

# Don Stafford Bibliography



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*A Gentleman and a Scholar.  
A Storyteller, a Keeper and Sharer of Knowledge*

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## **Dr. D.M. Stafford MBE CBE**

Don Stafford was born in Auckland but lived in Rotorua almost all his life. He was a foremost authority on Rotorua history and the Arawa people and the official historian for the city of Rotorua. He was a gentleman who bridged both Maori and European worlds.

His first book, *Te Arawa -- A History of the Arawa People*, was a major work of scholarship and today the book has become a collector's item. His last work, published in 2006, was *Wild Wind from the North*, an account of Ngapuhi chief Hongi Hika's raid on Mokoia Island .

Don Stafford contributed to numerous other important projects including the following:

- The establishment of the Rotorua Museum of Art and History in the 1960's where he was the founding curator.
- The redevelopment of Tikitere thermal area into one of Rotorua's major attractions.
- Restoration of St Faiths Church, Ohinemutu.
- Restoration of 'Te Runanga' tea kiosk in the Government Gardens.

A new wing under construction at the Rotorua museum carries his name, as does the heritage room at the Rotorua District Library. Rotorua Intermediate School has a Stafford House, there is a suburban street named after him and his portrait hangs in the Rotorua District Council building. .

Don was the author of some 23 books, numerous reports and he was also a guide/storyteller, regular broadcaster and lecturer. He was awarded an MBE in 1982, a CBE in 1993 as well as an Honorary Doctorate from Waikato University in 1992 and an Honorary Bachelor of Tourism Management degree (BTM) from Waiariki Institute of Technology in 2000.

Dr Stafford passed away in Rotorua Hospital on Monday April 5, 2010. His body was taken to lie in state at Tamatekapua, Te Arawa's paramount meeting house at Te Papaouru Marae, Ohinemutu where Te Arawa Iwi orators praised and thanked Don for recording Te Arawa history, one of the greatest legacies he has left for Te Arawa Iwi/hapu. Dr Stafford was one of only a handful of Pakeha to have been afforded the honour of having their tangi at the marae.

On Friday 9 April 2010 Dr Don Stafford's casket was carried from Tamatekapua by Te Arawa kaumatua/ elders, to his beloved St Faiths church. He is buried next to his loved wife, Nan, in the Kauae Cemetery at Ngongotaha.

Andrew Te Amo

## BOOKS BY DON STAFFORD

*Te Arawa : a history of the Arawa people.* Wellington [NZ]: Reed, 1967.  
Traces the history of Te Arawa from their 14<sup>th</sup> century migration to Aotearoa / New Zealand until the late 1880s.

*Maori place names of the thermal regions and their meanings.* Rotorua [NZ]: Rotorua Printers, 1970.  
135 place names in the wider Rotorua District with their meanings and a location map.

*A pocket history of Rotorua.* Rotorua [NZ]: Thermalart Productions, 1975.  
Compiled as a convenient aid to those interested in the background of Rotorua and the territory occupied by Te Arawa people and provides an outline of the major players and events covering some six centuries.

*The romantic past of Rotorua.* Wellington [NZ]: A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1977.  
A pictorial history of Rotorua.

*Rotorua : 1880 - 1980* edited by Don Stafford, Roger Steele, Joan Boyd. Rotorua and District Historical Society Inc., 1980.  
A collection of essays about Rotorua's history and development written by local authorities and specialists. Don provided essays on *The Rotorua Lakes' Case* and *Whakarewarewa and the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute*.

*Rotorua : 1880 - 1980* edited by Don Stafford, Roger Steele, Joan Boyd. H. A. Holmes & Coy. Ltd. 1980. Limited Edition [800 numbered].  
An expanded version of the above work. Don provided extra essays: *Before Rotorua; Thermal Springs Districts Act; Commerce in the Rotorua District; The beginning of Aviation in Rotorua*.

