Welcome to the Hocken Collections

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 music 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://goo.gl/HVNTqH](https://goo.gl/HVNTqH) 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](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](https://hakena.otago.ac.nz)
  The Hākena Search Help Guide [https://otago.libguides.com/hakena](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 Snapshop at https://hocken.recollect.co.nz. Some other photographs and artworks can be viewed at http://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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The published Hocken music collections encompass approximately 19,000 recorded items, as well as sheet music, books and periodicals. Our archives also include musical recordings on various formats, and related documents; from the records of musical groups, to the musical output of local (and locally-based) composers.

We have playback equipment available to hear material on 78rpm disc, LP and 45rpm discs, cassettes and CD, as well as to view DVD and videocassettes. For any requests on cassette and videocassette, we require 24 hours’ notice, as the tapes require acclimatisation.

Collecting music at the Hocken started in earnest in 1977, though some recorded material (mostly New Zealand contemporary classical) and sheet music was acquired earlier. The goal was to collect all genres of music performed, or created, by New Zealand and Pacific musicians, and in the early 1980s this extended to collecting earlier material, sheet music, and music related books and periodicals, ephemera, and posters. Our collections continue to grow through purchases and donations, and are broad in range of artists, and genres.

All published music and related publications are searchable through Library Search|Ketu. Try a subject search using these terms:

- Sheep-shearing – New Zealand - songs and music
- Rock music – New Zealand – Dunedin
- Music – Polynesia – New Zealand
- Songs, Maori – New Zealand – texts
- Musical instruments – New Zealand

Material from Dunedin can be found by searching under artist or band name, recording title, or through title and author fields. Try a simple search, using the phrases

- “Dunedin Sound”
- Dunedin music
Results will list material in all libraries, and can be refined to only material held at Hocken by selecting ‘Hocken’ under the left hand column ‘Library’ field. Refine results further by type, where formats, including Audio Visual material, books, and periodicals, can be selected.

**Recorded Music: formats**

The music collections in the Hocken are spread over various mechanical, magnetic, and optical formats, both audio and visual.

Mechanical: we have material on mechanical formats such as 78rpm disc (shellac and vinyl), 12”, 10”, 8” and 7” vinyl, as well as examples of 16” transcription discs. 16” transcription discs cannot be played, as we do not have playback equipment for this format.

Magnetic: our magnetic formats are cassette, videocassette and reel-to-reel tape (though we do not have playback equipment for this format).

Optical: we also have optical formats, such as CDs (including CD-Rs and CD-RWs), and DVDs (including DVD-R and DVD-RW).

All sound recordings are available to find via Library Search|Ketu, by searching for the album, or song, title, or by searching the artist or band name (in the author field).

**Recorded music: genres**

The Hocken holds all genres of New Zealand and Pacific music, including seminal releases by major artists and labels. These genres include:

- Alternative/Indie rock
- Ambient/Sonic/Drone
- Avant-garde
- Christian
- Classical/Contemporary Classical/Chamber music
Spoken word recordings include works of poetry put to music, language guides, Maori and Polynesian mythology, radio broadcasts, interviews, and stories for children.

Our earliest recording is ‘Maiden of Morven’ by Wellington-born baritone John Prouse, recorded in London in 1905. We also hold the first local recordings, by Ana Hato and Dean Waretini, recorded in 1927 in Rotorua for the Duke and Duchess of York’s visit. We also have a large collection of TANZA (To Assist New Zealand Artists) recordings. TANZA was New Zealand’s first record label, and music recorded for the label covers a wide range of local genres and artists. Hocken’s music holdings also include a significant collection of Kiwi, Iwi, and Indie hit discs (retitled New Music since 2015), monthly compilations which collect NZ-on-Air funded music.
Well-known titles in the Hocken recorded music collection include


Hocken Collections has an increasing number of music-related DVDs: live performances, video clips, documentaries and film, all of which can be issued for viewing.

