

Reference Guide

Motoring Sources at the Hocken Collections

With a particular focus on Otago



An early Otago Motor Club run leaving the Octagon, Dunedin, c. 1908. Box-231-001, Photographs Collection.



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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 material relating to motoring held in 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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What kind of material does the Hocken hold in relation to the history of motoring?

Publications Collection

Published sources can be found using Library Search | Ketu <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library>.

Material includes:

- Books, including general texts on motoring in New Zealand
- Periodicals, including newspapers both in print and microfilm forms, and magazines such as *NZ Motor World*
- Other published material such as government reports, maps, plans, etc.

See the specific thematic sections of this guide for useful search terms.

Archives

Search Hākena, the art, photographs, ephemera and archives catalogue -

<https://hakena.otago.ac.nz>. Some collections are partially listed on the catalogue, but manual inventories are often available – ask the staff at the reference desk for assistance with these. Material includes:

- Personal papers (e.g. of prominent motor dealers, such as Frederick Cooke)
- Records of industry groups (Automobile Association, trade unions, etc)
- Papers of firms and businesses (private businesses, motor dealers, local authorities)

Art and Photography

Search Hocken Digital Collections <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/> to view some of our digitised photographs. You can conduct a general search or try browsing the following subjects in the Hocken Snapshot section:

- Motor Vehicles
- Motor Cycles
- Motor Vehicles: Hearses
- Motor Vehicles: Races

Search for holdings of other photographs on Hākena. The photographic supplement of the *Otago Witness*, (including a partial index) is also available for viewing – please ask staff about accessing this. (Or access via Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/otago-witness>)

Ephemera

There are a number of ephemera items within individual archives collections, particularly in the Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records [95-056].

In addition, try exploring the Hocken's ephemera collection. Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena. Some material is arranged by organisation or subject, and includes advertising and items relating to various motoring organisations. Please enquire at the reference desk.

Maps

The maps collection contains a large set of road maps of New Zealand regions, including Otago, dating from the colonial era through to the 1990s. Many were produced by the Automobile Association. Search Library Search | Ketu for holdings. See our *Maps and plans at the Hocken Collections* reference guide for further information - <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Other archives in Dunedin

The **Dunedin City Council Archives** <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/archives> contains a wide range of material relating to motoring in the wider Dunedin region, especially in relation to regulation and safety, road development, and public transport. They also hold a significant collection of photographs relating to a wide range of matters, including motoring – see their Flickr page to view digitised images from the collection <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dccarchives/albums> (the page includes a 'Transport' album). More detailed descriptions of holdings are provided in the thematic sections of this guide.

Archives New Zealand also holds records relating to the intersection between motoring and government. To locate holdings, try a search of their online catalogue Collections search <https://collections.archives.govt.nz/web/arena#/> using the search terms 'motor Otago' or similar.

Toitū Otago Settlers Museum <http://www.toituosm.com/> has a large amount of ephemera, as well as vintage cars on display.

General motoring history resources

Publications

Try a subject search of Library Search | Ketu with the terms:

- Automobiles--New Zealand—History
- Transportation--New Zealand—History
- Antique and classic cars--New Zealand--History

Some useful published sources include:

Tim Chadwick (2001). *Small Cars in New Zealand: Baby Austins, Ford Prefects, Minis, VWs and more!* Wellington: Grantham House.

Tim Chadwick (2002). *Big cars in New Zealand.* Wellington: Grantham House.

Thomas Coleridge (1973). *Our motoring heritage.* Wellington: TTN Coleridge. A good general overview of motoring and society in New Zealand, and also considerable material on the history of the oil and petrol industry.

John McCrystal (2008). *Cars and kiwis: the golden age of motoring.* Auckland: Penguin.

John McCrystal (2003). *100 Years of motoring in New Zealand.* Auckland: Hodder Moa Beckett.

Pam McLean & Brian Joyce (1971). *The veteran years of New Zealand motoring.* Wellington: A.H. Reed.

Motormania (1997). New Zealand: George Andrews Productions/NZ On Air. A two-part documentary celebrating 100 years of motoring in New Zealand.

James Watson (1996). *Links: a history of transport in New Zealand society.* Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs Historical Branch.

Mark Webster (2002). *Assembly: New Zealand car production, 1921-1998.* Auckland: Reed.

