



Researching NZ Nurses

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) holds material mainly relating to the history of NZNO as an organisation and NZNA/NZNU before that, rather than specific nurses who may have been members in the past.

While the NZNO library primarily offers research assistance to members only, in some instances we may be able to assist members of the public. Please direct all enquiries to library@nzno.org.nz or phone: 0800 28 38 48

Members of the public wanting to research the nursing history of family members who were nurses can use the following publicly-accessible resources:

Alexander Turnbull Library

The Turnbull Library holds New Zealand's national documentary heritage collections including original manuscripts, oral histories, photographs and published and unpublished ephemera.

Information and useful links about researching family history:

<http://natlib.govt.nz/researchers/guides/family-history>

To send an inquiry to check whether they hold any information about particular people:

http://natlib.govt.nz/questions/new?return_to=/researchers

Archives NZ

Archives NZ hold the archives of New Zealand government records, including some historical public sector employment records.

Information of interest to family historians may be found in general lists of public service employees or in the records of specific government departments:

<http://archives.govt.nz/research/guides/government-employment>

Web address: <https://archives.govt.nz/>

Directory of Community Archives

The community archives directory is a tool to help researchers explore the treasures of our past and present held within local community collections across New Zealand. It includes small local organisations, through to larger national institutions.

<https://archives.govt.nz/directory-of-community-archives>

FindNZarticles

A collaboration between Christchurch City Libraries, Dunedin Public Libraries, Landcare Research NZ Ltd and the National Library of New Zealand, this includes a bibliography of published family histories and various regional newspaper indexes.

Web address:

<https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/findnzarticles>

Index New Zealand Database

Index New Zealand (INNZ) is a searchable database that contains abstracts and descriptions of articles from about 1000 New Zealand periodicals and newspapers (including Kai Tiaki) published from the 1987 to the present day. Some pre-1987 items are added retrospectively. Copies of articles can be requested from local libraries or sometimes found online. Personal names can be searched in INNZ surname first, followed by forename, using 'Subject' as the type of search.

Start searching: <http://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/index-new-zealand-innz>

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand

Kai Tiaki is the New Zealand Nursing Journal and has been in print since 1908. The first 20 years of *Kai Tiaki* (1909-1929) have been digitised by the National Library and are available to the public on the Papers Past website.

Web address: <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/periodicals/kai-tiaki-the-journal-of-the-nurses-of-new-zealand>

Articles from *Kai Tiaki* are indexed in the Index New Zealand database for 1909, and from 1914-1926; from 1932- 1993 when the journal changed its name to the *NZ Nursing Journal*; from 1993-1994 when it was called *Nursing New Zealand*; and from 1995 to the present as *Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand* again. If you wish to view a specific article from *Kai Tiaki* then you may be able to access it online via the databases at your local library.

The NZNO Library holds hard copies of all *Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand* issues and these may be consulted directly by members of the public by arrangement.

Military Nurses

The New Zealand Military Nurses website covers information about uniforms, rolls of honour and general history.

Web address: <http://www.nzans.org/>

NZ History Online

New Zealand history website produced by professional historians and the Ministry of Culture and Heritage for a general audience. You can browse content by [People](#), [Places](#), [Events](#) and [Topics](#).

Web address: <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/>

National Library of New Zealand

The New Zealand and Pacific Collection of the National Library includes New Zealand and Pacific reference materials and books covering all subjects.

Web address: <http://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/new-zealand-and-pacific-collection>

New Zealand Federation of Historical Societies Inc.

Search for historical societies who may have material on nurses from particular regions.

Web address: <http://www.nzhistoricalsocieties.org.nz/>

Te Ara: The Encyclopedia of New Zealand

Te ara' in Māori means 'the pathway'. Te Ara – The Encyclopedia of New Zealand is a comprehensive guide to the country's peoples, natural environment, history, culture, economy, institutions and society. It includes over 3,000 biographies and over 850 stories about New Zealand's people, natural environment, history, culture, economy and society.

Web address: <http://www.teara.govt.nz/en>

Local Libraries

Local libraries often have heritage collections or information about community matters, local history and people. Many library catalogues can be searched online.

To find a library: <https://natlib.govt.nz/directory-of-new-zealand-libraries/>

Other resources

A number of District Health Boards and Nursing Schools have some historical information on their websites and links to useful resources. Local museums and genealogy websites are also helpful research tools.

NZNO Library – www.nzno.org.nz/resources/library

Email: library@nzno.org.nz