Vanuatu i.e. Polynesian Islands with large populations now living in this country.
Moderate collecting: New Guinea, Hawai’i, French Polynesia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and New Caledonia i.e. other Polynesian Islands and Melanesian and Micronesian Islands. Plus general works on the Pacific.

3.4 Languages
English is the primary language of the collection. Material is also collected in Pacific languages where available and appropriate.

3.5 Publication Dates
While the collection focuses on recent and current material to support the teaching and research areas of the University, retrospective collecting may be undertaken to support new teaching and research programmes or to fill in identified gaps.

4. University of Waikato at Tauranga Collection
No Pacific material is purchased for the Tauranga collection unless it is course related.