Other useful general items in the publications collection include periodicals such as:

N.Z. Motor World (1936-1983) (known as *Motor World* 1983-1988)

Motoring Today (1988-1991)

AA Directions (1991-2023)

Auto Age (the journal of the Automobile Association (Auckland)) (1963-1991)

Newspapers are another useful source and include:

- The *Otago Witness* which featured a column by “Demon”, initially related to cycling, and from 1905 “Cycling and Motor Notes”. All issues (1851-1932) are available on Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>, as well as microfilm.
- The *Otago Daily Times* is available on Papers Past 1861-1950 and a full run is available on microfilm. The useful *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* covers the period 1946-1995 and is available on any of the public computers in the library.
- From July 1915 the Dunedin *Evening Star* featured a column under the nom de plume of “Carburettor”. It was the first daily newspaper in New Zealand to run a dedicated motoring column. Issues for the period 1865-1947 are available via Papers Past.
- Motoring news also featured in other newspapers from the Otago region, for example the *Bruce Herald*. Try Papers Past for a range of digitised newspapers.

Websites

Te Ara - <https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies> includes biographical entries on several figures involved in motoring and the motoring industry in Otago (use the Advanced Biographies Search to filter by ‘occupation’). Check the section on Transport <https://teara.govt.nz/en/transport> for a range of motoring-related stories.

“Top 10 firsts in motoring history” *New Zealand Herald*, 4 May 2011, <https://goo.gl/4RXW9c>.

Texts on motoring in Otago:

A useful overview to motoring sources held at the Hocken, of which this guide serves as an extension, is outlined in the Friends of the Hocken Bulletin:

Motoring – from Alpha-Romeo to Zodiac Bulletin Number: 25 September 1998 by D. Thomson and George Griffiths. Available at: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/hocken/guides-to-the-hocken-collections>.

Useful overview texts on Otago motoring history include:

Rona Adshead and Rex Murray (2002). *Replicar! A century of motoring in North Otago and beyond*. Dunedin: Square One Press.

Rowan Dryden (1963). “Otago Motoring in the Early Days” [Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) Records, 95-056 84/10 in the Hocken Archives Collection].

Jane Thomson (1998). *Southern People: a Dictionary of Otago Southland Biography*. Dunedin: Longacre Press. *Southern People* contains a number of biographies of local figures who

were involved in motoring organisations and the motoring industry. It is located in the ready reference collection.

William Wright (1927). "A brief review of early motoring". *Otago Motor Club Yearbook, 1927-1928* [Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) Records, 95-056 Box 97 in the Hocken Archives Collection].

Otago Motor Club (later Automobile Association Otago)

Publications

The Hocken holds a number of published sources related to the Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association Otago and these can be located using Library Search|Ketu.

Useful search terms include:

- Automobile Association
- Motor club

Useful sources on the history of the Automobile Association Otago include:

Thomas Geary (1965). "History of the Automobile Association Otago, 1905-1939" M.A. Thesis, University of Otago.

Anonymous (1953). "Automobile Association History – Otago" *NZ Motor World* (November), 16-17.

Jane Thomson (1998). *Southern People: a Dictionary of Otago Southland Biography*. Dunedin: Longacre Press. *Southern People* includes biographical entries on a number of influential OMC/AA Otago figures, including James Passmore, E.A. Ansell, and Sir James Mills.

NZ Motor World was a combined publication of New Zealand's Automobile Associations between 1936 and 1988, issued bi-monthly until 1966 and monthly from 1966-1988. This was a national-level magazine, but news and information about the Otago branch, and motoring in Otago more broadly, appears frequently. The Hocken publications collection holds the complete run.

NZ Motor World was continued by *Motoring Today* from 1988-1991, and is also held by the Hocken.

AA Directions followed, starting from 1991 to the present. The Hocken holds the complete run to the present.

The Hocken also holds the Otago Motor Club (later Automobile Association)'s *Yearbook* from 1924 through to 1939 inclusive. Yearbooks included news and information relating

to the local organisation, as well as motoring issues in the region, and are also a useful source of photographs.

News items relating to the Automobile Association Otago Branch featured regularly throughout the *Otago Daily Times*. The *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* is available for the period 1946-1995 on the public computers. Look under 'Automobile Association'.

Art and Photography

The art and photography collections hold several photographs relating to the Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association Otago:

Hocken Digital Collections - <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/> includes several photographs of Automobile Association (Otago) committees including the Executive Committee 1964-1965 and the retiring secretary (P.F. Harre) with past Presidents c. 1964-1965 – look under 'Automobile Association Otago' in the Hocken Snapshot section.

The *Otago Witness* photographic supplement has several photographs relating to the Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association Otago, including sports events.

Hākena includes references to several photographs of Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association Otago outings and group portraits. Search for 'Otago Motor Club'.

Many other photographs are included in published items, especially some of the existing written histories, and throughout the Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records.

Archives

The Hocken Collections hold Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records [95-056] from 1900 until the early 1990s, when the local branch merged into the centralised national Automobile Association organisation in Wellington.

This is a significant, large collection, with 14.5 linear metres of material, and contains a wealth of information relating to Otago's motoring history, as well as motoring in New Zealand more broadly. A fire in the Otago Motor Club offices in the early years unfortunately destroyed some early records, but the collection is otherwise largely intact and comprehensive.

