

Reference Guide

Sports, Physical Education & Dance Sources at the Hocken Collections



Netball game, 1953. Netball Otago records, MS-3416/184, S11-509a, Archives 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 New Zealand sports, physical education and dance 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 pictures, photographs and archives and manuscripts, 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;

- some of the photographs from the Pictorial Collections are available for viewing online via Hocken Snapshot at <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. Some other photographs and artworks can be viewed at <https://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/>.

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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Sports – general

General sporting publications

There are many New Zealand sporting books and journals in our collection. The following subject headings from Library Search|Ketu should be useful in locating material relating to sports in general (for specific sports, see the section below):

- Athletes – New Zealand
- Coaching (Athletics) – New Zealand
- Maori (New Zealand people) – Sports
- Physical fitness – New Zealand
- Recreation – New Zealand
- Sports administration – New Zealand
- Sports facilities – New Zealand
- Sports for children – New Zealand
- Sports for people with disabilities – New Zealand
- Sports for women – New Zealand
- Sports – Law and legislation – New Zealand
- Sports medicine – New Zealand
- Sports – New Zealand [with numerous sub-headings]
- Sports records, New Zealand
- Sports sciences – New Zealand
- Sports – Social aspects – New Zealand

Our holdings include:

Greg Ryan and Geoff Watson, (2018). *Sport and the New Zealanders a history*. Auckland, New Zealand: Auckland University Press.

General sporting magazines and journals in our collection include:

New Zealand Sport Monthly (1992-2001)

New Zealand Sports Digest (1979-1980)

New Zealand Sportsman (1947-1958, with gaps)

Player (2001-2007)

Sports Digest (1949-1978, with gaps)

Star Sports (1946-1975, 1977, with gaps)

VO2 Max: the Limit of Human Performance (2005-2012, with gaps)

For others, try a subject search on Library Search|Ketu for

- Sports – New Zealand – Periodicals

If you are looking for material relating to specific events, you may also like to try our large collection of New Zealand newspapers.

General sporting archives

Most of our sporting archives relate to specific sports – see below for further details. Some more general organisations for whom we hold archives are **Sports Medicine New Zealand Inc.** [AG-916] and the **Otago Primary Schools' Sports Association** [96-205]. The archives of the **Caledonian Society of Otago** [ARC-0466] include material relating to their sports gatherings. There is also considerable material relating to sports (particularly photographs of sports teams) in our school records (we hold the archives of most state and some Catholic schools in Otago). See Hākena, the pictures, photographs, ephemera, archives and manuscripts catalogue, for details.

Olympic and Commonwealth Games

We have the archives of the 4th **British Commonwealth Paraplegic Games**, held in Dunedin in 1974 [98-010], though these are water damaged. There is other material relating to these games in the **N.R. Jefferson papers** [MS-1479].

We also have various publications relating to Olympic and Commonwealth Games. These include periodicals published by the New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association, which became the New Zealand Olympic Committee in the mid-1990s. Try a search on Library Search|Ketu under the heading *Olympics – Periodicals*. We also have their annual reports from 1994 onwards.

For publications relating to specific games (for example, the New Zealand Olympics Committee's publications profiling New Zealand team members), try a subject search for that specific meeting, for example:

- Olympic Games (27th: 2000: Sydney, N.S.W.)
- Commonwealth Games (16th: 1998: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

We have several books concerning the history of the games, and biographies of athletes, for example:

Joseph Romanos (2008). *Our Olympic century*. Wellington: Trio Books.

Margot Butcher (2010). *Golden girls: celebrating New Zealand's six female Olympic gold medallists*. Auckland: HarperSports.

John Clark (1998). *Athletes at the games: New Zealand track & field medal winners at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games*. Wellington: Athletics New Zealand.

Many of the best known Olympic and Commonwealth Games athletes are also the subject of individual biographies or autobiographies – try a search using the name of the athlete. If you cannot locate a book about a particular person, try searching for a magazine or newspaper article using an article database, such as Index New Zealand

<https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/index-new-zealand-innz>. For links to a wide variety of relevant databases, see the University of Otago Library Subject Guide for Physical Education, Sport & Exercise Sciences https://otago.libguides.com/physical_education.

The Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin 34, *Sydney or the bush?* (published 2000), includes further suggestions of material relating to the Olympics in our collections. This is available at https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/pdf/hoc_fr_bulletins/34_bulletin.pdf.

Specific sports

Archives

The Hocken has one of the largest collections of sporting archives in New Zealand. Although most of these archives relate to clubs and organisations in Otago, some are from further afield. For example, we hold the national archives of the **New Zealand Alpine Club** and the **New Zealand Bowling Association**. For some sports, we also hold archives of individual players. To find what we hold relating to a particular sport, try a subject search on Hākena. Sports we currently hold archives for are:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boating
- Bowls

- Boxing
- Cricket
- Croquet
- Curling
- Cycling
- Diving
- Dog racing
- Fencing
- Fishing
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Harness racing
- Hockey
- Horse racing
- Indoor bowls
- Life-saving
- Mountaineering
- Netball
- Rowing
- Rugby football
- Rugby League football
- Shooting
- Skiing
- Softball
- Squash
- Swimming
- Synchronized swimming
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Tramping
- Water polo
- Wrestling

- Yachting

The archives available for each of these sports vary – see Hākena for details. Some of our sporting archives are also listed in the Friends of the Hocken Collections Bulletin 24 (published 1998) – this is available at

https://www.otago.ac.nz/library/pdf/hoc_fr_bulletins/24_bulletin.pdf. To give some idea of the range of our holdings, here are further details of the archives we hold for a few sports:

Tramping and mountaineering

The **New Zealand Alpine Club** collection [ARC-0105] is very large. It dates from the late 1800s to recent years and includes administrative archives of the club's headquarters and of various branches, along with numerous papers and photographs donated by individual climbers. The records of **Women Climbing Inc.** [MS-3022] include a range of material relating to this network for women involved in climbing and other outdoor activities, dating from 1985 onwards. Local clubs for whom we hold archives include the **Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club** [ARC-0338] (a large collection dating from 1917 to recent years), and the **Otago University Tramping Club** (various collections from around 1940 onwards). We have a large collection of papers of **Mavis Davidson** [MS-2985], a well-known climber – many of these relate to her climbing and tramping activities. Among the other climbers and trampers we hold individual collections for are: **Harold Lowe** [ARC-0505], **Alexander Graham** [MS-3272], **D.O.W. Hall** [MS-0986], **Scott Gilkison** [MS-1062 and MS-1259], **A.P Harper** [MS-1087] and **Paul Powell** [MS-1976].

Rugby

We hold the archives of the **Otago Rugby Football Union** [AG-248] from 1882 through to 1980. These include minute books, clippings, annuals, and correspondence. The records of the **Otago Rugby Referees Association** [ARC-0331] date from 1917 to recent years and include various administrative records along with a significant collection of photographs and rugby law-books. We hold archives of several local clubs: **Green Island Rugby Football Club** [85-092], **Otokia Football Club** [Misc-MS-1962], **Port Chalmers Rugby Football Club** [83-182], **Ravensbourne Rugby Football Club** [MS-2492], **Taieri Rugby Football Club** [AG-248] and **University of Otago Rugby Inc.** [ARC-0196]. We have an album of clippings, photographs and ephemera relating to the overseas tour of the Maori team in 1926-1927, compiled by **W.T. Parata** [MS-1262]. The **Pilgrims South Press** collection [MS-3032] consists of material collected for a 1991 history of Otago rugby and includes around 300

photographs, along with taped interviews with various rugby identities. We hold various collections relating to controversies over All Black sporting contact with South Africa, including records of the **Citizens All Black Tour Association, Otago Branch** [85-022] and papers of **P.J. Sutton** [85-096] and **Ivor Powell** [02-075]. We also have papers of several rugby players, among them the All Blacks **Philippe Cabot** [ARC-0513], **Billy Stead** [MS-1205] and **Jack McNab** [ARC-0628].

