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Memory of the World

Celebrating 1893-2018

The 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition led to New Zealand becoming the first self-governing nation in the world where women won the right to vote. Signed by close to one-quarter of the female adult population it was, at that time, the largest petition of its kind signed in New Zealand and other Western countries.



The Suffrage Petition is in the care of Archives NZ and on display in He Tohu, at the National Library, Wellington.



UNESCO international recognition

The 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition was inscribed onto the UNESCO Memory of the World [International Register](#) in 1997 and onto the New Zealand [Register](#) in 2011.

Inscription onto the UNESCO Memory of the World registers reminds us that the Petition is significant to New Zealand and the world. It draws attention to the significance of this treasured documentary heritage and the institution and people that care for it. It raises awareness of the custodian institution's holdings and helps ensure inscribed items are protected, preserved and accessible.

In this year of Suffrage 125 celebrations the Memory of the World New Zealand Trust highlights New Zealand women who are recognised for their significance to our nation's heritage through inscription of documentary heritage onto the New Zealand Register: Kate Sheppard, the organiser of the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition, Archives New Zealand; Mereta Mita documentary Patu!, Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision; Katherine Mansfield Literary and Personal Papers, Alexander Turnbull Library; Cecily Pickerill, Pickerill Papers Plastic Surgery, Hocken Collections.

The 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition continues to attract international interest. MOWNZ Chair Dianne Macaskill, Professor Barbara Brookes, University of Otago and Katrina Tamaira, Archivist, Archives New Zealand are delivering papers at an international symposium in Andong, Republic of Korea, on petition movements in the nineteenth century.

For more information about Memory of the World documentary heritage registers <http://www.unescomow.org.nz/>



Suffrage 125 events



Institutions involved in UNESCO Memory of the World New Zealand are participating in the Suffrage 125 programme.

Auckland Libraries

[Wāhine take action](#)

20 August – 11 November 2018

showcasing Aotearoa women who took steps to create social change; from the nineteenth century to the present day.

Auckland Museum

[Are We There Yet?](#)

6 July - 31 October 2018

How far has New Zealand really come since women gained the vote?

Photographs of trailblazers, ground-breaking marches, and posters and publications from the Museum's collection will be on display. A short-film directed by renowned filmmaker Gaylene Preston has been created especially for the exhibition.

National Library, Archives New Zealand and Alexander Turnbull Library

Suffrage events include [guided tours](#) of He Tohu on 19 September; Professor Barbara Brookes delivers [The power of the purse: Women and money](#) the keynote lecture of the 2018 conference 'Feminist Engagements in Aotearoa: 125 years of Suffrage and Beyond'; and the Kate Sheppard bicycle ride through the streets of Thorndon. For more [information](#).

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision *Standing on the Shoulders...*

celebrates more than 50 remarkable New Zealand women telling their stories through material drawn from Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision's collections, including rarely-seen historical TVNZ footage of remarkable women such as future sports superstar, Dame Valerie Adams being interviewed when only 14 on the *Holmes* show and World War Two resistance fighter, Nancy Wake's appearance in 2001 at 89 on *60Minutes*. Ngā Taonga [website](#) from 19 September.

For Wellington film screenings www.ngataonga.org.nz/events.

Nelson Provincial Museum

[How Nelson Women Paved the Way for Suffrage](#)

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

10:00 am - Sunday, December 9, 2018 4:30pm

This exhibition explores the role of education as one of the stepping stones to Suffrage.

It celebrates the lives and achievements of women like Kate Edgar and Mary Ann Muller whose significant contributions paved the way for women to win the vote in September 1893.

University of Canterbury

Mana Camellia: Five extraordinary women from University of Canterbury

Celebrates five interesting and ground-breaking women who are related to Canterbury College and the University of Canterbury. Beatrice Tinsley, Alice Burn, Stella Henderson, Elsie Locke and Bessie Te Wenerau Grace feature in *Mana Camellia* that aims to tell the stories of these women who are perhaps less known among students today.

Level 2, Central Library
Te Puna Mātauraka o Te Whare
Wānanga o Waitaha
10-30 September 2018

Hocken Collections

[Sisters Communing](#)

15 September – 3 November 2018

Hocken Collections, Uare Taoka o Hākēna, 90 Anzac Avenue, Dunedin
Curated by Robyn Notman & Andrea Bell

An exhibition drawing connections between women's art, women in art, and items from the Hocken's archival collection relating to women gaining the vote.

Borrowing its title from one of the Hocken's most treasured artworks by Jacqueline Fahey, *Sisters Communing* celebrates the artistic, domestic, social and political lives of New Zealand women.



Whanganui Museum

[Flying High:](#) Whanganui pilot Jane Winstone was a war hero. She joined the Air Transport Auxiliary in Britain and flew on dangerous missions around Britain during World War II.

Votes for women expanded opportunities and personal horizons for women, amongst them Jane Winstone. Runs until 24 December 2018

Open 10am to 4.30pm

Monday to Saturday

62 Ridgway Street, Whanganui



Molly Whitelaw

“Creating Historical Change: Molly Whitelaw and Women's Ordination”

Presbyterian Church historian Yvonne Wilkie will deliver the Presbyterian Research Network spring lecture on 20 September at Knox College, Arden Street, Dunedin at 5.30pm.

This paper will paint a broad canvas of aspects of the struggle for women's equality of 'Call' to ordained leadership in the Presbyterian Church, 1942-1964.

For more information please contact jane.thomsen@prcknox.org.nz or 03 473 0775.

Ministry for Culture & Heritage <https://mch.govt.nz/suffrage-125>
Ministry for Women [Suffrage 125 event page](#) for what's happening around the country.