

Reference Guide

Gender Studies Sources at the Hocken Collections



Woman on motorcycle, c. 1930s. P2015-020/2-001, Photographs Collection.

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Te Uare Taoka o Hākena:

Welcome to the Hocken Collections

He mihi nui tēnei ki a koutou

kā uri o kā hau e whā arā, kā mātāwaka o te motu, o te ao whānui hoki.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te taumata.

As you arrive

We seek to preserve all the taoka we hold for future generations. So that all taoka are properly protected, we ask that you:

- place your bags (including computer bags and sleeves) in the lockers provided
- leave all food and drink including water bottles in the lockers (we have a researcher lounge off the foyer which everyone is welcome to use)
- bring any materials you need for research and some ID in with you
- sign the Readers' Register each day
- enquire at the reference desk first if you wish to take digital photographs

Beginning your research

This guide gives examples of the types of material relating to gender studies held at the Hocken. All items must be used within the library. As the collection is large and constantly growing not every item is listed here, but you can search for other material on our Online Public Access Catalogues:

- for books, theses, journals, magazines, newspapers, maps, and audiovisual material, use Library Search|Ketu. The advanced search - <https://tinyurl.com/mtske2x9> gives you several search options, and you can refine your results to the Hocken Library on the left side of the screen.

The Library Search Guide <https://otago.libguides.com/ketuhelp> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Library Search|Ketu;

- for art, photographs, ephemera, and archives, use Hākena - <https://hakena.otago.ac.nz>. Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena; please talk to desk staff if you have any questions about this collection.

The Hākena Search Help Guide <https://otago.libguides.com/hakena> contains helpful tips and assistance for using Hākena;

- digitised images of many collection items are available via Hocken Digital Collections at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. There are also digitised images of Hocken and University of Otago Special Collections material that can be viewed via <https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.

There is an online guide to the Hocken Collections for researchers at <https://otago.libguides.com/hocken>. It includes tips on referencing Hocken sources.

If you have any enquiries about ordering or other research questions, please ask the reference desk staff – they will be happy to assist you.

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Women's and men's organisations

Archives

The Hocken has archives for many women's organisations in Otago and Southland, ranging from the conservative to the radical. Try a subject search on Hākena, the art, photographs, ephemera, and archives catalogue, for

- Women – Societies and clubs
- Girls – Societies and clubs

We also hold archives for many men's organisations. Some of these can be identified through a subject search on Hākena using the headings:

- Men – Societies and clubs
- Boys – Societies and clubs
- Fraternal organisations

Many of the organisations originally dominated by men are now open to both men and women. These are not necessarily identified as men's organisations on the catalogue – some lateral thinking is required to find them. Listed below are some of the organisations for which we hold archives – see Hākena for fuller details.

Rural organisations

We have archives of the Otago Provincial District of Federated Farmers of New Zealand (ARC-0765), along with many branches. This was a male-dominated organisation with a separate women's division – we hold archives of many Otago branches of the Women's Division of Federated Farmers, later known as Rural Women New Zealand. We also have records for many branches of the Country Women's Institute. We hold archives of several branches of the Country Girls' Club – these clubs eventually merged with the male Young Farmers organisation and for some branches their records are with the Young Farmers archives.

Religious organisations

We have archives for many Otago and Southland churches, including large collections of Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, and Congregationalist records along with those of some smaller religious denominations. For details of our extensive holdings of records concerning religious sources please see the separate research guide *Religion Sources at the Hocken Collections* - <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>

The records of many individual congregations include archives for their women's organisations. For example, Anglican church records often include material relating to their Mother's Unions, Ladies' Guilds, and branches of the Association of Anglican Women; Methodist archives include Mothers' Groups, Ladies' Guilds, Women's Fellowships and Women's Missionary Unions; and Baptist records include Women's Fellowships, Women's Missionary Unions and Women's Committees. There were fewer organisations specifically for men, but archives of some congregations do feature these. For example, Dunedin City Baptist Church archives include records of their Young Men's Bible Class, Caversham Baptist Church, and St Paul's Anglican Cathedral both had a Young Men's Club, and the records of many Methodist congregations include Men's Bible Class archives. Records of some Anglican congregations include material relating to the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary, for which we also hold the diocesan records. We have archives of the Dunedin Catholic Men's Social Club (94-132).

Interdenominational religious organisations for which we hold local archives include the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) (ARC-0458), Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) (ARC-0835), Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), the National Council of Churches Women's Committee (later Church Women United) (ARC-0936) and Toc H, a religious service organisation with separate men's and women's groups (ARC-0445).

