

Waiapu Cathedral Parish

Archive Report 2023/2024

Material for the archives keeps growing but sadly I have gone through months of being unable to access our files with the difficulty of our building being earthquake prone, especially the tower where all the files are stored.

With a safety plan in place, we have recently managed to access files for research and keep them in the back office and work downstairs.

All the baptism, burials and marriage registers which are so important, are safely stored now in the downstairs safe along with all the Cathedral annuls, and 22 scrap books which have all been cataloged.

The registers are in the process of being digitised and will in time be online through the Kinder Library for those wishing to compile their family records. This is a very time-consuming job as they need to be transcribed from the lovely cursive writing that was used and put onto spreadsheets. At present I have a couple of lovely volunteers plodding along but would welcome anyone who would like to help with the transcribing.

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