*Flying the thermal skies : a history of aviation in the Rotorua district.* Rotorua [NZ] Thermalart Productions, 1983.  
Covers from 1911 to 1982 and includes lists of Rotorua Aero Club Presidents and Life Members; Registration of aircraft based or used in Rotorua (not necessarily complete or mentioned in text), is indexed and has endpaper maps of the airfield and location circa 1933.

*New Zealand Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua, New Zealand.* Auckland [NZ]: First Class Publications, 1983.  
A glossy, colourful photographic celebration of the Institute. The centerfold is an expanded aerial photograph of the area.

*The founding years in Rotorua : a history of events to 1900.* Auckland [NZ]: Ray Richards; Rotorua [NZ]: Rotorua District Council, 1986  
A detailed historical record of a unique city and region in its colonial period.

*The new century in Rotorua : a history of events from 1900.* Auckland [NZ]: Ray Richards; Rotorua [NZ]: Rotorua District Council, 1988.  
Continues the historical record up to 1986.

*Rotorua Electricity : a brief history of power in the Rotorua district / written and produced for the Rotorua Area Electricity Authority.* Rotorua [NZ]: The Authority, 1988.

This history concentrates on events, from the success of Okere Falls Power Scheme to the problems of the Wheao Power Scheme, and the people who provided the production and supply of electricity.

*Landmarks of Te Arawa.* Auckland [NZ: Reed Books, 1994-1996.

Volume 1: Rotorua

Volume 2: Rotoiti, Rotoehu, Rotoma

Don has collected the history and legends of every possible identifiable site, locality and event within the district providing an encyclopaedic sequence, cross-referenced to the detailed location maps. Photographs, Bibliography and indexes

*Te Whakarewarewa : a brief guide to the place and its people.* Rotorua [NZ]: D.M. Stafford, 1995.

At 71 pages this is a detailed guide to Whakarewarewa. It is not illustrated nor does it include maps.

*Rotorua Conventions : planner guide.* Rotorua [NZ]: Tourism Rotorua, 1995.

Don Stafford was part of the editorial team. The guide includes a general introduction to New Zealand, an overview of Rotorua and its history, accommodation venues, sightseeing, recreation and support services.

*Evidence of Donald Murray Stafford to be given at a hearing of submissions on the proposed zoning at Kariri Peninsula under the resource Management Act 1991 at Rotorua on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1996.* Unpublished.

Don emphasizes the importance of the Karikari Peninsular in pre-European times and the derivation of the original land title with supporting copies of early maps, sketches of the area by W Bainbridge, Partition Order, Variations, Maori Land Court records and the transfer to Mr Schwanner

*Tangata Whenua : the world of the Maori.* Auckland [NZ]: Reed, 1996. Also published as *Introducing Maori culture* in 1997.

A brief but authoritative introduction to Maori culture.

A new edition, Auckland [NZ]; Penguin Group (NZ) Ltd, 2008, has small additions to the social order/family chapter and now includes the Maori Party. The major difference is bigger, updated illustrations.

*Pakiwaitara : Te Arawa stories of Rotorua as told to Don Stafford.* Auckland [NZ]; Reed Books, 1999.

A collection of stories told to Don by local Maori as he sat in his father's store as a youngster.

*The history and placenames of Rotorua.* Auckland [NZ]:Reed, 1999.

This is a combination of two earlier works; *A pocket history of Rotorua* and *Maori Place names of the thermal regions and their meanings*. There are some minor additions to update the current usage.

*Nga Toa Kohatu.* Tamaki-makau-rau, Aotearoa: Reed, 2001.

*The Rock warriors.* Auckland, [NZ]: Reed, 2001.

Published simultaneously, this is a children's story of the Patupaiarehe of Mt Ngongotaha, the tipua (giants) of the Kaimai Ranges and the tohunga who saved the day.

*Natural New Zealand : an illustrated guide.* Auckland, NZ: Reed, 2003.

An easy-to-understand introduction to New Zealand's past, present and future. It includes brief information about aspects of the country's geography, flora, fauna and the people of the land. Not indexed.