Bowling

We hold the archives of the **New Zealand Bowling Association** [AG-256]. This very large collection dates from the early twentieth century to 1980 and includes annual reports, minutes, correspondence, membership registers, financial records, and publications. We also have a large collection of records of the **Dunedin Bowling Centre** [MS-1075], the Dunedin district's organising body for bowls. Individual clubs for whom we hold records include the **Balmacewan Bowling Club** [ARC-0529], **Caledonian Bowling Club** [ARC-0630], **Dunedin Bowling Club** [MS-1091], **Dunedin RSA Bowling Club** [83-162], **Forbury Park Bowling Club** [Misc-MS-0330], **Green Island Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club** [MS-1965], **Kaikorai Bowling Club** [AG-567], **Milton Bowling Club** [AG-028], **Mornington Bowling Club** [ARC-0337], **North East Valley Women's Bowling Club** [MS-2029], **Port Chalmers Bowling Club** [94-069], **Roslyn Bowling Club** [91-006], **Roslyn Women's Bowling Club** [86-009], **St Clair Bowling Club** [00-076], **St Kilda Bowling Club** [AG-109], and **St Kilda Women's Bowling Club** [AG-109].

Horse racing

The earliest club for whom we hold archives is the **Otago Racing Club** [AG-874], formerly known as the Otago Jockey Club and then the Dunedin Jockey Club. Dating from 1866 through to 1987, the records include minutes, financial records, lists of members and race books. Another early club was the **Tuapeka County Jockey Club** [MS-0368] – we have minutes dating from 1867 to 1873 and 1890 to 1909, along with some race books from the 1880s. We have a large collection of archives of the **Forbury Park Trotting Club** [AG-375], covering the period 1892 to 1995 (the club was originally known as the Tahuna Park Trotting Club). There is also miscellaneous material relating to racing in the papers of several individuals: see especially the papers of **Sir Joseph Heenan** [Misc-MS-0128], racing commentator **Robert McKenzie** [90-137] and **Frank Sherriff** [MS-2627]. For a transcript of

the proceedings of the 1970 **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Horse Racing, Trotting and Dog Racing**, see UN-106.

Publications

We have many books and periodicals relating to specific sports in New Zealand in our publications collection. Try a subject search on Library Search|Ketu for the sport which interests you. The approved subject headings for various sports are as listed above in the archives section. Additional sports we hold books or journals for include:

- Archery
- Automobile racing
- Endurance sports
- Horse sports
- Kite surfing
- Motorcycle racing
- Skateboarding
- Skating
- Snooker
- Surfing
- Volleyball
- Windsurfing

Items relating to the different sports vary, but often include biographies, histories, annuals, coaching manuals, rule books, magazines of national and regional organising bodies, programmes and video recordings of major games or tours. All items are individually catalogued on Library Search|Ketu.

Physical education

Archives

The papers of **Philip Smithells** [ARC-0494] are an important resource for anybody interested in the history of physical education in New Zealand. Smithells began his physical education career in England, before his 1939 appointment as Superintendent of Physical Education in New Zealand's Department of Education. From 1948 to 1974 he served as first director of the University of Otago School of Physical Education. Our large collection of his papers includes a wide array of material relating to physical education – see Hākena for details. We also have papers of **Bruce Ross** [MS-2669], a graduate and lecturer at the school, and Director from 1979 to 1981. For other material relating to the School of Physical Education, see the University of Otago's main administrative archives, the records of **Registry and Central Administration** [ARC-0018]. Physical education was a major concern of the Dunedin Teachers College, now the **University of Otago College of Education** – we have a large collection of their archives [ARC-0531].

For other material relating to physical education in our archives, try a subject search on Hākena for *Physical education and training*.

