



**A Guide to
Records Held at
Feilding & Districts Community Archive**

Introduction

The **Feilding & Districts Community Archive** aims to preserve and store the history of our area. The Archive contains material from many local clubs and organisations, both current and defunct, providing a wonderful insight into our District's past. There are also significant personal collections containing documents and photographs depicting local history.

This booklet outlines the scope of records held at the Archive. Researchers are welcome to contact the community archive for further assistance. Charges may apply.

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BUSINESSES

Alfred Eade & Sons Funeral Directors
Barraud, Abraham
BNZ
Carthew & Sons
Cornishes
E.B. Cook Grocer
Feilding Chamber of Commerce
Feilding Gas Co
Feilding Jockey Club
Feilding Taxis
Feilding Traders Assn
Frank Mason & Sons
Hackney Carriage Licence – Harold Fraser
Haggitt & Elliott – Solicitors
Hannah's Shoe Shop
John Cobbe & Co
John Graham Solicitor
Manawatu Oroua Electric Power Board
Mountfort Surveyor
N.Z. Farmers Co-op
NZ Loan Merchantile Agency - Feilding Branch
Pat Mason, florist
Sandilands & Elliott
White Family – brick and pipe works
Wrightson's Ltd - Feilding

CHURCHES

Feilding Church of Christ
Kiwitea Parochial District
Marist Novitiate (Highden)
Parish of the Oroua
Salvation Army
St Brigids, Catholic Church
St John's Anglican Church

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Apiti Young Farmers Club
Aratiaki Girl Guides
Birthright Feilding Inc
Caledonian Society
Feilding & Districts Anti Litter League
Feilding Antique Club
Feilding Army, Navy & air Force club
Feilding Art Guild
Feilding Beautifying Soc
Feilding Contact Bridge Club
Feilding Caledonian Pipe Band
Feilding Club
Feilding Community Centre
Feilding Country Girls Club
Feilding Country Music Club
Feilding District Floral Art Club
Feilding Girl Guides
Feilding & District Historical Society
Feilding IA&P Association
Feilding Jockey Club
Feilding Kowhai Lions Club
Feilding Little Theatre Players
Feilding Operatic Society
Feilding Plunket Society
Feilding Kowhai Lions
Feilding Kowhai Patchwork & Quilters Club
Feilding & Districts Patriotic Soc
Feilding Recreation Centre
Feilding Save the Children
Feilding & Districts Scout Assn
Feilding Scout Hall rebuild
Feilding Unemployed Support Centre
Feilding Young Farmers
Girl Guides
Halcombe Country Girls Club
Halcombe Young Farmers Club
J Force
Keep Feilding Beautiful Society
Kimbolton RSA
Kiwitea Ladies Guild
Kiwitea Parochial District
Manchester Rifles Volunteers

Manawatu Community Arts Council
Manawatu Herb Society
Manawatu Vintage Machinery Club
NZSG Feilding Branch
Oroua Boys & Girls Agricultural Club
Oroua Club
Rangitikei Club
Sanson Ohakea RSA
Southern District Model Aeroplane Assn
Taikorea Bowling Club
Takatu Scotus
Volunteer Fire Brigade
Women's Division Federated Farmers Feilding
Women's Division Federation Farmers, Sanson-Ohakea, Cheltenham.

COUNCIL

Apiti Domain Board/Reserves Board
Apiti Museum
Area Centennial ceremonies
Bunnythorpe Hall
Correspondence – 'From One Generation to Another'
District Nurse Fund, Health Care, Plunket
Earthquake
Feilding Borough Centennial 1981
Feilding Post & Telegraph women
Feilding Promotions
Flood
Halcombe community
Kiwitea Road Board
Manawatu District Council electoral roll
Manawatu County Council
Manchester Block 50th Jubilee 1924
Manchester Block Centennial 1974
Manchester Road Board
Medallion, Feilding Centennial 1881 – 1991
Ranfurly Hospital
Rewa photos
Rongotea Community Hall
Waituna West Hall

FEILDING NEWSPAPERS COLLECTION

Central Districts Farmer 1993 - 2016

Feilding Star 1882 – 1926

Feilding Star 1926 - 1932

Feilding Herald 1958 – 2017

Feilding & Rangitikei Herald 2017 – up to present day

Manawatu Farmer

Rongotea Times

Cuttings

Feilding Herald cuttings 2009 – 2010

Feilding Herald – incomplete editions 1999 – 2004 – Athol Churcher

Newspaper Cuttings – Mavis Cotton

Scrapbooks

Cuttings 1936 – 1950

Feilding Star

Feilding Express

Feilding Herald

LODGES

Feilding Lodge- Framed images

Kimbolton Lodge

Manchester Lodge

Rongotea Lodge

Rose Croix Lodge

Sanson Anchor Lodge

MANAWATU POLICE

Ashhurst

Bulls

Eketahuna

Feilding

Foxton

Highbury

Kimbolton

Levin

Otaki

Pahiatua

Pongoroa

Manawatu Police continued

Rongotea

Shannon

Woodville

Palmerston North – 1887-1919

Palmerston North – 1920 – 1949

Palmerston North – 1950 -1979

Palmerston North – 1980 – 1999

Cuba Street

Highbury

Hokowhitu

Terrace End

CIB

District commanders

Dog section

Miscellaneous x 2

Palmerston North courthouse

Policemen

Policewomen

Transport department

PEOPLE [just a sample selection]

Brandon Hall Estate

Ralph Cleland – art collection

Eade Funeral notices collection

Paul Legg – photographic collection

W. T. London

Ena Hannah Lucy Mason

Frank, Marion

Power Family

Pukehou Estate

Sandilands

Pearl, Scott

Svend Svendsen

Archibald Williamson –stock & rent book

SCHOOLS & PLAYCENTRES OF MANAWATU DISTRICT

There are records deposited of the following schools at FDCA. Some collections are incomplete. Schools with an asterisk showing have copies of school registers or pupil lists.