There are several important general written histories of the Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association Otago included within the collection:

"21 Years' History of the O.M.C." in Yearbook for 1933-1934, Automobile Association of Otago, pp 30-45 [Automobile Association Otago Inc. Records, 95-056 Box 97].

Passmore, James (1948). Address to the Veteran's Evening [Automobile Association Otago Records, 95-056 A.10.16].

The collection is not fully described on Hākena but a detailed written inventory is available for the entire collection – ask desk staff. The files are organised to some extent, but there is considerable overlap across categories, with some types of records (especially correspondence and financial records) dispersed throughout the collection.

A brief overview of the collection is outlined below. Staff can assist you with accessing the full inventory.

- Minute books (1906-1979) of Automobile Association Otago meetings
- Subject files – correspondence, reports, documents, ephemera relating to...
 - Automobile Association Otago property, assets, staff
 - Automobile Association Otago services, including road signs, general roading, legal services
 - camps and picnic areas
 - sports events and activities
 - the local Motor cycle and Caravan sections
 - publications and printing – printing reports, royalties, etc
 - Automobile Association Otago Annual General Meetings held between 1944-1990
 - some administrative, financial, and membership records
 - various issues such as road safety, car conversion, road telephones, petrol restrictions, government regulations
 - The Automobile Association Otago's interactions with, and copies of motoring-related publications of
 - local and central government
 - affiliated organisations, including other Automobile Associations
 - motoring periodicals such as *Motor World*
 - local industry associations and civic organisations
 - the New Zealand Automobile Association (1966-1983), particularly copies of New Zealand Automobile Association reports etc.
 - Automobile Association property and assets
 - the annual Sundstrum Rally (1957-1972)

- various miscellaneous files, including early Otago Motor Club ephemera (see particularly 95-056 69/2)
- Correspondence (1911-1976) – in and outgoing correspondence other than that included in other parts of the collection. Some alphabetically arranged and some in letter books
- Financial records (1925-1990), Membership records (1912-1940), Visitors books (1926-1941)
- Photographs and ephemera
- Location maps and registers for road signs
- A box of publications, including the Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association (Otago) yearbook (1924-1939), Road Guides, and loose-leaf touring guides and maps

The archives collection also holds the records of:

New Zealand Automobile Association (Southland) Inc. [AG-760] 1908-1992. This collection is fully listed on Hākena, and includes minute books (1908-1988), sub-committee reports (1932-1986), annual reports (1923-1980), financial records (1923-1987), papers relating to buildings (ca.1949-1982), plans (ca.1929-1971) and photographs (1955-1979). The collection also includes a book of breakdown vouchers.

Social and recreational aspects of motoring

Publications

Try a subject search of Library Search | Ketu with the following terms:

- Automobiles - History

Books specifically relating to New Zealand, and, in some instances, Otago, include:

William H. Cross (1996). *South Otago Branch of the Vintage Car Club of NZ Inc 1971-1996: a silver anniversary of bonnets – bodies – bumpers*. Balclutha: South Otago VCC.

NZ Vintage Car Club Inc (1996). *Fifty Years*. Christchurch: NZVCC Inc.

It is useful to think quite laterally in relation to the social and recreational aspects of motoring. Motoring is everywhere in culture and society – in poetry, works of fiction, personal histories, and memoirs.

Useful periodicals include:

Beaded Wheels (magazine of the Vintage Car Club of NZ) (1955-2022)

Various AA periodicals – *Motor World*, *Auto Age*, *Directions*

Newspapers are a very good source of material for social attitudes to motoring, opinion, commentary, controversies, and debate. The *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* (1946-1995), available on the public computers, is useful for locating specific articles.

Use the database Index New Zealand <https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/index-new-zealand-innz> to locate articles in other New Zealand journals and newspapers. This database is not full text, so you need to check Library Search | Ketu for holdings of the relevant publication and then order it to view the article.

Also try a search on Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>.

Archives

Our archives collection includes a significant range of collections that relate to the social and recreational aspects of motoring.

Using the search terms 'motor' and 'car' on Hākena will bring up a number of records. Some notable examples include:

Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) [95-056]. The Automobile Association was in itself very much a social organisation, particularly in the early days. The collection includes a considerable quantity of material relating to social and recreational aspects of motoring, especially Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association activities (Sundstrum Rally, hill climb events, motor runs, etc) and social events (for example the 1908 Gymkhana, veterans events, etc). There is a digital copy of film taken of Automobile Association Otago car rallies, some in colour, from the late 1940s/early 1950s [MS-2085/002]. The Automobile Association records provide indications of its social composition in the early days (early membership lists indicate the types of people who owned cars, and their attitudes). The Automobile Association files also provide a barometer of broader social attitudes to motoring, among both motorists and other members of the broader community.

