What a Ride - Change @ the Presbyterian Research Centre

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The Archive & Library for the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ
Our role

• Preserving the history of the life of the Presbyterian Church in NZ
• Supporting the Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership staff & students
• Providing resources for ministers, and those working in the church
• Giving access to all members of the church, and others with an interest in theology

Knox College site, Dunedin
We also

- Support the academic programs of the Universities in NZ, particularly the University of Otago
- Work within the heritage sector (GLAM) to ensure NZ’s heritage resources are protected
- Provide access to groups such as genealogists, independent historians
Strategies

- Work to a plan, be clear about priorities
- Bring the staff along with you
- Target key members of stakeholder groups
- Use accessible technology, often at little or no cost
- Be visible and noisy
- Show increased value to funders
- Improve online presence
- Be open to opportunities
Successes

- Better balance of use by key groups
- Supportive manager
- Some wins in funding
- Staff own the processes
- Some way towards better online presence
- Positive feedback and appreciation
- Collaborations with external organisations
- Capacity to deal with born digital
From a manual system

To the benefits of an automated one

Thank you

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Some photographs from our collection for question time ...
Canton – street scene
Dr Annand's study, Mission House, Tanga, c1899 [PCANZ Archives A/517-79/4-6]

Volunteer party to New Hebrides – fence building.
Postcard of a 'tea party' held by the Tokomakino Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union (PWSMU).
Children from a PSSA Home. n.d. [PCANZ Archives A-518-76-3001]

Rt Hon. Seddon opening Turakina Maori Girls' School, 13 April 1905 [PCANZ Archives A-52-847-114]
The women attending their first Assembly as Eblers are: (l-r) Mrs. I.H.O Johnston, Tokomaru Bay; Sister Margaret Heawon, Wellington, Mrs. E.M. Webb, Papatoetoe.
Rev K A Hadfield standing on a steel girder overlooking Cathedral Square, Christchurch, during the construction of the Bank of New Zealand building, 1966  [PCANZ Archives, P-A120.25-51]