

FRANKLIN DISTRICT ARCHIVES

This list provides guidance to the location of local body archives relating to Franklin District Council and its predecessor and associated bodies.

Franklin District was formed in 1989 by the amalgamation of Franklin County, Pukekohe Borough, Waiuku Borough and Tuakau Borough, along with the northern portion of the former Raglan County (at which stage it lost the Drury and Hingaia areas to Papakura District). For background information, see: '[A brief history of local government in the Franklin area](#)'.

Because of local body boundary changes and transfers of records over the years, these archives are split up amongst several different locations. For instance, in the early 1980s, all surviving Franklin road board records to 1915, selected Franklin County Council records to 1966, and selected Pukekohe Borough Council records to 1983, were transferred to the Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office. These archives have not yet been listed on [Archway](#) – but users can consult the Franklin and Pukekohe local authority inventory lists held at the office itself. (For the Franklin and associated records, see YBBN, A300/A322/A327/A384/A391; for the Pukekohe records, see YBAW, A489.)

This lists includes some ad hoc or special purpose local bodies that have existed during the area, including rabbit boards, domain boards, drainage boards, milk authorities and river boards, where known (this part of the list may not be complete). Hall committees, cemetery boards, patriotic and welfare committees, etc. are not included.

The list is arranged in the following categories: [Highway boards](#); [Town boards](#); [Boroughs](#); [Counties and districts](#); [Special purpose local authorities](#). An [alphabetical list](#) by name of local authority is also available.

This list was compiled by Bruce Ringer, Manager Research Services, Manukau Libraries, and is current to December 2009. For more details about the local authorities listed, see [Manukau's Journey](#). For more details about archival holdings and to arrange access to these archives, please contact the holding institutions listed.

HIGHWAY BOARDS		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records and location	Notes
(1) Highway boards formed under the Public Roads and Works Ordinance 1845		
Pukekohe Highway Board, 1861-1862	No surviving records	
(2) Highway boards formed under the Auckland Provincial Council Highways Act 1862, Highways Act 1871, or Highways Act 1874.		On 1 January 1883 all highway boards became road boards under the Road Boards Act 1882.

Awhitu Highway Board, [1867-1882]; Awhitu Road Board, 1883-1915	1874-1915 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Awhitu Highway District, usually known as Awitu Highway District; first defined, 1867; no highway board active until 1874; became Awhitu Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1915.
Drury Road Board, 1899-1915	1899-1915 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office. Some records 1899-1906 included with Opaheke North Road District records)	Name of Opaheke North Road District changed to Drury Road District, 1899; Drury Road District merged in Franklin County, 1915.
Hunua Highway Board, 1867 - 1882; Hunua Road Board, 1883-1913	1901-1914 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Hunua Highway District formed 1867; reduced in size on formation of Papakura Town District, 1882; became Hunua Road District, 1883; again reduced in size by formation of Opaheke North Road District [later Drury Road District], 1886; remainder merged in Franklin County, 1913.
Karaka Highway Board, 1867-1882; Karaka Road Board, 1883-1917	1867-1917 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Karaka Highway District formed 1867; became Karaka Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1917.
Maketu Highway Board, 1867-1876	No surviving records	Maketu Highway District formed 1867; renamed Opaheke Highway District, 1876.
Mauku Highway Board, 1872-1882; Mauku Road Board, 1883-1913	1872-1913 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Mauku Highway District formed 1872; became Mauku Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1917.

Maungatawhiri Highway Board, 1869-1882; Maungatawhiri Road Board, 1883-1917	1884-1917 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Maungatawhiri Highway District, aka known as 'Mangatawhiri', formed from part Pukekohe Highway District, 1869; became Maungatawhiri Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1917.
Town of Mercer Highway Board, 1876-1882; Mercer Road Board, 1883-1914	1878-1914 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Town of Mercer Highway District formed 1876; also known as Mercer Township Highway District or Mercer Highway District; became Mercer Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, July 1914; Mercer Town District formed from part of former road district area, September 1914.
Opaheke North Road Board, 1886-1899	1886-1899 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office, Included with Opaheke Road Board records)	Opaheke North Road District formed from part of Hunua Road District, 1886; renamed Drury Road District, 1899.
Opaheke Highway Board, 1876-1882; Opaheke Road Board, 1883-1916	1881-1916 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Maketu Highway District renamed Opaheke Highway District, 1876; Opaheke Highway district became Opaheke Road District, 1883; reduced in size by formation of Opaheke North Road District, 1886; merged in Franklin County, 1916
Paparata Highway Board, 1868-1882; Paparata Road Board, 1883-1915	1868-1915 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Paparata Highway District formed 1868; became Paparata Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1915.
Pokeno Highway Board, 1869-1882; Pokeno Road Board, 1883-1916	1914-1916 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Pokeno Highway District formed 1869; became Pokeno Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1916.

