Church Papers Online
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Church Papers Online
A case study in digitisation
Digitisation Project Goal

- To get content more widely available
- Preservation of “at risk” copies
- Successful pilot project to inform direction

A Plan and a Framework

- Find a partner with the know-how
- Find a web platform for delivery
- Acquire access to missing issues
- Get funding
Story telling time

The Waiapu Church Gazette
Napier Cathedral in 1931
with the Diocesan Offices
still standing

PAPERSPAST and the Waiapu Church Gazette

Newspapers available for: Hawke's Bay (6)
- Bush Advocate (Hawke's Bay, 1888-1909)
- Daily Telegraph (Hawke's Bay, 1881-1901)
- Hawke's Bay Herald (Hawke's Bay, 1857-1900)
- Hawke's Bay Weekly Times (Hawke's Bay, 1867-1868)
- Waiapu Church Gazette (Hawke's Bay, 1910-1945)
- Waiapu Church Times (Hawke's Bay, 1907-1908)
National Newspaper – Church & People
1946-1976

National Newspaper –
Church and People
1946-1976
Second for digitisation
Picking up themes of post-WW2 life
Church and People
1946-1976

Did not meet revised criteria for PapersPast

New Zealand Micrographic Services
Rcollect and Out of Print
The Out of Print Platform

- takes PDFs and converts them for fast web delivery
- Each page held as a unique file
- Pages are automatically OCR’d so that the text is searchable
- content can be publicly available online, or restrict access by secure login
Our favourite search example

CHURCH and PEOPLE

The Gospel & a treaty

ELECTRONIC CHURCH

Television, telephones and time switch at St. Mark's, Wellington

In contrast to the modern features of the church the sill will incorporate some New Zealand history. Part of it will be the top stone of the original Marsden Cross at Keri Keri. The stone fell off and was found in a paddock. The sill will also incorporate a millstone brought to New Zealand by the Rev. J. Butler in 1819. Another piece of history in the new church will be the existing wayfarers' cross. It is made from timber of Lincoln Cathedral, which was dedicated in 1892. This will be used for some special occasions in the new church.
Criteria for Selecting Titles

- National
- At risk: climate, single copies, earthquake
- Heavily used by researchers
- Regional titles that were wider than just local church news
- Small, interesting, unknown

Interesting little titles hidden in volumes
What did we learn?

**Scanning**
with trimmed duplicate volumes
or bound volume and camera capture
# Spreadsheets

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