

Contact us if you like us to consider an item for donation.

Why would a donation be declined?

While we appreciate the opportunity to consider any item, we cannot guarantee it will be accepted. Developing our collection is a considered process and there are many reasons an item may not be suitable.

For example, the item might be declined if:

- it is not relevant to our collecting areas,
- we have examples already (duplication),
- it is in poor condition,
- there is lack of provenance (ie. information about its background / proof of legal ownership),
- it contains dangerous or hazardous substances etc.

Keeping special items in the family?

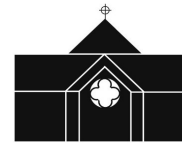
We can advise on how to store treasured items for future generations.

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The Nurses' Memorial Chapel Museum

Collection Policy



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**The boutique Museum is located in the
Chapel's West Vestry.**

Why a Collections Policy?

To tell the stories of the Marquette nurses and the Nurses' Memorial Chapel, we are guided by the Museum's Collection Policy¹. The policy assists us with the task of what to accept and what to decline. Without a defined policy, the Collection could well become an assortment of curiosities with no common linkage or historic significance.

The boutique museum is limited by the small size of the vestry. There are always more objects than can be displayed at any one time. Those not on display are cared for in storage, awaiting their turn when a new display/exhibition is set up.

What do we collect?

Items associated with

- a. HM Transport ship "*Marquette*" and nurses and others who died when it sank.
- b. nursing and other Christchurch Hospital staff who died as a result of the influenza epidemic in 1918.
- c. Christchurch Hospital staff who served in World Wars I or II, particularly those associated with the No 1 NZ Stationary Hospital. (limited scope **).
- d. those commemorated on memorial plaques in the Nurses' Memorial Chapel.
- e. Medals, decorations and awards made to nurses**.
- f. History of the chapel as the first public hospital chapel in New Zealand, its architecture, features and its valuable items.

Nursing Reunions and special events

Nurses' reunions often include a service or a visit to the Chapel. The Chapel museum holds a Commemoration Book, and School of Nursing Class books. Other items can be loaned.

Arrangements can be made to borrow items and photographs of interest for nurses' reunions. The **Cotter Medical History Museum** holds an extensive nursing collection. Their nursing memorabilia includes hospital domestic ware, uniforms and much more.

The Chapel has excellent relationships with groups such as

- Nursing staff, particularly nurses at the Canterbury District Health Board
- NZ Nurses Organisation
- Regional museums and local RSAs

*** Why have a limited scope for nursing items?*

Before the Collections Policy came in to effect in 2014, many items related to the history of nursing education and service at Christchurch hospitals were given to the museum. A category relating to "the history of nursing education and service at Christchurch hospitals" is too wide to be practical in the small vestry. Scope is now limited to nursing items falling into categories covered in a – e of the Collection Interests.

While the NMC Museum holds a few significant items related to nurses serving in the Boer War, this category is now closed.

¹ The Collections Policy for the boutique museum attached to the Nurses' Memorial Chapel was adopted by the Trust and Friends of the Chapel on the 14 August 2014. It was further refined at the 2017 AGM. See notes about Limited Scope**.