<p>Pollock Settlement Highway Board, 1868-1882; Pollock Settlement Road Board, 1883-1913</p>	<p>1899-1913 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)</p>	<p>Pollock [sic] Settlement Highway District formed 1868; became Pollok Settlement Road Board, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1913. (Note: the area is correctly known as Pollok.)</p>
<p>Pukekohe Highway Board, 1862-1872</p>	<p>1865-1872 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office, included with Pukekohe West Highway Board records)</p>	<p>Pukekohe Highway District formed 1862; reduced in size by formation of Maungatawhiri Highway District, 1869; further reduced in size and renamed Pukekohe West Highway District on formation of Pukekohe East Highway District, 1872.</p>
<p>Pukekohe East Highway Board, 1872-1882; Pukekohe East Road Board, 1883-1915</p>	<p>1878-1913 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)</p>	<p>Pukekohe East Highway District formed from part of Pukekohe Highway District, 1872, became Pukekohe East Road District, 1883; reduced in size on formation of Tuakau Town District, 1914; remainder merged in Franklin County, 1915</p>
<p>Pukekohe West Highway Board, 1872-1882; Pukekohe West Road Board, 1883-1915</p>	<p>1872-1915 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)</p>	<p>Pukekohe Highway District reduced in size on formation of Pukekohe East Highway District and renamed Pukekohe West Highway District, 1872; again reduced in size on formation of Pukekohe Town District, 1905, and Pukekohe Borough, 1912; remainder merged in Franklin County, 1915.</p>

Waipipi Highway Board, 1867-1882; Waipipi Highway Board, 1883-1913	1867-1913 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Waipipi Highway District formed 1867; became Waipipi Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, 1913; Waiuku Town District formed from parts of former Waipipi and Waiuku road districts, 1914.
Waiuku Highway Board, 1867-1882; Waiuku Road Board, 1883-1914	1872-1914 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Waiuku Highway District formed 1867; became Waiuku Road District, 1883; merged in Franklin County, March 1914; Waiuku Town District formed from parts of former Waipipi and Waiuku road districts, July 1914.
TOWN BOARDS		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records and location	Notes
Mercer Town Board, 1914-1962	1914-1962 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Mercer Town District formed from part of former Mercer Road District, September 1914; remained dependent town district throughout existence; merged in Franklin County, 1962.
Pukekohe Town Board, 1905-1912	1905-1912 (Auckland Council Archives)	Pukekohe Town District formed from part of Pukekohe West Road District, 1905; succeeded by Pukekohe Borough, 1912.
Tuakau Town Board, 1914-1955	1914-1955 (Auckland Council Archives. Valuation rolls for 1915 held at Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Tuakau Town District formed from part Pukekohe East Road District, 1914; became independent town district, 1918; succeeded by Tuakau Borough, 1955.

Waiuku Town Board, 1914-1955	1914-1955 (Auckland Council Archives. Valuation rolls for 1914 held at Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Waiuku Town District formed from parts of former Waipipi and Waiuku road districts, 1914; became independent town district, 1916; succeeded by Waiuku Borough, 1955.
BOROUGHS		
Local authorities and dates of existence	Surviving records and location	Notes
Pukekohe Borough Council, 1912-1989	1912-1989 (Auckland Council Archives; selected records 1912 - 1983 held at Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Pukekohe Borough succeeded Pukekohe Town District, 1912; incorporated in Franklin District, 1989.
Tuakau Borough Council, 1955-1989	1955 – 1989 (Auckland Council Archives)	Tuakau Borough succeeded Tuakau Town District, 1955; incorporated in Franklin District, 1989.
Waiuku Borough Council, 1955-1989	1955 – 1989 (Auckland Council Archives)	Waiuku Borough succeeded Waiuku Town District, 1955; incorporated in Franklin District, 1989.
COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS		
Local authorities and dates of existence	Surviving records and location	Notes
Manukau County Council, 1877	No surviving records	The first Manukau County defined in the Counties Act 1876 stretched from Otahuhu to the Waikato River. The County Council met twice only, in 1877, and no county administration was ever formed.