Cultural and sporting organisations

We have archives of many sports organisations. Many of these relate to men's sports, or to sports which had men's teams. For example, we have archives of the Otago Rugby Football Union (AG-248) and of Otago Rugby League (ARC-0560), along with the archives of various individual rugby clubs. We have records of a few sports clubs specific to women, for example, Women Climbing Inc. (MS-3022), St Kilda Women's Bowling Club (AG-109) and Rajahs Softball Club (AG-804). Check Hākena with a subject search for the sport which interests you.

For more information concerning sports sources please see the separate research guide

Sports, Physical Education & Dance Sources at the Hocken Collections -

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Musical organisations relating specifically to women for whom we hold archives include the Society of Women Musicians of Otago (ARC-0184) and the Pani Club (96-078, 96-178, 97-039).

For men, we hold archives of the Dunedin R.S.A. (Returned Services Association) Choir (MS-2917).

For more information concerning music sources please see the separate research guide *Music Sources at the Hocken Collections*- <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Feminist and political organisations

We have archives of the Dunedin Collective for Woman (ARC-0279), a feminist organisation founded in 1971. The Voice of Women, founded in the 1960s, campaigned mostly on peace issues – we have archives of the Dunedin branch (MS-1023). The National Council of Women was an earlier and less radical feminist organisation – we have records for the Dunedin branch from the 1920s to the end of the 20th century (ARC-0037).

We have archives of the Dunedin branch of the Working Women's Council (Misc-MS-0266), a 1930s political organisation. Our records of the Labour and National parties include archives of local women's divisions/sections/committees.

Service clubs, lodges & friendly societies

We hold archives of numerous lodges, friendly societies, and service organisations. Many of these were or are specifically for men. For example, we have records of various branches of freemasons, the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Ancient Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Druids, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, Loyal Orange Lodge, Rotary, Lions Clubs, Jaycees, and Round Table Clubs.

A few organisations were specific to women or had special branches for women. For example, we have records of the Rebekah Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows; and of Inner Wheel and Rotaryanne Clubs (affiliated with Rotary). We hold national and local archives of the International Toastmistress Club (later known as International Training in Communication and currently Powertalk) (ARC-0542). General women's clubs for which we hold archives include the Haeremai Club (ARC-0214), the Otago Women's Club (ARC-0050), the Taieri Women's Club (AG-713), and the St Clair Women's Club (ARC-0461).

We have a large collection of archives for Girl Guides in the Otago region, and a smaller collection of Scouting archives. We also hold archives for many branches of Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade – some of these are with the records of the church to which they were affiliated.

Try a search on Hākena using the name of the organisation, or under the subject heading:

- fraternal organisations

Business & professional organisations

We have archives of several organisations which once confined their membership to men, including the Dunedin Club (ARC-0557) and the University Club (ARC-0552). Women-only organisations for which we hold records include the Dunedin Federated Business and Professional Women's Club, the Otago branch of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (formerly the Federation of University Women) (ARC-0099), and the Dunedin Post Office Women's League (MS-2096). We also have archives for local branches of several unions and professional organisations for work traditionally dominated by men or by women. Try entering a subject search for trade-unions on Hākena – click on the full record of an item and then click on 'More information' beside the subject term 'Trade-unions'; this gives a list of the different types of unions for which we hold records. Some other relevant organisations are catalogued with the subject heading 'professional associations'. One specifically male professional organisation for which we have archives is the New Zealand Men Teachers' Guild (these are part of the NZ Educational Institute Otago Branch records) (MS-1081).

For more information concerning business sources please see the separate research guide *Business Sources at the Hocken Collections* - <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Domestic & motherhood organisations

We hold archives of various organisations concerned with motherhood and domestic affairs. We are the national repository for archives of the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society (ARC-0004), which include records of individual branches along with national administrative material. We have the archives of the Dunedin branch of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children (later the Society for the Protection of Home and Family) (AG-647), founded in the 1890s, and of the Opoho branch of the League of Mothers (AG-671) and the Dunedin Housewives' Association (AG-002) (both founded in the 1930s).