**Dunedin Sounds**

As Hocken Collections is based in the home of the internationally renowned ‘Dunedin Sound’ sub-genre, we have significant collections of related materials, with recordings by The Chills, The Clean, The Sneaky Feelings, The Verlaines, The Bats, Robert Scott, Straitjacket Fits and many others. We also hold a substantial number of unreleased live recordings of the bands and solo artists from this era. Key works include:


Intertwined with the ‘Dunedin Sound’ scene was the Flying Nun label, and Hocken Collections also has a large number of recordings from wider New Zealand artists on that label, including seminal recordings by The Skeptics, Headless Chickens, This Kind of Punishment, Bailterspace, Able Tasmans, Tall Dwarfs, JPS Experience, The Dead C, and the Terminals, among many others.

Music from Dunedin is not only represented by the ‘Dunedin Sound’. Hocken holds a substantial amount of recordings by Dunedin-based or Dunedin-originated musicians, and we also collect works from local record labels such as Fishrider Records, Ltl’ Paisly, Root Don Lonie for Cash, and Trace Untrace, as well as those based throughout New Zealand that represent Dunedin musicians, such as Epic Sweep Records. Contemporary musicians Anthony Ritchie, and John Egenes, jazz-rock fusion artist Ian Chapman, and
international operatic vocalists Patricia Payne, Jonathan Lemalu and Anna Leese are represented in our recordings too.

**Maori and Pacific music**

The Maori and Pacific music (and spoken word) recordings within our collections cover material from the first recordings in 1927 of Ana Hato and Deane Waretini, the Maori showbands of the 1960s, the latest Te Reo and Pasifika languages-only releases, and works by internationally renowned artists Moana and the Tribe, Inia Te Wiata, Te Vaka, and Jonathan Lemalu. We also have a growing number of recordings of taonga pūoro (traditional Maori instruments). Recordings and published material can be found on Library Search|Ketu, via a title search, or try a subject search

- Maori (New Zealand People) -- Music
- Maori (New Zealand people) -- Music -- sound recordings

Archival collections of Maori and Pacific music can be located on Hākena, using the keywords, “music”, and “Maori”, or “Pacific”.

In the published spoken word recordings we have (among others):


Our Maori and Pacific music holdings include:


We have a number of Maori and Pacific music publications, covering various aspects of waiata, chant, and song, including:


Paul Peritas (1925). *Hinemoa: The leap-year pantomime: A story of the good old times, when the girls made love to the boys, with a mime on the war--the Suffragette war, patriotic, pictorial, and Polynesian*. Melbourne: Tytherleigh Press.

Within Hocken’s archives, there is a significant collection of Maori and Pacific musical recordings and research, donated by Dr Mervyn McLean. These can be requested on Hākena.

**Mervyn McLean: collection (1949-2008) (ARC-0613)**

Dr Mervyn McLean was formerly Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology at the University of Auckland, and the founding Head of the Archive of Maori and Pacific Music. His collection includes a large number of original recordings of Maori and
Cook Island music. Published catalogues, published and manuscript copies of many song texts, copies of McLean’s own MA and PhD theses, and a card index to first lines of published waiata are also included within the collection.

**Publications: Monographs**

Hocken holds a large selection of music-related books and publications covering a broad range of genres and artists; from opera to avant-pop; from Douglas Lilburn to Lorde, and various forms of Maori and Pacific music. These include biographies, historiographies, histories, discographies, bibliographies, genre guides and investigations, catalogues, popular music chart lists, and canonical lists. All are available to search through Library Search|Ketu by title, or author. Some well-known titles include:


We have an ever-growing collection of music books dedicated to the various music scenes and communities in Dunedin. These include:


Margaret Campbell (1945). *Music in Dunedin: an historical account of Dunedin’s musicians and musical societies from the founding of the province in 1848*. Dunedin: Charles Begg and Co.


All New Zealand music publications can be located on Library Search|Ketu. To browse the items for a particular artist, search the name of a musician through the author field of the advanced search or in the simple search. Titles can be located in both the simple and advanced search options.
Publications: Theses

Hocken Collections holds some postgraduate research from the University of Otago relating to New Zealand music. The range of subjects is broad, covering many genres and topics. Notable titles include:


Print theses are available to use in the library. To search for music-related theses on Library Search | Ketu, try a subject search using ‘New Zealand music’, and then refine to theses.
Publications: Serials

To complement our music monographs, we also hold a varied selection of serials (journals, magazines, ‘zines, reports) on all facets and genres of New Zealand and Pacific music, with the earliest title dating back to 1893. These can be located in Library Search | Ketu through a title search, or a subject search where the search is limited to journals only. Our journal and magazine titles include:

*APRA journal* (1969-81)

*Canzona: Composer’s Association of New Zealand, Inc.* (1979-90)

*Composer* (1958-1976)

*Early music New Zealand* (1985-87)

*Jukebox* (1946)

*Kreshendo: NZ’s only metal mag* (1983-85)


*Music in New Zealand: An independent journal* (1931-37)

*NZ musician* (1990- ) [https://nzmusician.co.nz/](https://nzmusician.co.nz/)

*Perfect beat* (1992-); recent issues can be viewed online at [https://bit.ly/2srzoN9](https://bit.ly/2srzoN9) and some issues are available as an e-journal (access in the library for University of Otago staff and students only)

*Pop score: New Zealand’s monthly pop magazine* (1977-78)

*Rip it up* (1977- )

*Te ara puoro = Maori musical creativity* (1999-2001)

*Third stream* (1968)
The music serials and periodicals collection also includes reports, published minutes and newsletters of local music-related societies, groups, and clubs. Also, try the Papers Past website [https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/] for locating historical information about performances, composers, and musical artists in New Zealand newspapers. Index New Zealand [https://goo.gl/pPJ8da] offers the ability to search for article titles and descriptions relating to music (and countless other subjects) from over 1000 New Zealand periodicals and newspapers dating from the 1950s.

**Publications: Sheet music**

We have over 2,500 music sheets at Hocken Collections, ranging from early (rare) copies (first British edition, and first local editions) of *God defend New Zealand*, to the latest works by John Psathas, Gareth Farr, and other national and local composers, including the University of Otago’s Mozart fellows.

We are extremely fortunate to have in our collection one of the two known copies of New Zealand’s “alternative” national anthem, *All hail! Zealanda* by Robert Crosbie, which dates back to 1885, while our earliest music sheet is *The whalers of the deep deep Sea* by Te Heu Heu, from 1857. We have a large number of scores by the significant figures in New Zealand contemporary music, including Douglas Lilburn, David Farquhar, Larry Pruden, Jack Body, and Anthony Ritchie, and a substantial collection of well-known folk and popular songs from throughout the country. Some of these titles are included in Alistair Gilkison’s catalogue of sheet music *Archive of New Zealand sheet music*, which is also located in our holdings.

Hocken’s sheet music holdings also include war songs from the Boer War, and both the first and second world wars. We have digitised many of our World War I era music sheets, and these can be viewed via OUR Heritage at [http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/collections/show/60](http://otago.ourheritage.ac.nz/collections/show/60). Our sheet music holdings include:


We also hold copies of educational music books, including:


All sheet music can be located on Library Search | Ketu. Search for author or composer in the advanced search field. To locate sheet music in Hocken Collections, refine the search results to the ‘score’ type, and ‘Hocken’ in the Library tab.

Clare Gleeson used some of Hocken’s bound sheet music volumes for her 2018 PhD thesis *Owner Bound Music: a study of popular sheet music selling and music making in the New Zealand home 1840–1940*. The thesis examines the cultural and commercial value of music sellers and music owners. This is available through Victoria University’s research archive http://researcharchive.vuw.ac.nz/handle/10063/8049

**Archives**

Hocken’s archives contain mostly paper documents, records, and photographic images from individuals, groups, associations, companies, and societies. The music-related archives kept here include some set-lists and lyrics, meeting minutes, financial records, membership lists, newsletters, historical notes, certificates and awards, concert programmes, scores, photographs, and scrapbooks/albums. While we have a large number of records pertaining to companies, groups, associations, and societies, we also have a large number of records relating to music publishers, teachers, musicians, and composers. They include:

**Ken Avery: Where are the camels? A dance band diary (1940s-1980s) [Misc-MS-1053]**

Ken Avery was a jazz musician, forming the River Club Jazz group in Christchurch before working at the NZBS as the transcriptions manager. As a jazz musician, Avery was a songwriter, bandleader and musician (he wrote the song ‘Paekakariki’), and was featured on many important local recordings – Avery and his band were Johnny Cooper’s backing band for his version of ‘Rock around the clock’. Avery’s diary is a biographical history of New Zealand jazz and dance bands.