Otago Women's Club Motor Circle [AG-642-09/01 through /06, and MS-1352/005 and /006] was a subgroup of the Otago Women's Club that existed from 1925-1978. Its members organised charitable motor car outings for sick children, as well as outings for circle members, using a pool of women drivers. The collections include minutes, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

Vintage Car Club Otago Branch (Inc.) [99-166]. 1956-1993. This group was (and remains) a focal point for vintage car enthusiasts and organised a number of vintage rallies and other events. This collection is not catalogued on Hākena, but an inventory is available.

Southern Festival of Speed (formerly Dunedin Festival Road Race). Records of this event, held intermittently from the early 1950s until the present, have recently been acquired. Please see staff for assistance.

Webber, Cyril Ernie Richard: Papers [MS-3333]. 1860-1983. Ernie Webber was a businessman and hobbyist. He owned a Jaguar and a Rolls Royce, and his scrapbooks include a variety of photographs of motoring trips and scenes.

Cooke, Alan: Reminiscences of Frederick Augustus Cooke and Alma Gertrude Cooke [MS-2614]. 1870-1974. Contain considerable information on the early Cooke Howlison dealership, and early motoring in Dunedin more generally.

Art and Photography

The Hocken's photographs collection is an excellent source for social and recreational aspects of motoring, and includes a number of photos relating to motor trips in the country, fishing, camping, etc, as well as posed family photographs. Search Hocken Digital Collections <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/> and Hākena (search with the term 'motor'). The *Otago Witness* photographic supplement (index available) is also a useful source, as is the illustrations filter on Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>.

Websites

Many organisations involved in the social side of motoring are still operating today, and some maintain websites. For example, run a Google search on “car club”, limiting results to “pages from New Zealand” (under Settings).

For instance:

- <https://vcc.org.nz/> – the website of the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand

Motor dealers

Publications

Some useful search terms for Library Search|Ketu include:

- Motor trade
- Motor dealer

Some useful books in the publications collection include:

Cooke Howlison Ltd. (1970). *Cooke Howlison Limited 1895-1970: 75th anniversary*. Dunedin: Cooke Howlison Ltd. Includes photographs, reminiscences, notes on staff, etc. Gives an indication of services offered in 1970 too – e.g. rental car service, petrol pumps.

Cooke Howlison Ltd. (1995). *Celebrating 100 years of service*. Dunedin: Cooke Howlison Ltd. Includes photographs, reminiscences, etc.

Mark Henderson (1983). *History of the motor cycle trade in Dunedin 1900-1983*. Dunedin: M.L. Henderson, 1983. An in-depth and comprehensive history; includes photographs.

Ian Main (1969). *The first fifty years: the story of the NZ Retail Motor Trade Association (Inc.), 1917-67*. Wellington: NZ Retail Motor Trade Association.

Colin Stone (1992). *A further twenty-five years: the story of the Motor Trade Association (Inc, 1967-1992)*. Wellington: NZ Retail Motor Trade Association.

Jane Thomson (1998). *Southern People: a Dictionary of Otago Southland Biography*. Dunedin: Longacre Press. Has entries on notable individual motor vehicle dealers including Alexander Black, Charles Todd, F.A. Cooke, and P.H. Vickery (Invercargill).

The ready reference area includes various public directories that include lists of motor dealer and servicing firms by year; some years are available on microfiche or as digital versions on the public computers. Ask reference desk staff for assistance. *Stone's Otago and Southland Directory* from about 1905 to 1952 include lists of motor dealer firms. Look under the “Trades” and later “Professions and trades sections”. Motor car importers and dealers were initially

included with bicycle dealers. *Wise's New Zealand Post Office Directory* includes entries for motor dealers and servicing until about 1970s.

Some directories are also available via the Ancestry database. This is available on any of the public computers in the library (University of Otago/Otago Polytechnic staff and students can also access this database offsite with their account details).

The Hocken also holds various Dunedin telephone directories from 1913 onwards.

Periodicals that include material relating to the history of motor dealers are:

- The *Otago Daily Times* and *Otago Witness* - an excellent source for information on motor dealers, and include advertisements and advertising features. Also search the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* on the public computers under 'Motors'.
- Automobile Association periodicals – *Motor World*, *Motoring Today*, *Auto Age*, *AA Directions* (and the Yearbooks included in the Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records, 95-056 Box 97) include many advertisements and other material relating to motor dealers.

Art and Photography

Hocken Digital Collections - <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/> contains several photographs relating to motor dealers, including one of Cooke and Howlison riding a motor tricycle in front of their motor dealership premises.

Archives

The Hocken holds a considerable amount of archive material relating to motor dealers, including several collections of company records.

Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records [95-056] includes some material relating to motor dealers. Much of the published material in the records (Yearbooks, motor guides, etc) contain news and advertisements for motor dealerships. See also the 1948 newspaper clipping in [95-056 A.10.16].

Commercial Motors Ltd. records [AG-732]. This Dunedin firm appears to have sold Volkswagen cars from the 1940s to 1960s. This collection includes mostly financial records.

Allan Crichton Ltd records [AG-646]. Allan Christon established the garage and motorcycle dealership in Dunedin in 1935. The company closed in the late 1960s/early 1970s. Records include employee records, correspondence, and orders.

Cooke, Alan: Reminiscences of Frederick Augustus Cooke and Alma Gertrude Cooke [MS-2614]. 1870-1974. Cooke and Howlison founded a well-known local motor dealership. See in particular MS-2614/001 – the reminiscences of firm co-founder Frederick Augustus Cooke.

Cossens and Black Limited records [ARC-0217] 1874-1981. Cossens and Black was a general engineering firm that also imported, sold and serviced motor vehicles until the 1960s. The collection includes official company documents, a photograph album, catalogues and pamphlets, advertisements, and records of car sales.

Watts and Grieve Limited records [AG-067]. 1912-1962. Watts and Grieve was an Invercargill company involved in car sales and service. Many items relate to the 1962 company anniversary publication, which is included in the files.

Alex Gardner business records [AG-710]. 1940-1978. Alex Gardner was the founder of Dunedin Taxis, but also founded Gardner Motors, which was sold in 1985, and his records include several items relating to the latter.

Motor servicing and ancillary services

As a thematic area, servicing is a little “grey”, because motor car services (repairs, maintenance, broader industry services such as cleaning) were often, and often still are, integrated with motor dealerships.

Therefore, many of the items and sources listed in the ‘Motor Dealers’ section also apply here, and vice versa, and there is some duplication.

Publications

There are many sources relating to motor servicing in the publications collection.

Useful books include:

Mark Henderson (1983). *History of the motor cycle trade in Dunedin 1900-1983*. Dunedin: M.L. Henderson, 1983. An in-depth and comprehensive history; includes photographs.

Cooke Howlison Ltd. (1995). *Celebrating 100 years of service*. Dunedin: Cooke Howlison Ltd. Includes photographs, reminiscences, etc. Cooke Howlison Ltd. (1970). *Cooke Howlison Limited 1895-1970: 75th anniversary*. Dunedin: Cooke Howlison Ltd. Includes photographs, reminiscences, notes on staff, etc. Give an indication of services offered in 1970 too –e.g. rental car service, petrol pumps.

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Auto Age (the journal of the Automobile Association (Auckland)) (1963-1991)

AA Directions (1991-2023)

NZ Motor Industry News (1986-1990, gaps)

For more, try a subject search for 'Automobile Industry and Trade – New Zealand – Periodicals' in Library Search|Ketu.

Newspapers are also a useful source, especially for advertisements. Look in the classified advertising sections in the *Otago Daily Times*. The *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* for 1946-1995 is also useful for broader news and developments in motor servicing.

Archives

As noted above, many motor dealerships also provided motor servicing, so there is some duplication in the records listed here.

Automobile Associaton Otago (Inc.) records [95-056]. The Automobile Association was (and remains) a key provider of a range of services for motorists in Otago. These variously included:

- road patrols (1929-1934 and again from 1937-late 1980s) – patrolmen assisted members, checked signs and road conditions. They also enrolled new members
- technical workshop and pre-purchase inspections (1968-)
- breakdown service (1934-) with arrangements with local garages
- insurance services – from early on through the Otago Motor Club (with an English company), and later the SIMU mutual insurance scheme.
- legal services – legal advice and assistance from the beginning, formal system with arrangements for advice and legal representation from 1941
- financial services

- travel and accommodation (affiliations with selected hotels (1922-), accommodation guides, advice, etc) – including a Travel Department at the Automobile Association Otago offices (1975-)
- arranging shipping of cars
- publications for members such as maps, tour guides, publications, including strip routes and yearbooks
- parking facilities at the Moray Place branch (1964-)

There is a wealth of material on these areas in the collection.

The Automobile Association collection is also a useful source of information about servicing firms, garages, etc in Dunedin (the yearbooks, for example, contain significant amounts of advertising for local garages).

See also the archives collections listed under “Motor dealers” – as most of those firms also carried out servicing.

Motorsport

Publications

Useful subject search terms in Library Search|Ketu include:

- Motorsports
- Automobile racing – New Zealand – History

The following publications could be useful:

Ross MacKay (2007). *Racing: a history of motorsport in New Zealand*. Auckland: Whitcoulls.

Dick Messenger & Douglas Wood (1985). *Flat to the boards: a history of motor car sport in New Zealand, from 1901 to 1940*. Christchurch: Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, Craig Printing Co. Includes photograph and text relating to Dunedin/Otago.