Military organisations

We have numerous archives and publications relating to war, the majority relating to men rather than to women. For details of our holdings relating to the New Zealand Wars, South African War, World War I and World War II, see the separate reference guides <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>. We also have several archives relating to 19th and early-20th century military volunteers – try the following subject headings on Hākena:

- Military service, voluntary
- Armed forces – reserves

We have archives of numerous local organisations for returned servicemen and women, including the Returned Services Association. Search on Hākena using the subject heading

- Returned servicemen – New Zealand

Publications

For books and pamphlets relating to women's and men's organisations, search using the name of a specific organisation on Library Search | Ketu, or try the following subject headings:

- Women – New Zealand – Social networks
- Women – New Zealand – Societies and clubs
- Men – New Zealand – Societies and clubs
- Boys – New Zealand – Societies and clubs
- Girls – New Zealand – Societies and clubs

Some works are catalogued under more specific geographical locations, for example:

- Women – New Zealand – Dunedin – Societies and clubs
- Men – New Zealand – Alexandra – Societies and clubs

We have many newsletters and magazines published by men's and women's organisations – check Library Search | Ketu using the name of the organisation.

Broadsheet, New Zealand's feminist magazine, was produced in Auckland from 1972 to 1997 by the Broadsheet Collective, and this is now available online at <https://broadsheet.auckland.ac.nz/>.

For a useful guide to the history of women's organisations in New Zealand, see:

Anne Else (Ed.) (1993). *Women Together: A History of Women's Organisations in New Zealand*. Wellington: Historical Branch, Dept. of Internal Affairs: Daphne Brasell Associates Press.

For a comprehensive history of women in New Zealand, see:

Barbara L. Brookes (2016). *A history of New Zealand women*. Wellington: Bridget Williams Books.

Specific issues

Suffrage

Our archives relating to women's suffrage include the records of various branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the papers of suffrage campaigner Anna Stout (ARC-0021). For other material, check both of our catalogues under the subject headings:

- Women – suffrage
- Suffrage – New Zealand
- Suffragists – New Zealand

See the Archives New Zealand website for a guide to locating information about the people who signed the women's suffrage petition <https://www.archives.govt.nz/research-guidance/research-guides/law-and-the-courts/womens-suffrage-petition-biography-guide>

White Ribbon: for God, Home, and Humanity, the magazine of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Movement, is available on Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/periodicals/white-ribbon> for the period 1895-1960.

Abortion & contraception

Our archives collection includes papers of various people involved in campaigns for and against the legalisation of abortion. See, for example, the papers of Shirley Child (MS-2401) and those of John and Elizabeth O'Neill (AG-582). Please note these collections contain restrictions, please talk to desk staff about access. We also have a transcript of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion in New Zealand, 1977 (UN-104).

Our publications collection includes numerous items relating to abortion and contraception, including newsletters of pro-life and pro-choice organisations. Try searching Library Search | Ketu using the following subject headings:

- Abortion – Law and legislation – New Zealand
- Abortion – Moral and ethical aspects – New Zealand
- Abortion – New Zealand
- Abortion – Political aspects – New Zealand
- Abortion services – New Zealand
- Pro-life movement – New Zealand
- Pro-choice movement – New Zealand
- Birth control – New Zealand
- Birth control – Moral and ethical aspects – New Zealand
- Contraception – New Zealand

Homosexual law reform

For publications relating to homosexual law reform in New Zealand, search Library Search | Ketu using the following subject headings:

- Homosexuality – Law and legislation
- Gay couples – Legal status, laws etc
- Same-sex marriage – Law and legislation

In our archives collection, the papers of John and Elizabeth O'Neill (AG-582) include material relating to debates over homosexual law reform, as do the papers of a few politicians and the records of Dunedin Gayline and Lesbianline (MS-1983). Please note these collections contain restrictions, please talk to desk staff about access.

LGBTTIA+ material

(Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, takatāpui, intersex & asexual)

Archives

Rainbow organisations

We have the archives of Dunedin Gayline and Lesbianline (MS-1983). The papers of Yoka Neuman (ARC-0601) and of Barb Abernethy (MS-3256) both include records relating to various gay and lesbian organisations, including extensive records of the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund. Please note these collections contain restrictions, please talk to desk staff about access. Other collections include the records of UniQ Otago (ARC-0942), Dykeworks (ARC-0941), and PFLAG South (ARC-0899).

Individuals

We have papers of several individuals who identified as gay or lesbian. The most significant collections are the papers of novelist James Courage (ARC-0384), playwright Robert Lord (ARC-0242), businessman Ernie Webber (MS-3333) and teacher David Wildey (ARC-0662). The Webber and Wildey papers are particularly rich in material concerning the life of gay men in 20th century New Zealand. The papers of sexologist John Money (ARC-0102) include copies of articles concerning his work in sex reassignment, and an interesting collection of Theo Schoon's papers. Charles Brasch's papers (ARC-0124) include correspondence with James Courage, Frank Sargeson and other gay writers and artists. Please note these collections contain restrictions, please talk to desk staff about access.