**Eileen Cameron Broadley: Papers relating to her musical career [Misc-MS-1033]**

Eileen Cameron Broadley was a musician and composer, based in Otago. Her papers include scores, correspondence and photographs.
Clive Marie Cornford: Papers relating to F.L. Jones and the Jones family [ARC-0600]

Clive Marie Cornford was the daughter of Dunedin photographer and singer Francis Lawrence Jones. The collection includes artworks, programmes, papers and scrapbooks. Scrapbooks include programmes of concerts that F.L. Jones performed in, or was part of the organisation committee.

Peter Dawson: Photographs and tapes (c.1920s-1940s) [82-111]

Peter Dawson was a New Zealand singer, composer, and broadcaster. His collection contains photographs, clippings and reel-to-reel tapes of music. Hocken holds related collections (84-048) of Sinton’s sheet music.


Alastair Galbraith is a local musician and performer, and a member of local bands The Rip and Plagal Grind, and established the Chippendale House Collective in 1983. This collection includes promotional material and documentation.

Douglas Gordon Lilburn: Papers [ARC-0521]

Douglas Lilburn is a towering figure in New Zealand contemporary music. Hocken’s Lilburn collection includes music scores, and a typeset poem by Charles Brasch. Correspondence from Lilburn is also found within other collections in Hocken’s archives.

David MacDonald: Material related to The Titans (c.1964-1968) [MS-4760]

The Titans were a local Dunedin band from the 1960s, managed by David MacDonald. This collection contains recordings on reel-to-reel tape, photographs, programmes, and a large collection of concert posters (including one promoting them as ‘Dunedin’s No. 1 band.’) A scrapbook with clippings and business cards is also included.
Anthony Ritchie: Music scores [99-053]
Professor Anthony Richie is a composer and academic in the Music Department at University of Otago. His collection includes scores of music written throughout his career. Please note this collection requires Prof. Ritchie’s permission to view it.

Walter James Sinton: Papers [ARC-0426]
Walter Sinton worked at Beggs music as a salesman, before ultimately purchasing the Dunedin branch in 1971. Sinton was also a musician, performing with Margaret Gardiner. Sinton’s papers include articles, diaries, minute books and photographs.

Maurice Till: Papers (1933-2010) [MS-4204]
Maurice Till was a concert pianist, and music teacher, who performed both in New Zealand, and internationally. This collection includes, sound recordings, ephemera, correspondence, programmes, scrapbooks, and diaries.

In 2009, Ruth Wylie donated the original manuscript score and text of a new song for the University of Otago, written by James K. Baxter and Douglas Lilburn, as a potential replacement for the existing University song. This item also includes a related newspaper clipping.

Xpressway: Records of a Dunedin independent record label (1988-1993) [94-156]
Xpressway Records was an independent record label founded by Bruce Russell, based in Port Chalmers between 1988 and 1993. This collection includes correspondence, photographs, programmes, and promotional material. Accompanying collections of posters and live recordings (on cassette) were transferred (respectively) to the posters and published music collections.

We also have Dr. David Murray’s research papers, and manuscripts of Rafaello Squarise (ARC-0573), an Italian-born composer and violinist who lived and worked in Dunedin at the turn of the 20th century.
Groups and associations whose papers reside in the Hocken collections include:

**The Dunedin Philharmonic Society: Records (1904-1912) [MS-1012]**
The Dunedin Philharmonic Society was an amateur orchestral society, established in 1904 by founding conductor Rafaello Squarise. These records include the society’s constitution and rules, financial records, concert programmes, and notebooks.

**Otago University Folk Music Club: Files (1966-1978) [AG-047]**
The Otago University Folk Music Club files include address books, newsletters, correspondence and minutes. A related collection (84-054) includes reel-to-reel tapes of their performances.

**Dunedin Civic Orchestra Inc: Records (1955-2006) [ARC-0593]**
The Dunedin Civic Orchestra was formed in 1965, and later became known as The Southern Sinfonia in 2000. The records include concert posters and programmes, correspondence, minutes, and reports.

**Society of Women Musicians of Otago Inc.: Records (1925-2001) [ARC-0184]**
This collection provides a view into women making music in Otago. The society dates back to 1925, and the collection includes minute books, reports, membership records, correspondence, and concert programmes.