Franklin County Council, 1912-1989	1912-1989 (Auckland Council Archives. Selected records 1912-1966 held at Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Franklin County formed from southern part of old Manukau County, 1912; north-eastern boundary with Manukau adjusted 1915; incorporated in Franklin District, 1989.
Franklin District Council, 1989-2010	1989-2010 (Auckland Council Archives)	Incorporated Franklin County, Pukekohe Borough, Tuakau Borough, Waiuku Borough and northern portion of Raglan County, 1989.
Raglan County Council, 1876-1989	1877-1989 (Waikato District Council archives; some records relating to the northern part of the County 1959-1988 held at Auckland Council Archives)	Northern portion of Raglan County incorporated in Franklin District, 1989; remainder incorporated in Waikato District.
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHER BODIES		
Local authorities and dates of existence	Surviving records and location	Notes
Aka-Aka Land Drainage Board, 1895-1978	1895, 1915-1978 (Auckland Council Archives)	Aka-Aka, later Aka Aka, Land Drainage District formed 1895; combined with Otua Land Drainage District to form Aka Aka-Otua Land Drainage District, 1978.
Aka Aka-Otua Land Drainage Board, 1978-1989	1978-1986 (Auckland Council Archives)	Aka Aka and Otua Land Drainage Districts combined to form Aka Aka-Otua Land Drainage District, 1978; Aka Aka-Otua Land Drainage District abolished, 1989.

Ararimu Rabbit Board, 1946-1968; Ararimu Pest Destruction Board, 1968-1971	1946-1971 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Ararimu Rabbit District formed 1946, covering eastern part of Franklin County; substantially extended throughout Manukau County, etc., 1963; became Ararimu Pest Destruction District, 1968; succeeded by South Auckland Pest Destruction District, 1971.
Franklin Milk Board, 1952-1968	1952-1968 (Archives New Zealand Wellington office)	Succeeded Pukekohe Milk Authority, 1957; abolished September 1968.
Franklin Underground Water Authority, 1957-1973	Auckland Council Archives, 1957-1973	Franklin Underground Water Authority formed 1957; abolished October 1973; functions taken over by Auckland Regional Water Board and Waikato Valley Authority.
Kohekohe-Pollok Rabbit Board, 1933-1967	1933-1967 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Kohekohe-Pollok Rabbit District formed 1933; combined with Maioro-Waipipi Rabbit District to form Waiuku Rabbit District, 1967.
Maioro Rabbit Board, 1924-1953	1924-1953 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Maioro Rabbit District formed 1924; combined with Waipipi Rabbit District to form Maioro-Waipipi Rabbit District, 1953.
Maioro-Waipipi Rabbit Board, 1953-1967	1953-1967 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Maioro and Waipipi rabbit districts combined to form Maioro-Waipipi Rabbit District, 1953; this combined with Kohekohe-Pollok Rabbit District to form Waiuku Rabbit District, 1967.
Mercer Domain Board, 1888-1958?	1888-1958 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	

Otaua Drainage Board, 1911-1978	1911-1978 (Auckland Council Archives)	Otaua Land Drainage District combined with Aka Aka Land Drainage District to form Aka-Aka Otaua Land Drainage District, 1978.
Pukekohe Milk Authority, 1952-1957	1952-1957 (Archives New Zealand Wellington office)	Pukekohe Milk Authority succeeded by Franklin Milk Board, 1957.
Pukekohe Drainage Board, 1907-1920	1907-1918 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Pukekohe Drainage District formed 1907, Pukekohe Drainage Board inactive by 1918; district abolished 1920.
Waikato River Board, 1911-1926	1913-1926 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Waikato River District established 1911; boundaries altered 1913; abolished 1926.
Waikato Valley Authority, 1956-1988; Waikato Catchment Board, 1988-1989	1956-1989 (Environment Waikato/ Waikato Regional Council archives)	Waikato River Authority formed in 1956; included representatives of local authorities within the Waikato River catchment; succeeded by Waikato Catchment Board, 1988; in turn succeeded by Waikato Regional Council, 1989.
Waipipi Rabbit Board, 1924-1953	1924-1953 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Maoro and Waipipi rabbit districts combined to form Maoro-Waipipi Rabbit District, 1953; this combined with Kohekohe-Pollok Rabbit District to form Waiuku Rabbit District, 1967
Waiuku Rabbit Board, 1967 - 1968; Waiuku Pest Destruction Board, 1968-1971	1967-1971 (Archives New Zealand Auckland Regional Office)	Waiuku Rabbit District formed from Maoro-Waipipi and Kohekohe-Pollok rabbit districts, 1967; became Waiuku Pest Destruction District 1968; combined with Ararimu and Franklin pest destruction districts to form South Auckland Pest Destruction District, 1971.