

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The role of Archivists and Archives is an evolving and challenging one. As Technology advances Pacific Archivists and Archives are faced with the challenge either to pace up or be lost in the race against fast technological advancement. Most Pacific Island Archives are isolated and separated by vast oceans with differences in economic strength and diverse historical backgrounds. Adding the lack of educational training opportunities tailored to meet the unique needs of such a diverse group of Archivists adds to the challenge.

Thus in such a dilemma being resilient through empowerment is the key to overcoming the challenges leading to the path of technological advancement in all aspects of Archiving. Being resilient means that Practicable archival plans and strategies for improvement has to be in place. Better Management of financial and physical resources are vital. Securing these much needed funds through numerous sources other than relying on your National Government funding is a must. The security of Archives and Its resources against man- made and natural disasters are crucial. Therefore, as archivists we have to collaborate more to share our experiences, skills, expertise and resources to be more resilient. By this we would be able to face and successfully overcome our challenging and fast changing roles as archivists to face modern day technological advancement. Working together as partners to develop our Pacific Archives is our goal. Partnership through collaboration for a resilient Pacific Archives and Archivists ! Let's do it the Pacific way! We can do it.

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