Publications

For books and other published material relating to physical education, try a subject search on Library Search|Ketu for *Physical education and training – New Zealand* or *Health education – New Zealand*. Among the relevant journals in our collection are:

Journal of Physical Education New Zealand (1993-2005)

New Zealand Journal of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (1967-1993)

New Zealand Journal of Physical Education (1953-1967)

New Zealand Physical Educator (2007-2013)

Dance

Archives

We have several archives collections relating to dance. Try a subject search on Hākena for *Dance*. There is a significant amount of relevant material in the papers of **Philip Smithells** [ARC-0494], first director of the School of Physical Education. The **Alison Crawford** collection [MS-2996] consists of photographs and programmes of the New Dance Group founded by the Smithells. Another important and large collection is the papers of **Lily Stevens** [MS-2808], a highly influential Otago and Southland classical ballet teacher.

Other collections of interest are the records of the **Burns Scottish Country Dance Club** [MS-1367], **New Zealand Academy of Highland and National Dancing** [MS-1974], **New Zealand Morris Dancers** [various collections], **Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand** [ARC-0052 and ARC-0186], **Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society, New Zealand Branch, Otago Region** [95-043], **Waggon Wheel Square and Round Dance Club** [ARC-0453] and **Waitahuna Scottish Country Dance Society** [MS-2516]. The papers of **Walter Sinton** [ARC-0426], relating to entertainment in Dunedin, include some dance programmes.

Publications

We have numerous publications, including videorecordings, relating to dance in New Zealand. Try a search on Library Search|Ketu using the following headings:

- Ballet – New Zealand
- Dance – New Zealand
- Modern dance – New Zealand
- Folk dancing, Scottish – New Zealand
- Dance companies – New Zealand
- Dance – Study and teaching – New Zealand
- Maori (New Zealand people) – Dances

Our holdings include:

Turid Revfeim, Madeleine Collinge, Stephen A'Court, New Zealand School of Dance (2017). *New Zealand School of Dance: 50 years, 1967 – 2017*. Wellington: New Zealand School of Dance.

Among the dance periodicals in our collection are:

Dance News (1977-2007, with gaps)

DANZ (1996-2003)

DANZ Bulletin (1994-1995)

DANZnet (2004-2005)

DANZ Quarterly (2005-)

Folk Dance New Zealand Newsletter (1999-2002)

Folkdancers' Own (2003-)

Kiwi: National Magazine for Square/Round Dancers and Cloggers of New Zealand (1990-2003, with gaps)

New Zealand Association of Dance Teachers Tidings (2001-2007)

Pointe (1973-1986, with gaps)

Scotia Pacific (Piping and Dancing Association of NZ, 1994-)

Southern Ballet News (1977-1978)

Spin: for Primary and Secondary Teachers of Dance (2003-2004)

Ephemera and Posters

The ephemera collection includes programmes, flyers, and posters for a variety of sports and sports-related events, as well as dance performances, in Otago, but mostly Dunedin. Listing of the ephemera collection has just begun on Hākena; please ask the desk staff for assistance.

Pictorial collections

Many of the sports, physical education and dance archives noted above include photographs – see Hākena for details of what each collection includes.

There are also many photographs of interest in our photographs collection (upstairs). Some of these can be browsed or searched online at Hocken Snapshot <https://hocken.recollect.co.nz/>. Try a search under a specific sport or a specific club, for example *Dunedin Cycling Club* or *Cyclists and Cycling*.

Some of the pictorial sections of the *Otago Witness* and *Auckland Weekly News* are available for browsing in the pictorial reference area – these have numerous photographs for the early decades of the twentieth century and are particularly strong for sports. Try a search of Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/> for digitised newspapers.

For other photographs, try a search on Hākena. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to consult the photographs collection.

Relevant highlights of the photograph collection are:

Prime Minister's Department photographs (Box-184) of the University of Otago Physical Education Department in 1949.

George Thorn collection of 35mm slides (P1994-006/2) which include photographs of 1960 Olympic Games in Rome and 1964 Games in Tokyo when Thorn was a rowing team official and coach.

Albums 600 (P2009-003/1) and 601 (P2009-003/2) include photographs of decathlon events in Otago during the 1940s and 50s.

Album 606 (P2010-023) belonged to Hilda Henderson, a pupil at Otago Girls High School in the 1930s. This includes netball and other sporting photographs. Sport was big at this school - for more evidence see the *Otago Witness* of 1905.

