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**CHANGES IN TUVALU:
“roles and paradigms of
audiovisual archives in relation to
a changing society”**

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**TUVALU NATIONAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
“Preserving the past and present for the future of Tuvalu”**

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INTRODUCTION

- Tuvalu formerly known as Ellice Island during the Colonial period GEIC (Gilbert and Ellice Island Colony)
- 1976 separate from the Colony and gain political Independence on 1st October 1978 from Great Britain
- Tuvalu is a chain of nine atolls and coral island with a land area of 26 square kilometer
- Population of 11,636 and is classified as Polynesian in the South Pacific
- Native language Tuvaluan similar to Samoan, English and Kiribati
- We use Australian currency and depend much on our fishing license revenue
- Tuvalu National Library and Archives establish on 1st September 1978

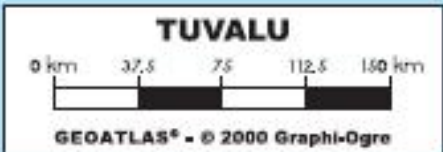


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CURRENT STATUS OF THE TUVALU NATIONAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

- Building is very old and fragile
- Holds the memory collection of Tuvalu during the colonial period
- Birth, Marriage, Death, Divorce, Wills, Land Owners, Government administrative records, Colonial Separation records, Genealogical records, Maps, Video, Audio recordings to name a few
- An active member of PARBICA and ICA
- Done EAP pilot project in digitization and microfilming fragile records 2005-2007
- At the moment engaging in a project called “Appraising and preservation of Tuvalu public records.
- The project is done to solve the backlog in a shipping container



WELCOME to
TUVALU NATIONAL
LIBRARY &
ARCHIVES

opening hours
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 12pm
Sunday & Public Holiday - Closed



Bibliography of lists of Tuvalu records in the
Western Pacific Archives.

<u>List no.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
TUV 1	I	Agreements with Native Governments. 1895 - 1916.
	II	Annual Reports for the Ellice Islands. 1912 - 1937.
	III	Laws, Regulations and Instructions, etc., 1895 - 1969.
	IV	Miscellaneous Reports etc., c. 1884 - 1973.
TUV 2	I	Registers and indexes to general correspondence. 1944 - 1969.
	II	General correspondence files. c. 1947-1968 (1943 - 1968).
	III	General correspondence files. c. 1943 - 1947 (1943 - 1952).
TUV 3	I	Literacy and Skills Survey 1967: Forms containing Literacy and Skills Survey data.
	II	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony: Miscellaneous reports. 1952-1972.
	III	Ellice Islands District: District Annual Reports. 1967 - 1968.
	IV	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony: Various instructions and regulations. 1929 - 1968.
	V	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony: Papers relating to Colony Conferences. 1956 - 1962.
	VI	The Wholesale Society: Annual accounts and reports. 1956 - 1967.
	VII	Records relating to World War II
	VIII	Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony: Programmes of Official Visits. 1961 - 1970.
	IX	Ellice Islands District: Accounting records.