Sandy Myhre (2002). *50 Years on track: a history of motorsport in New Zealand; the people, the cars, the stories*. Auckland: Hodder Moa Beckett.

Parkside Media (2004). *Classic Kiwi motorsport*. Auckland: Parkside Media.

Scott Thomson (1983). *Racing round the houses: the history of the Dunedin festival road races, 1953-1965*. Dunedin: Vintage Car Club of NZ, Otago Branch.

Periodicals with relevance to motorsport include:

Wheelspin (magazine of the Otago Sports Car Club) (1958-2000, gaps)

Motorsport Association New Zealand Inc. News. (1994, 2008, gaps)

Newspapers are a great source for motorsport-related news and reports. Useful search tools include Papers Past (for very early motor racing - the *Otago Witness* is included up until 1932), and the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* 1946-1995. Newspaper articles on motor racing (e.g. the Dunedin festival road races) are often accompanied by photographs.

Art and Photography

There are a number of motor racing-related photographs on Hocken Digital Collections – <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/> look under ‘Motor Vehicles – Racing’ in the Hocken Snapshot section or try a keyword search.

Archives

The Hocken holds several archival collections with relevance to motorsport in Otago:

Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records [95-056] include considerable material relating to motor racing. The Otago Motor Club/Automobile Association Otago arranged many hill climbs, rallies, reliability trials, and beach races (including at Warrington), particularly in the earlier years.

Vintage Car Club of NZ, Otago Branch (Inc.) records [99-166] held many races and rallies. This collection is not fully listed on Hakena, but a full inventory is available – ask desk staff.

Southern Festival of Speed (formerly Dunedin Festival Road Race). Records of this event, held intermittently from the early 1950s until the present, have recently been acquired. Please see staff for assistance.

The Hocken has a Youtube channel <https://bit.ly/2MaKSNU> where a number of digitised film clips are available. There is one for the 1953 Dunedin Road Race. There are also some car related films available via Hocken Digital Collections - <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>.

Ephemera

The ephemera collection includes a few programmes and posters for events in Otago – please ask at the reference desk to view this material.

Safety, regulation, and administration

Publications

The publications collection contains a wealth of material – books, periodicals, and other publications - relating to motoring safety, regulation, and administration. Search Library Search|Ketu – examples of useful search terms include:

- Road safety
- Exhaust
- Automobile regulations
- Road police

An example of a useful subject heading is:

- Traffic safety – New Zealand - Dunedin

Periodicals of note include newspapers, especially the *Otago Daily Times*. Look in the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index*, try for example 'Road Safety', 'Drunken Driving' , 'Traffic Accidents' , 'Traffic Safety'.

Art and Photography

The Hocken holds a number of photographs relating to motoring safety and broader administration, particularly of accidents and mishaps. Search Hocken Digital Collections and Hākena. The *Otago Witness* photographic supplement is also useful. Photographs of accidents, safety programs, and traffic systems and regulation (e.g. traffic policing) are common in newspapers – search the headings provided above in the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index*.

Archives

There are a number of archival holdings relating to matters of motoring safety, regulation, and administration. Search Hākena for terms such as 'road safety' and 'traffic'. Some examples of collections include:

Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records [95-056]. The Automobile Association interacted heavily with local and central government on matters of motor administration, regulation, and safety. James Passmore, a founding member, was instrumental in establishing the system of school patrols that later spread throughout New Zealand (the first was at Wakari School). Documents relating to this and other road safety matters are plentiful in the collection.

Briscoe and Company Limited records [ARC-0930] 1865-1970 has an interesting collection of motor vehicle licenses, permits, and insurance documents [MS-3300/098]

Royal New Zealand Plunket Society, Headquarters records [ARC-0004] 1871-2005 includes material relating to child road safety.

Dunedin City Council Archives

The Dunedin City Council Archives holds considerable material relating to motoring regulation, safety and administration. Some of this material includes:

Records of by-laws for motor vehicles and general street traffic – local authorities, including the Dunedin City Council (and, prior to amalgamation in the late 1980s, a number county and borough councils) drew up and enforced a wide range of by-laws that touched on motoring activities. Often indexed. For example, printed copies of the motor car parts of the 1912 Dunedin City by-laws, and the motor car by-law publication by the former Taieri County council dated 1906.

Material relating to by-law breaches, including correspondence

Material relating to Traffic Inspectors – reports, etc.

Motor vehicle registration material –the Motor Vehicles Regulation Act 1902 (and subsequent Acts) empowered local authorities to conduct motor vehicle registration. The Dunedin City Council is listed as a registering authority in the *New Zealand Gazette* (June 1916).