Apiti School
Apiti District High*
Ashhurst School
Awahou School
Awahou North School*
Awahuri School*
Bainesse School
Beaconsfield School*
Bluff Road School
Bunnythorpe School
Campbell Street School
Cheltenham School
Community Adult Education
Dunolly School
Emily Goodbehere's Private School
Feilding Agricultural High School*
Feilding District High School
Feilding Intermediate School
Feilding Technical School
Glen Oroua School
Halcombe School
Hato Paoera High School
Kakariki School
Kimbolton School
Kiwitea School
Komako School
Kopane School
Lytton Street School *
Manchester Street School *
Makino School
Makino Road School
Makowhai School
Mangamarie School

Mt Biggs School
Newbury School
North Street School
Ohingaiti School
Pakihikura School
Pohangina School
Rangiotu School*
Rangiwahia School*
Rongotea School
Ruahine School
St Joseph's Catholic School*
Sanson School *
Stanway School
Taonui School
Taikorera School
Taupuae School
Te Arakura School
Tokorangi School
Valley Road School
Waituna West School
Whakaronga School

Playcentres

Apiti Playcentre
Kiwitea Playcentre
Sanson
Kimbolton

SPORTS CLUBS

Apiti Golf club
Beaconsfield Indoor Bowls, Cribbage
Bridlewise Club
Cheltenham/Kiwitea Sport Club
Civic Badminton Club
Kimbolton Tennis Clun
Feilding Badminton club
Feilding Bowling Club
Feilding Croquet
Feilding Golf Club
Feilding Hockey
Feilding Jockey Club
Feilding Lawn Tennis
Feilding Miniature Rifle Club
Feilding Moa Harriers
Feilding Pony Club
Feilding Summit Skis
Halcombe Combined Women/Ladies Golf Club
Hui-Mai Football Club
Kimbolton Golf Club
Kimbolton Tennis Club
New Zealand Pony Club
Oroua Badminton Assoc
Oroua Bowling Club
Oroua Indoor & Outdoor Bowling Club
Oroua Rugby Club
Oroua Table Tennis Assn
Palmerston North Tramping Club
Rewa Rugby Club
Rongotea Football Club
Sanson Cricket
Stanway Tennis Club
Summit Skiers
Tapuae Gold Club
Te Kauwau Bowling
Te Kauwau Football Club
Te Kauwau Rugby Football
Te Kauwau Women's Bowling club

WAR

Beaconsfield War Memorial Hall Committee
Cheltenham Patriotic Committee
Feilding Army, Navy & Air Force Club
Feilding Patriotic Committee
Feilding & Districts Patriotic Society
Feilding RSA
Kimbolton RSA
J Force
Oroua Downs Home Guard
Sansons-Ohakea RSA
Sansons-Feilding, Boer War miscellaneous records
WW2 Servicemen 1939 – 1945
WW2 Servicemen – Home Guard

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Awahuri
Bulls
Cheltenham
Colyton
Halcombe
Kakariki
Kimbolton
Makino
Marton Junction

Oroua Federation
Rongotea
Stanway
Taonui
Umutoi
Utuwai
Waiata
Waituna West

ARCHIVE RESEARCH LIBRARY

The library is stored in categories. Primary items are in the archive while secondary copies are available for use in the library of the research room. Categories include:

Business & Organisations
Churches
CHM magazines
Families
Farm Machinery Manuals
Feilding Agricultural High School Sheaf
Flock books
Herd books, Agricultural Food Crops & Animal Health

General
John Deere Collection
Local Towns & Districts
Magazines – farming related
NZ Journal of Agriculture
Ray Carter Police Collection
Schools

PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTIONS

Feilding Agricultural High School

The Old Pupils' Association of the local high school has donated much of the history of the school that opened in 1922. The first principal, L J Wild, wrote many published agricultural articles. His vision was to encourage farming families to send their children to board at the school hostel. He instigated a model farm so pupils as part of an educational programme to equip students with practical skills and techniques for agricultural endeavour.

During WW2 he personally wrote to every ex-pupil who was a serviceman. The replies he received from overseas were read out at morning assembly.

The large photographic collection includes, pupils, teachers, school events, clubs and organizations, farming and sports from 1922 onwards.

Feilding Library

The local library has digitized many photographs in their collection. These are viewable on 'Heritage Collection' on the library website. The originals are stored at FDCA for safe keeping.

Feilding Herald

When the office of this community newspaper closed in 2017 the archive was invited to collect the collection of photographs and negatives ranging from the 1960s to 2016. It includes community events, functions, people profiles, sport and club news. The collection is not easily searchable. The photographs are sorted into subject titles.

Lodge

Manchester Lodge 287 – masters portraits 1927 – 2004

Paul Legg

Paul Legg worked as a professional photographer based in Feilding in the 1970s. The Paul Legg photograph collection is housed in several series –

negatives, aerial farm photographs and unsorted material. The collection originates from Feilding Public Library and Paul Legg. On his retirement to Picton, Paul when moving to a rest home, gave much of his photographic career's photographs to the archive. He included an electronic catalogue which has helped with identification of some photographs.

TEXTILES

The textile collection consists of underwear and embroidered clothing such as baby wear, tablecloths, household items, bed linen, horse riding gear and hats. A few historic costumes are included.

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