

# Preserving and connecting with our memory of New Zealand government and society

## 1 Meeting the challenges of our national memory today and ahead ...

It's essential we continue to preserve and make accessible our nation's taonga, now and for future generations.

| We need to:   | ... or we risk:   |
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| Address our responsibilities under Te Tiriti            | Reduced trust in our guardianship of taonga Māori                       |
| Ensure the expectations of New Zealanders are being met | Inequities and lost opportunities to increase our impact                |
| Be able to change fast                                  | A dark age: failing to continue the preservation of our national memory |

## 2 ... will require we look to the future through a joined-up lens ...

What our government information and heritage sector needs now

- Specialist physical storage
- Investment in digital infrastructure and capability
- Streamlined and enhanced user experience
- Authentic and active Māori-Crown partnership
- Maintaining and developing a skilled workforce



THERE IS AN EXPECTATION that New Zealanders and our treaty partners should be able to easily access and connect with their national stories anywhere, anytime.

Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa  
NATIONAL LIBRARY  
OF NEW ZEALAND [Strategic Directions to 2030]

**Ensuring New Zealand's knowledge, including our documentary cultural record and taonga, are collected, protected and accessible.**

**STRATEGIC FOCUS**

- Taonga:** Trust that it is collected, preserved and accessible
- Knowledge:** Easily access, shared and used
- Reading:** Equity in literacy skills

Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga  
ARCHIVES  
NEW ZEALAND [2057 Strategy]

**Regulating government information, provide expertise across the information lifecycle, and a gateway for access and connection.**

**STRATEGIC FOCUS**

- Taking archives to the people
- Growth in digital and physical holdings
- Upholding transparency
- Building systems together

NGĀ TAONGA  
SOUND & VISION [Strategic Plan 2019-2024]

**Holding our nation's audiovisual heritage in safekeeping and making it widely accessible.**

**STRATEGIC FOCUS**

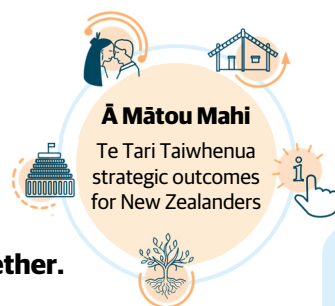
- Collection safety and security
- Archival capacity and capability
- Embedded digital and mātauranga Māori capability
- Working with sector partners and the system

We must recognise that which makes us different and special ...

... as well as that which binds us together.

Together we seek:

- Preservation:** New Zealand's heritage and taonga well managed and cared for.
- Access:** New Zealanders easily access, share and use knowledge.
- Partnership:** Across the cultural sector, government agencies, regulators, iwi and Māori.
- Capability:** Shared and resilient.
- Digital:** Transformed to address demand and provide access anywhere, anytime.



## 3 ... to grow the ways in which we share our collective knowledge for New Zealand.

We have identified FOUR AREAS FOR CHANGE, which we are developing to address our shared challenges.

- How will we best work with and learn from Māori?**  
**Mātauranga Māori**  
Forming relationships with Māori to understand their culture and heritage aspirations in caring for their taonga - and informing the future ways of working for the institutions.
- What might our new ways of working together look like?**  
**Te Puna Rua Collaboration**  
(Currently part of Tāhuhu): investigating models of partnership between the three institutions and supporting new ways of working across the campus precinct.
- How will we preserve our heritage and taonga in a digital world?**  
**Digital Foundations**  
Transforming the way our heritage and taonga are digitally collected, managed and accessed.
- How do we design fit-for-purpose future facilities?**  
**Tāhuhu**  
Designing and building shared facilities, and enhancing joint onsite heritage experiences and services.

## 4 Our shared success

Increased Māori wellbeing  
Strengthened democracy and social cohesion  
Improved value

Improving the experience of our users. Sharing our collective knowledge and capability.

There is trust in government and New Zealand is a well-functioning democracy across central and local government.

Iwi, hapū and communities across New Zealand are safe, resilient and thriving.

People's sense of belonging and collective memory builds an inclusive New Zealand.

- We collaborate but remain able to deliver on our unique responsibilities.
- We provide the optimal preservation environments for the nation's taonga.
- The system is able to adapt and respond to the needs of New Zealand.
- Our workforce is strengthened.

### Te Ara Tahī

OUR SHARED PATHWAY FOR CHANGE

All staff will be part of this journey to design how we want to work together to meet the needs of New Zealanders, now and into the future.

Our users, partners and stakeholders will be at the heart of this future.

Collaboration across the wider government sector is vital, along with public libraries, galleries, broadcasters, archives, museums, marae, iwi and content creators.

## Our next steps

Beginning the journey along our shared path

Together we will:

- Identify common and unique users.
- Identify where processes could be integrated.
- Define our future vision.
- Seek advice and direction from governance and advisory bodies.

What's next?

- Design a future shared vision:** How we will work together and in a way that leverages our unique attributes.
- Uncover new ways of working:** How to better organise our existing resources.
- Develop our multi-year investment roadmap** with the four areas for change.