Driver licensing. Local authorities began issuing driver licenses from 1925. Before this the Otago Motor Club provided early “driving certificates” or “certificates of competency”, initially at a cost of 5 pounds each.

If you are interested in motoring-related photographs, the Dunedin City Council’s own photographs collection contains a significant number of items, particularly in relation to local road development. Some photographs can be viewed on their Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dccarchives/albums>.

Road development

Publications

The publications collection holds a number of books relating to aspects of road development in Otago. Search Library Search | Ketu with the terms ‘road’, ‘street’ and ‘plan’.

For example:

A.R Tyrell (1992). *The Fulton Hogan Story: 1933-1993*. Dunedin: Fulton Hogan Holdings.

You can also search for specific projects and developments. These often return results for maps, plans, and other project material. For example:

- One-way system
- Motorway

Periodicals are an important source for the history of road development in Dunedin and Otago. Newspapers, in particular, offer in-depth and regular coverage of road developments and projects. Reports often include photographs and commentary. Use Papers Past or search Library Search|Ketu for holdings of particular titles.

The *Otago Daily Times* is most useful. Try searching the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* under 'Roads', 'Dunedin Streets', and 'Bridges'. Also 'DCC Transport Reports' for the new road schemes in Dunedin in the 1960s, 'Motorways', 'Highways'.

Art and Photography

There are some photographs relating to road development, particularly in the *Otago Witness* photographic supplement volumes.

Archives

We hold some archival material with relevance to local road development. Try searching Hākena with the terms 'Road' and 'Road construction', 'Dunedin planning' and 'city planning'.

Automobile Association Otago (Inc.) records [95-056] As an interest group, the organisation interacted heavily with local, regional, and national authorities on matters relating to road development and as a result its records are a useful source on road development, particularly in the early days of motoring. Otago Motor Club members even pitched in themselves, armed with shovels and tools, in some early road works around Dunedin, and the organisation also provided funds to local authorities from member contributions. The Yearbooks included in the collection [95-056 Box 97] feature a number of photographs of early roads and road development. The Automobile Association also provided and maintained directional road signs in Otago (and nationally) until the 1990s and there is a wealth of material related to signage in the collection.

John Reid & Sons Ltd records [ARC-0704] 1873-1915, 1929-1930. This civil engineering firm was involved in a number of local road and suburb developments.

Semke, Henry Papers [ARC-0624]. Harry Semke (1926-2009) was a professional civil engineer in Otago. His papers include material relating to roading contracts and plans for the Ministry of Works and the Silverpeaks County Council.

The Hocken holds the collections of a number of (former) local authorities in the wider Otago region, including County and Borough Councils. These local authorities were responsible for road development in their respective districts, and many of the collections include records relating to such development. Search 'County', 'Borough', and 'Road board' on Hākena to bring up specific holdings.

Dunedin City Council Archives

The Dunedin City Council Archives hold a wealth of material relating to road development in the wider Dunedin region - <https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/archives>

They hold the records of the Dunedin City Council and those of most of the local authorities (e.g. County Councils, Borough Councils, Roads Boards) that existed prior to amalgamation in 1989. Most of these organisations were responsible for road development, and broader traffic and transport planning, in their districts, and kept records and material pertaining to such development. These records include meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, records of works completed, plans, maps, reports, etc.

The local authority holdings at the Dunedin City Council Archives with relevance to road development include:

Dunedin City Council - a large amount of material, including town planning material and large projects such as the one-way system, bridges, intersections, etc.

County and Borough Councils – particularly those that existed in the wider Dunedin area. Many council records for local authorities in the wider Otago region are held at the Hocken (see previous page).

Roads Boards – Roads Boards were more common in the 1860s-1880s, but some local Roads Boards (including the Peninsula Roads Board, Tomahawk Road Board, and Portobello Road Board persisted into the 1920s.

There are also numerous photographs relating to road development in the Dunedin City Council's photographs collection, including photos of road and bridges before, during, and

after construction and other development. Many were produced as part of the work of the City Engineers' Department. Some photographs can be viewed on their Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dccarchives/albums>.

Commercial transport (haulage)

Haulage for industry and business by motor began almost as soon as vehicles arrived in New Zealand.

Publications

The publications collection holds many books and periodicals relating to commercial transport in Otago. Search Library Search|Ketu. Some useful subject search headings include:

- Trucking
- Trucks
- Transport
- Truck drivers

An example:

W.M. McCabe (2004). *Memoirs of a country carrier*. Dunedin: Otago University Print.

Periodicals, especially newspapers, are also good sources. Search the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* under 'Transport'. Check Library Search|Ketu for newspaper holdings.

Art and Photography

The Hocken's art and photography collections include a number of photographs of trucks and haulage operations in action. Search Hocken Digital Collections and Hākena for holdings.