For other artworks, please search Hākena. Please talk to desk staff if you wish to consult the pictorial collections.

Websites

The **Dance Aotearoa New Zealand** website has a wide range of material relating to dance:

<https://danz.org.nz/>

The **New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame** website has information on prominent sports people: <https://www.nzhalloffame.co.nz/>

Te Ara The Encyclopedia of New Zealand includes an extensive section related to sport:

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/daily-life-sport-and-recreation> and the performing arts:

<https://teara.govt.nz/en/performing-arts>

The **New Zealand History** website has a section on Sport:

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/sport>

The **Centre for Recreation Research** is housed in the University of Otago Department of Tourism and aims to establish a long-term research programme to develop theoretical and practical knowledge about commercial and non-commercial recreation developments in rural, urban and natural areas, both in New Zealand and overseas:

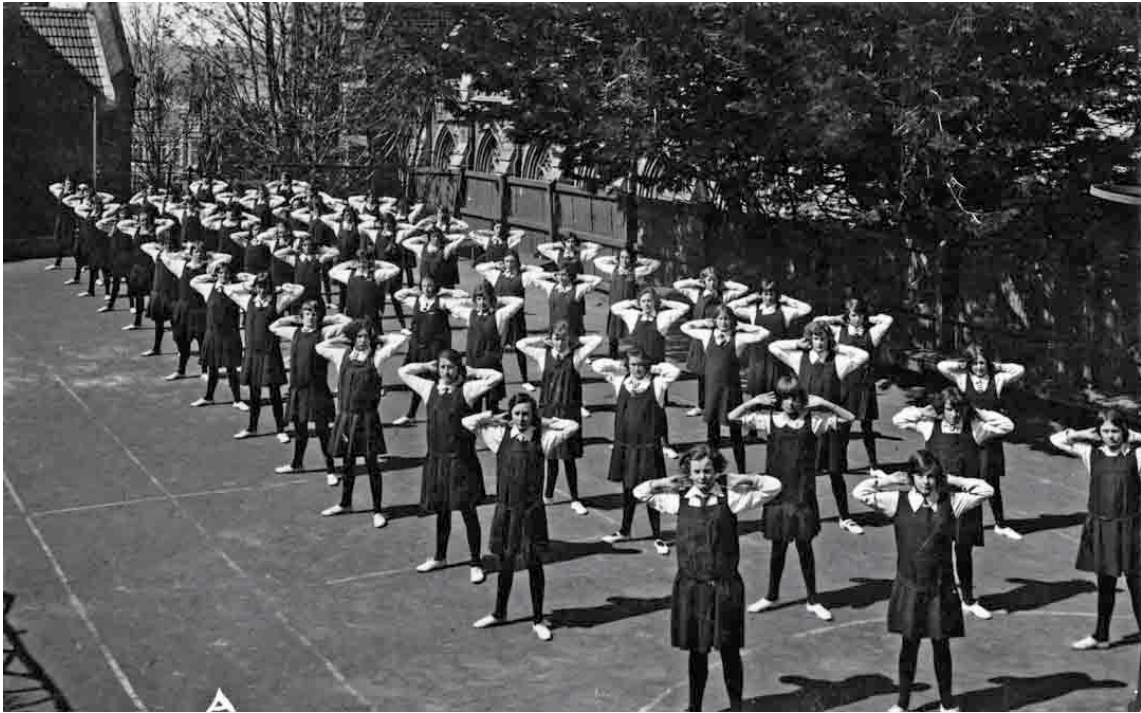
<http://www.crr.otago.ac.nz/>

Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa is a Crown entity responsible for governing sport and recreation in New Zealand: <https://sportnz.org.nz>

Sport and Recreation Research Library brings together in one repository New Zealand-based sport and recreation research projects – underway and completed:

<https://www.srknowledge.org.nz/>

The **New Zealand Alpine Club** website includes the New Zealand Alpine Journal Archive that is browsable and searchable - <https://www.nzaj-archive.nz/#/>



Physical education at St Dominic's College, Dunedin. c.1940. St Dominic's College records, MS-3322/001, S11-509b, Archives Collection.

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