All archives material is searchable on Häkena. A ‘keyword’ search of ‘music’ will retrieve a large number of music-related material in pictures, photographs, and archives, which can be filtered down by clicking on the ‘archives’ radio button on the left hand side of the screen. Alternately, a ‘name’ search will take you directly to the collection of the person/institution for whom you are searching. **Please note that some archives collections are restricted, and cannot be accessed without prior permission.**
Music ephemera

Our wider ephemera collection dates back to late 19th Century, and contains items that represent everyday life in New Zealand. Music ephemera includes, but is not limited to, tickets, concert programmes, badges, stickers and similar items relating to music from Otago. The ephemera collection is not yet listed on any online catalogue so please ask at the reference desk for assistance.

Music files

Our music collections are supplemented by music files, clippings from newspaper and magazine articles, features and columns. Most of these files are from 1970s to 1990s and they are arranged and grouped together by artist, label, institution or scene. The music files are not catalogued on Library Search | Ketu, or Hākena, but are listed on a spreadsheet, and are available to use – please ask at the Reference Desk to view files.

Pictorial Collections: Pictures

Hocken Collections has over 17,000 works of art, including a number depicting musicians, or music. These can be located by using a keyword search in Hākena, using the terms “music”, or “musicians”. Alternately, if you know a particular title, or artist name, you can search using those terms. Some examples of music-related pictures at Hocken include:

- W.H. Allen. *Elena in her 1920s wedding gown.* (08/206)
- David A. Hutton. *Still life, music.* (A634)
- Jeffrey Harris. *Musicians.* (94/18)
- Joanna Margaret Paul. *Musicians.* (73/244)
Pictorial Collections: Photographs

A large number of photographic images relating to music are held in archives, as part of various archival collections. However, in Pictorial Collections (upstairs), we also hold a significant collection of photographs and photographic albums. There are many images referring to New Zealand and local music, and some examples are:

- R.W. Coulter. *Photographs of Beggs music groups.* (P90-012)
- C. Garlick. *Material relating to New Zealand ‘pop’ groups.* (P88-013/1)
- Unknown. *Prints relating to Dunedin music groups.* (P99-031/1; P99-031/2)

Search for holdings on Hākena. Some photographs are viewable on the Hocken Snapshop [https://hocken.recollect.co.nz](https://hocken.recollect.co.nz) – try the folder “Music & Musicians”.

Posters

Hocken holds a substantial selection of music posters dating back to the 19th century, advertising local concerts and gigs, and album/EP and single releases. General posters for various genres and artists are also part of the collection. Most of the music posters date from the 1980s onwards. The posters collection is uncatalogued, but is arranged into categories, including:

- Artist name
- Dunedin Sound
- Music festivals
- Classical music

The posters collection is not yet listed on any online catalogue so please ask at the reference desk for assistance.
Websites

Archives New Zealand information sheet: https://archives.govt.nz/resources/research-resources/info-sheets This information sheet provides a guide to the music-related sources at Archives New Zealand, including copyright records, records relating to the National Orchestra, and music as part of the War Archives.

Archive of Maori and Pacific music. https://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/ampm/ Based at The University of Auckland library, the Archive of Maori and Pacific music comprises an ethnographic sound collection relating to the Pacific of national and international significance.

Audioculture. https://www.audioculture.co.nz Audioculture is the self-described ‘noisy library of New Zealand music’. The site provides biographical and historical information on bands, solo artists, genres, scenes, and venues; it aims to provide a history of New Zealand music. Links to music videos and streamed songs are provided.

Douglas Lilburn. www.douglaslilburn.org/ Douglas Lilburn’s official website includes material on his life and works, and provides information on the Lilburn Trust, which awards excellence in composition and performance, and provides grants for projects.

Fishrider Records. www.fishriderrecords.com/ Dunedin label Fishrider Records releases local music of what they call “underground psych-pop.” Many bands on Fishrider have been compared to those on Flying Nun, and have had positive international press.


New Zealand folk song. www.folksong.org.nz/ The folk song website collects traditional folk songs from all over New Zealand, and makes them searchable. The site provides lyrics, and videos of song performances.
Sounz Centre for New Zealand Composers. https://www.sounz.org.nz/ Sounz is an information centre founded to promote New Zealand contemporary music.