Archives

There are numerous collections in our archival holdings relating to commercial transport. Some notable collections include:

Central Otago Motor Transport Association [MS-1044]. 1939-1975. Industry body representing commercial transport operators in Central Otago. Access requires permission of the Otago Southland Employers Association – see desk staff.

Otago Commercial Transport Association [MS-1034]. 1920-1975. Industry body representing commercial transport operators in Otago. Access requires permission of the Otago Southland Employers Association – see desk staff.

Otago Drivers' Union [MS-0957]. 1916-1927, 1948-1961. The full name of the union was the Otago Road Transport and Motor and Horse Drivers and their Assistants Industrial Union of Workers. Access requires permission of the Otago Drivers' Union – see desk staff.

Cossens and Black Limited records [ARC-0217]. This firm sold trucks for some years. See in particular the photograph album [MS-2989/004].

Passenger transport (Taxis, Buses)

Publications

We hold a number of books, periodicals, and other documents relating passenger transport in Otago. Useful search terms include:

- Buses, Otago, Dunedin
- Taxi
- Public transport
- Dunedin Corporation Transport

Some useful examples of items listed in Library Search|Ketu include:

Wilma McCorkindale (1997). *Otago Road Services: A Brief History*. Green Island, NZ: Otago Road Services.

Hubert Hobbs (1984). *Transport South*. Dunedin: Whinstaberry Books.

DCC Transport Department (1950). *Dunedin public passenger transport, 1879-1948*. Dunedin: DCC.

NZ Omnibus Society (1991). *Southern City Transport: Municipal buses of Dunedin-Invercargill-Timaru*. Wellington: The Omnibus Society.

Evening Star Co. (1979). *100 Years of Public Transport in Dunedin: 1879-1979, souvenir*. Dunedin: Allied Press. Produced by Dunedin Corporation Transport. A very useful overview of local public transport from horse and steam trams through to trams, trolley buses, and diesel buses.

There are some some ephemera and documents/plans relating to public transport, including reports and timetables, for example:

Dunedin Corporation Transport (1975) *Official Timetable*. Dunedin: DCT.

The ready reference area is also a useful general source of information. *Stone's Otago and Southland Directory*, for example, include a list of taxi firms: look under 'Taxi Proprietors' in the 'Professions and trades' section.

Newspapers are an important historical source on matters of public transport. For the 1947-1980 period, look in the *Otago Daily Times Headlines Index* under 'Taxis', 'Buses Transport DCC' and 'Buses School Conveyances' or try Index New Zealand.

Art and Photography

There are some photographs of Dunedin City Corporation buses in the 1920s on Hocken Digital Collections.

Archives

Our archival records include a number of collections relating to passenger transport in Otago, particularly relating to transport operators. Collections of note relating to taxis include:

Alex Gardner business records [AG-710]. 1940-1978. Alex Gardner was the founder of Dunedin Taxis. Includes minutes book of the firm 1940-1978.

Otago Taxi Proprietors' Association records [MS-1026]. 1938-1978. An inventory is available. Access requires permission of the Otago Southland Employers Association – see desk staff.

Photographs, including early Mosgiel taxi drivers [MS-3731/025].

And for bus transport:

Otago Road Services Ltd records [UN-076, MS-0473]. 1946-1976, 1947-1955, 1960,1963. Includes material regarding establishment, as well as timetables and service license documents.

Smith Passenger Services records [89-130, 88-009]. 1948-1958, 1989. Otago/Southland bus firm. Files include correspondence, ephemera, financial records. Some records are unlisted, but an inventory is available.

Peninsula Motor Service Ltd records [88-073] c. 1929-c. 1962. Records include minutes, financial records, and correspondence.

Cossens and Black Limited records [ARC-0217]. This firm sold several early buses. See in particular the photograph album [MS-2989/004]

The Hocken Youtube channel <https://bit.ly/2MaKSNU> includes a digitised film clip showing the Mornington Cable Car in 1957, and there is also one showing the scene of a tram accident in Princes Street South, Dunedin, in the 1950s.

Ephemera

There are several examples of Dunedin bus and tram tickets in the ephemera collection – please ask at the reference desk to view this material.

Dunedin City Council Archives

Until the early 1990s, the Dunedin City Corporation (as it was before the late 1980s) was the main provider of public transport in the Dunedin area through Dunedin Corporation Transport (DCT).

As such, the Dunedin City Council Archives contain a wealth of material relating to passenger transport, including trams, trolley buses, and diesel buses.

Records include:

- Letterbooks and minutebooks
- Plans
- Reports and contracts for new buses etc
- Timetables, route maps
- Periodicals – for example, the Dunedin Corporation Transport Magazine
- Photographs of passenger transport vehicles



Woman behind the wheel of an early Ford motor car, P2015-011/4-036, Photographs Collection.

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