

ARANZ President's Annual Report 2023

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Tēnā koutou, I hope this letter finds all ARANZ members, both across the motu and overseas, in good health and spirits. I am pleased to inform you that your Association has had another successful year, even as political, economic and sector winds continue to buffet our shores. In this year's President's Letter we will have a look back at what the Association achieved in the past year and where we are headed in 2023-2024.

Another Year of Success

Your Council promised, and delivered, the following during the financial year:

Promises	Delivery
Lunchtime Kōrero sessions would continue to be hosted on our Zoom account and be open to all across the GLAMiR sector.	✓ 5 sessions delivered by our branches
Support our active branches to hold new, exciting events, both in-person and digitally.	✓ Digitisation Concepts, Born Digital and Back Capture Workshop with O/S Branch ✓ ARANZ Wellington Committee and GLAMiR Meetup ✓ ARANZ Auckland RIG meeting

<p>Push for further collaboration with our GLAMiR colleagues, share resources and keep open our communication channels to seize opportunities as they arise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Joint events with NDF in Canterbury ✓ Joint events with RIMPA in Wellington ✓ Membership rates for workshops and events with RIMPA and ASA ✓ Continued discounts for IM courses at Open Polytechnic
<p>Continue our focus on advocacy, providing an authoritative voice on matters of concern relating to archives and records.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Letters of Support to Archives New Zealand, Chief Archivist and Information Studies Team at VUW ✓ Feedback to a wide variety of government organisations on retention and disposal projects ✓ Attending Open Polytechnic SAG meetings ✓ Feedback during review of Listed of Protected Records ✓ Meetings with Archives Council and Chief Archivist to advocate for member support

Your Council also delivered a bumper issue of *Archifacts*, quarterly versions of the ALERT newsletters and the awarding of both the Michael Standish and Ian Wards awards

Finally, I am pleased to announce that former Prime Minister, Helen Elizabeth Clark ONZ SSI PC agreed to take on the role of Patron to ARANZ. We look forward to working closely with Helen over the coming years.

Continuing from strength to strength

On the back of these successes, ARANZ Council will continue to advocate for Information Management professionals, hold events throughout New Zealand, create events and workshops tailored to our members professional requirements, and leverage our partnerships to achieve the best outcomes for the Association.

Our focuses for the coming year are three-fold:

- **Conference 2024** – the first ARANZ conference in six years, this will be held at the Te Pae Conference Centre in Christchurch in October next year, in conjunction with our friends and colleagues at ASA.
- **Incorporated Societies Act 2022** – this has involved a considerable amount of work from a subcommittee led by Claire Dowling. Implementation of recommendations will result in a changed Constitution and processes for the Association. We look forward to ratifying these at the 2024 AGM.
- **Expanding digital support** – our new website is up and running, and we are starting to roll out new additions to support our members.
- The future is always an exciting proposition. As we continue to see rapid developments throughout the IM, digital and heritage sectors, Council will keep abreast of developments, support lifelong learning and advocate for positive change.

Thank You

Every year members rotate in and out of Council. Volunteers bring to the table valuable sector insights, learnings from previous experiences, and commit valuable time and resources to ensure the Association is run smoothly and successfully.

I would like to thank the following members who have contributed to the Association over the preceding years and will be cycling off Council:

- **Abby Wharne**, Vice-President and Communications Portfolio – for tireless efforts and logistical skills keeping members, branches and other professional organisations informed of ARANZ activities and projects.
- **Jennifer Jeffery**, Membership Portfolio – for performing the crucial functions of maintaining the membership database and mailing lists, organising subscription renewals, and dedicated member of Otago/Southland Branch.
- **Danielle Campbell**, Awards Portfolio – for the organisation of the Michael Standish and Ian Wards prizes.
- **Nathan Chicken**, Treasurer – for ensuring the Association remained on track financially and bringing new ideas into the role.
- **Linda Liddicoat**, Archifacts Editor - for work in collating yet another bumper issue of *Archifacts* with interesting articles from across our sector.

I would also like to thank our Council members for staying on for another year: Kathleen Stringer, Secretary; Brad Wija, Webmaster; Jennie Hood, Vice-President; Haylee Alderson, ALERT Editor; Michael Upton, Records Management; and Irina Winsley, Membership Portfolio.

Thank you also goes out to our ex-officio members: Belinda Battley, for managing the Find & Connect Project, and Jenny Chen for keeping all members connected and informed via the ARANZ Facebook account.

We also welcome aboard Tom Riley from Otago/Southland Branch, as well as three new members of the Archifacts Editorial Team: Maja Krtalić of Victoria University -Te Herenga Waka, Sarah Welland of Open Polytechnic and Dr Ashwinee Pendharkar of Alexander Turnbull Library and ARANZ Wellington Branch.

Finally, a special thank you goes to Sue Hanham for quickly stepping back into the Treasurer role after retiring from Council in 2022. Sue has been a financially-savvy and eagle-eyed rock to the Association for many years. Her tireless support of the Association is always appreciated.

Change is a universal constant, and the Association could not have achieved what it has without the support of our dedicated membership. Council thanks all members for their invaluable support. We encourage you to advocate on behalf of the Association by talking to colleagues and friends about joining ARANZ, and to involve yourself in local and national activities.

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua.

Nāku, nā



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