Publications

We have numerous books, pamphlets and periodicals relating to LGBTTIA+ people in New Zealand. Try searching using the following subjects on Library Search|Ketu – each has numerous sub-headings, including some relating specifically to New Zealand:

- Gay men
- Lesbians
- Homosexuality
- Takatāpui
- Gay liberation movement
- Gay rights
- Lesbianism
- Gender identity
- Transgender people

When carrying out subject searches, consider other terms (for example, transsexuals) that were used historically but have now fallen out of common usage.

Our publications collection includes:

Chris Brickell (2008). *Mates & lovers: a history of gay New Zealand*. Auckland, N.Z.: Godwit.

Terry Goldie (2014). *The man who invented gender: engaging the ideas of John Money*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Alison Green and Leonie Pihama (Eds.) (2023). *Honouring our ancestors: takatāpui, two-spirit and indigenous LGBTQI+ well-being*. Wellington, N.Z.: Te Herenga Waka University Press.

Evan Hazenberg and Miriam Meyerhoff (2017). *Representing trans: linguistic, legal and everyday perspectives*. Wellington, N.Z.: Victoria University Press.

Allison Kirkman and Pat Moloney (2005). *Sexuality down under: social and historical perspectives*. Dunedin, N.Z.: University of Otago Press.

Other material

Archives

Our archives collection includes papers of and about many individual men and women from a wide range of backgrounds. Try entering *women* as a subject search on Hākena or try some of the following subject headings:

- Women musicians
- Women – Societies and clubs
- Women in business
- Education of women
- Women – employment
- Women in charitable work
- Women authors
- Women artists
- Women – religious life
- World War, 1914-1918 – Women
- World War, 1939-1945 – Women
- Women in medicine
- Rural women

Most papers in our archives collection concerning men do not have any specific subject headings relating to gender. One exception is the heading

- Men – religious life

The archives collection holds University of Otago, Gender Studies programme: Records (ARC-0933) for the period 1988-2006. The collection includes papers relating to the establishment of Women's Studies. It also includes minutes, administrative and departmental

review papers, and course outlines. Please note this collection contains restrictions, please talk to desk staff about access.

Publications

We also have many publications relating to gender in New Zealand. Try searching Library Search | Ketu for subjects beginning:

- Men
- Women
- Boys
- Girls
- Masculinity
- Femininity
- Feminism
- Gender
- Gender identity

We have a good collection of generalist New Zealand women's magazines. Search using the title on Library Search | Ketu, or try a subject search under

- Women's periodicals, New Zealand

New Zealand men's magazines in our collection include *Monocle*, *Brass*, *Ralph*, and *Conquest*.

Ephemera

There are various items, including posters, brochures, badges, and other printed material, relating to many of the organisations and issues mentioned in this guide in the ephemera collection. Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena - try a search by some of the terms given in this guide and then refine results to the preferred collection type. Please talk to desk staff if you have any questions about this collection.

Art and Photography

Our photography collection includes numerous photographs of individual men, women, and children, and of various groups and organisations.

A portion of the art and photography collections can be viewed online via Hocken Digital Collections - <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>.

Look for holdings of material in the art and photography collections on Hākena – try a search by some of the terms given in this guide and then refine results to the preferred collection type.

Websites

The University of Otago Library subject guide on **Gender Studies**

https://otago.libguides.com/gender_studies provides links to some useful resources.

Women's Studies Association Aotearoa New Zealand <http://www.wsanz.org.nz/> aims to promote women's studies by encouraging feminist research and scholarship. Issues of the Association's journal, *Women's Studies Journal*, can be accessed on this site.

Kawe Mahara Queer Archives Aotearoa (formerly Lesbian and Gay Archives of New Zealand) <http://www.laganz.org.nz/> focuses on lesbian and gay histories, organisations, communities, and cultures in New Zealand. The collection, owned and managed by a community trust, is housed in the Alexander Turnbull Library within the National Library building in Wellington. The Archive collects, preserves and makes available records of historical and cultural interest.

Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand <https://www.teara.govt.nz/en/community-organisations> provides links to overviews of Men's Clubs and Women's Networks and Clubs and Women's Labour Organisations in New Zealand. They also have stories on Gender diversity, Lesbian lives, Gay men's lives and Sexualities in the Sexuality and Reproduction section <https://teara.govt.nz/en/sexuality-and-reproduction>.



A yachting camp, probably at Turnbull's Bay, Otago Harbour, c.1900. Ernie Webber's father is standing second from left. Webber, Cyril Ernie Richard: papers, MS-3333/008, Archives Collection

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