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Top Tools for
New Zealand Reference Work
(or Kathryn’s favourite picks for tricky questions!)

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New Zealand History

- In five parts:
- Maps, graphics and text on New Zealand’s past
- Brilliant images with well researched content
- Detailed references and recommendations for further information provided for each plate

- Still comprehensive for topics prior to 1965

**The green guide: a guide to reference material available at the University of Waikato Library for students of New Zealand history.** Rev. ed. Hamilton, University of Waikato, New Zealand Collection, latest ed. 2015.
- Written in consultation with History programme staff – our suggestions on what’s useful and advice on accessing it.
- In three sections:
  1. Subject or types of publications,
  2. Non-book materials
  3. Government documents and statistics
Available online at [http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/study/guides/green-guide](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/study/guides/green-guide)

- People, places & topics of historical importance
- Includes chronology to June 2008, other fascinating tables and a selected bibliography

**The New Zealand book of events,** Edited by Bryce Fraser, Auckland, Reed Methuen, 1986.
- Arranged by subject, in date order with brief lists of suggested readings
New Zealand Government


- Access by chairperson, date and subject

Directory of official information. Wellington, State Services Commission, 1983-


See also: http://newzealand.govt.nz/directory/ Government A-Z

- An online A-Z of government agencies, information and services

An introduction to New Zealand government: a guide to finding out about government in New Zealand, its institutions, structures and activities.


- Most useful for its coverage of NZ government, the political system, & the records of government & how to get access to them
- End of each chapter has list of further reading


- Roll of members of the House of Representatives
- Ministries
- Officers of the House


- The Constitution
- Parliamentary elections
- Political parties
- Parliament

- Cabinet
- State sector
- Local government
- International relations


- Ministries, members of parliament, departments and agencies
New Zealand Statistics


- The ‘Yearbook’ that was now but still an excellent starting point and comprehensive
- Special articles worth remembering and we have compiled an index to them


- If you see one for sale we want to know!

NZ Stats Database: New Zealand Statistics Sources. (Online) Compiled by staff at the University of Auckland Library:

- Provides links to New Zealand statistical data including: internet, database, geospatial and print sources.
- Available at: http://nzstats.auckland.ac.nz/

Profile.id New Zealand Community Profile

Provides a comprehensive socio-demographic profile for the community at the Local Government Area level and for smaller communities within it. Based on results from the 2013, 2006 and 2001 Censuses of Population and Dwellings. The profile is updated with population estimates when Statistics New Zealand releases new figures. (For University staff and students only)

- Available at: http://profile.idnz.co.nz.ezproxy.waikato.ac.nz/new-zealand/home


- "A comprehensive overview of more than 150 years of statistical publications"--Cover.
- Aiming to make statistical information more available


- Population data
- Economic data
- Social indicators
- State revenue & expenditure
- Politics & state
Biographical tools

- 271 microfiche.
- Entries index biographical information about people in a wide range of published and some manuscript sources.

- 1063 microfiche which provide more than 230 volumes of clippings including obituaries compiled between the early 1920s and 1990 and held in the Alexander Turnbull Library.
- Arranged chronologically.


- Contains biographical details –but not always trustworthy -provided by the people themselves!

- Essays on dead famous people
- Over 3,000 biographies of New Zealanders + Suggested further sources

Who's who in New Zealand. Wellington, 1908-
- Latest published 1992
- Live famous people or those who think they are!
- Academic achievements, professional qualifications, positions held, published works, awards, recreation, family information and addresses.

Māori


- Useful compilation of photocopied extracts from other published material.


- Includes Māori environmental values, values in proverbs and myths, Māori virtues and concepts of collective responsibility. See our catalogue entry for detailed list of contents.

*Index of Māori Names (Online)*

- Originally a manuscript compiled about 1925 by the missionary Henry James Fletcher.
- Comprises an index of Māori names referred to in books and journals such as the *Journal of the Polynesian Society*.
- Includes boundaries, Māori individuals, canoes, trees, landmarks and geographical locations.

http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/resources/nzc/fletcher/


- Well regarded history from a Māori perspective

*Māori Bibliography (Online)*

A subject index to information on Māori topics appearing in books, conference proceedings and selected periodicals. The bibliography is intended to supplement other sources of information - it does not index material that can easily be found in Library Catalogues (that is, complete books, theses and serials on Māori topics) or in Index New Zealand (INNZ) or *Index to New Zealand Periodicals*. The bibliography does include publications which contain Māori information that cannot quickly be found because the title of the work does not indicate Māori content, or the subject headings used are not detailed enough.


Includes bibliographical references and index. Available in print and as an e-book.
Bibliographical tools and general reference aids:

- Described as ‘one volume New Zealand encyclopedia’
- Contains a perpetual calendar which can be very useful

- Getting closer to pocket sized!
- Facts and statistics on a wide range of New Zealand subjects.
- Includes bibliography and index.

- Subject heading: Curiosities and wonders!

- Reach for it for the ‘serious’ enquiries.
- Has excellent definition/ description of New Zealand primary and secondary sources

- A very good overview of New Zealand from a bibliographical perspective