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2023 PARBICA Partner Report

Governance

In July, PMB welcomed a new Chair, Dr Nayahamui Rooney. We thank outgoing Chair, Associate Professor Paul D'Arcy, for his decade of service to the Bureau.

Digitisation work

Cook Islands: Private collection, still in processing.

New Caledonia: Digitisation of photos held at The Pacific Community/Communaute du Pacifique (SPC/CPS) Library.

Various other locally held collections in progress.

Digitised collections released to PMB online catalogue

PMB ID	PMB Title	URL	No. of pages
NEW			
PMB MS 1434	Worin Village Registers	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/worin-village-registers-3	111
PMB DOC 546	Newsletters of the Australian School of Pacific Administration and Territory of Papua Reports	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/newsletters-of-the-australian-school-of-pacific-administration-and-territory-of-papua-reports-3	1004
PMB PHOTO 156	Robert Norton photographs of Falefa village, Upolu, Samoa	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/robert-norton-photographs-of-falefa-village-upolu-samoa	134

Digitised Microfilms			
PMB MS 23	Miscellaneous papers - letters, notebooks, articles	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/miscellaneous-papers-letters-notebooks-articles	356
PMB MS 581	Letters, valedictions, publications, speeches, etc.	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/letters-valedictions-publications-speeches-etc	1242
PMB MS 582	Official and political papers, lectures, essays, publications, correspondence	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/official-and-political-papers-lectures-essays-publications-correspondence	1253
PMB MS 585	Papers	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/papers-6	1257
PMB MS 1081	Miscellaneous manuscripts	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/miscellaneous-manuscripts-5	1356
PMB MS 1355	Solomon Islands botanical index cards	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/solomon-islands-botanical-index-cards	1427
PMB DOC 34	Quarterly Jottings from the New Hebrides - John G. Paton Mission Fund Woodford, Essex (Etc.): John G. Paton Mission Fund. Nos. 1-27, July 1893-Jan 1900	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/quarterly-jottings-from-new-hebrides-john-g-paton-mission-fund-woodford-essex-etc-john-g-paton-mission-fund-nos-1-284-july-1893-spring-1966	426
PMB DOC 303	Papua Territory Anthropological Reports	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/papua-territory-anthropological-reports	150
PMB DOC 312	British New Guinea Annual Reports	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/british-new-guinea-annual-reports	988
PMB DOC 415	The Solomons News Drum	https://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu/catalogue/index.php/solomons-news-drum-honiara	3502

Conferences

2023 has been an unusually busy year for conferences for PMB. This year, we have been involved in organising sessions and presenting papers at the following conferences:

- **Australian Association for Pacific Studies (AAPS), Australian National University, Canberra**
 - o Organised 'Archives Roadshow' for institutions with Pacific collections and services to showcase their work and 'meet and greet' with conference delegates.
 - o 'Navigating the Archives' discussion session.
- **Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN), The University of the South Pacific – Cook Islands Campus, Rarotonga**
 - o Co-organised (with PARADISEC) 'Getting digitised collections back to their Pacific homes' panel session and presented a paper on the new PMB membership structure.

- Organised panel on 'The Collections of Donald Stanley Marshall' and presented paper on the Marshall papers held at USP, Rarotonga.
- **Pacific History Association (PHA), Deakin University, Warrnambool**
 - Organised panel and presented paper for 'Women in the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau collection'.
 - Curated and installed photo display 'Women in the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau collection'.
- **PARBICA Conference**
 - Organised AV Workshop
- **Australian Society for the Study of Labour History, Australian National University, Canberra**
 - 24 November, scheduled to present paper on labour records in the PMB collection (blackbirding, the Melanesian labour trade and the trade union movement in the Pacific).

Grants

PMB was awarded a \$5,000 ANU Gender Institute grant to update our 1992 finding aid to women in the PMB collection.

Webinars

'Recently released collections' (For PMB Member Libraries only)

Progress update 'Women in the PMB collection Finding Aid project'

Boards and Committees

In 2023, the PMB Executive Officer served on the following boards and committees:

- Digital Pasifik Co-Design Committee
- Australian National University Pacific Institute Board
- PARBICA Bureau

Other points of note for 2023

- PMB promotional materials translated into French.
- PMB Facebook page reached more than 1,000 followers.
- PMB established LinkedIn profile.
- In addition to scholarly publications, PMB collection items used in artworks, exhibitions and podcasts.
- Answered more than 110 reference enquiries from researchers in 19 countries.
- PMB provided preservation advice to organisations in Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tonga, Nauru, Fiji and New Caledonia.