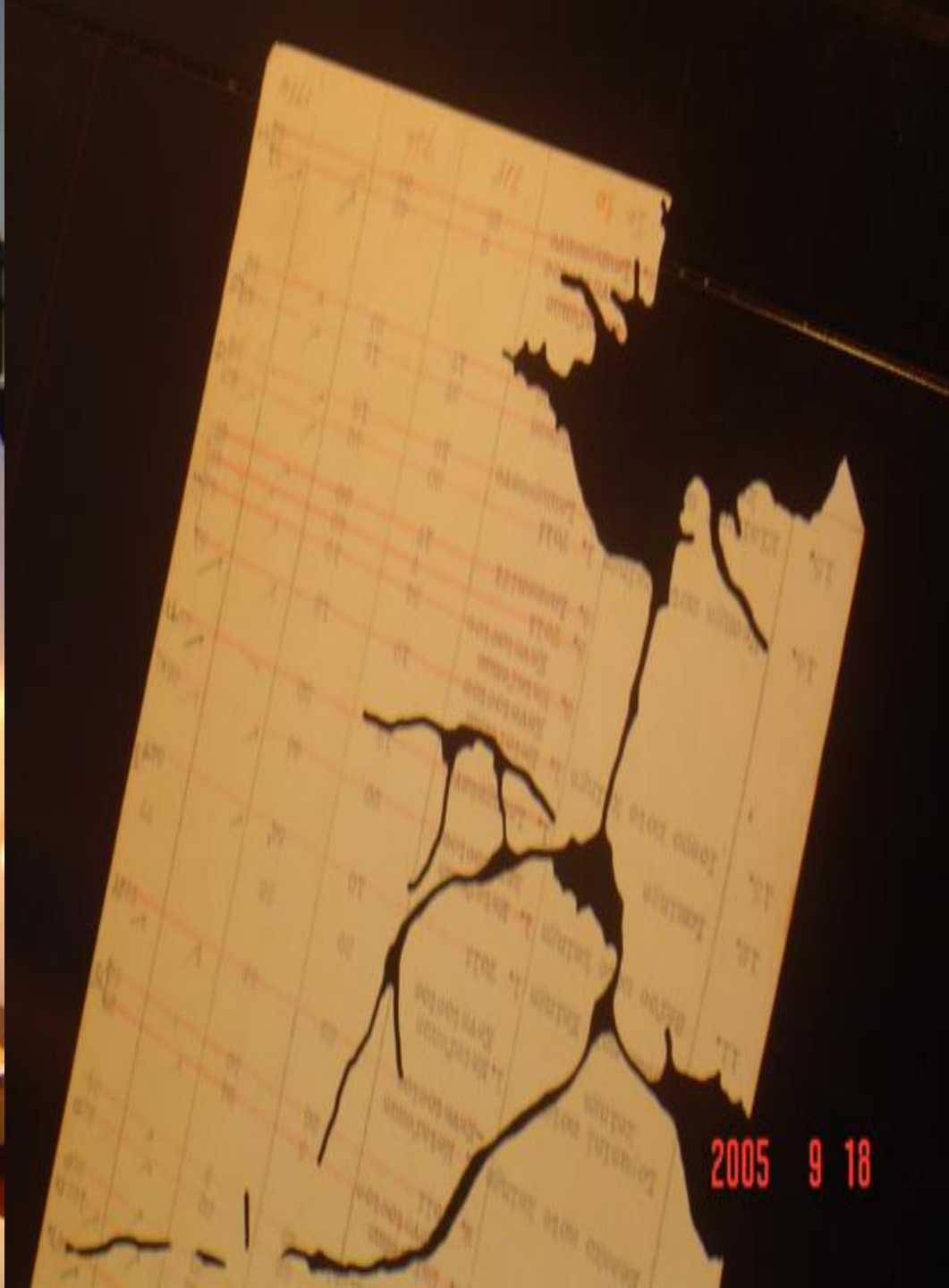
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CHANGES IN TUVALU

- WWII
- Culture
- Language
- Infrastructure
- Education
- Transportation
- Communication
- Technology









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AV ARCHIVES IN RELATION TO CHANGING IN SOCIETY

- Naturalness
- Interrelatedness
- Impartiality
- Authenticity
- Uniqueness

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING SEAPAVAA

- Information knowledge
- Establish communication network
- Expose to valuable discussion
- Gather idea
- Introduce new vision
- Comfort zone
- Meeting new people
- Experience new place and new culture

CHALLENGES FACE BY TUVALU

- Preservation & Conservation
- Oral history
- Storage
- Enforcing public records act
- Advocating importance of Good recordkeeping for Good Governance
- Climate change





RECOMMENDATIONS

- Audiovisual project to save Tuvalu memory
- Oral history
- Folk tales
- Historical memorable events
- Intangible documentary heritage
- Tangible documentary heritage
- Cultural heritage

CONCLUSION

- **THANK YOU**
- **FAKAFETAI LASI TUVALU MO TE ATUA**