*New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal visitor experience.*

Rotorua [NZ]: The Institute, 2003.

An introduction to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Te Whakarewarewa thermal valley including buildings, cultural experiences and geothermal features.

*Legacy of power : advent and history of the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust – the first ten years.* Rotorua [NZ]: The Trust, 2004.

Traces the history of electricity in Rotorua from governmental control in 1922 to the formation of Rotorua Area Electricity and then to the contentious start of the Trust and its works in the community.

*A wild wind from the north : Hongi Hika's 1823 invasion of Rotorua.* Auckland, NZ: Reed Books, 2007.

Don Stafford has researched the events leading up to the attack and follows in the footsteps of the war party, taking photographs of significant sites as they appear today.

## DVDs

Stafford, D.M. (Donald Murray), & Archibald, Peter. (Producers). (2003?). *Māori culture, traditions and history* [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Dove Video Productions, 2003?  
Explores the world of Māori culture and tradition.

*Don Stafford's Lake Rotoiti safari: a journey of two halves* [Documentary]. . Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo, 2010.  
Don Stafford takes viewers on an historic journey of Lake Rotoiti and explains the history of the place-names that border the lake's edge.

*Don Stafford's lake safari: a journey of two halves* [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo, 2009.  
Don Stafford takes viewers on an historic journey of Lake Rotorua and explains the history of the place-names that border the lake's edge.

*In the footsteps of Kahumatamomoe* [Documentary]. NZ: Vid Pro Quo, 2005?.  
Don Stafford, Anne Moore and Bruce Fraser speak to individuals, community groups and commercial organisations that protect and care for our environmental landscape.

*Out and about with Don Stafford: three journeys through the Rotorua Landscape* [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo.  
Traces the history of Te Arawa people and their colonial past from Ohinemutu to Rainbow Mountain, Te Ngae to Maketu and Pongakawa to Mokoia Island.

*Hindsight: series one*/presented by Don Stafford [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo.  
Shows the development of modern Rotorua in the twentieth century looking at notable buildings, trout fishing, hospitality, transport and food supply.

*Hindsight: series two*/presented by Don Stafford [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo.  
Shows the development of modern Rotorua in the twentieth century looking at forestry, entertainment, farming and water transport.

*Hindsight: series three*/presented by Don Stafford [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo.  
Shows the development of modern Rotorua in the twentieth century looking at local government, aviation and Ngongotaha.

*Hindsight* [Documentary Interviews]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo, 2010.  
A series of unedited interviews featuring local identities listed below. The people interviewed by Don have all played a pivotal role in the development of modern-day Rotorua which features in the Hindsight series.

Harry Adolph	Joe La Grouw
Myles Batchelar	Johnny Lepper
Godfrey Beale	Frank Lord
Mattie Bird	Russell McCullough
Ivan Bowen	Fraser McKenzie
Moyra Bramley	Carole Mackersey
Andy & Mary Burnett	Bob Martin
Harry Childs	Kingsley Matthews
Henry Colbert	Trevor Maxwell
Bob Collins	Dorothy "Bubbles" Mihinui
Judd Davies	Buster Morgan
Eddie Dibley	Sir Howard Morrison
Reg Durrant	Irene Oliver
Tai Eru	Charlie Pihera
Norma Evans	Jarmie Piripi
John Fairley	Bob Reeder
Dave Field	Gordon Roberts
Rex Forrester	Bob Scott
Ynys Fraser	Kate Shaw
Patrick Gallagher	Barbara Sims
Lionel Grant	Jack Stafford
Witerina Harris	Sir Peter Tapsell
Hiwinui Heke	Theo Tate
Ron Hope	Maureen Waaka
Fred Hutchings	Jimmy Wass
John Keaney	Jeremy Wells
John Kininmonth	Ray Woolliams
Roger Kusabs	Bea Yates

*Rotorua legends: the fascinating history of three Rotorua icons*/presented by Don Stafford [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo.  
Examines the background of The Rotorua Bath House, Mokoia Island and The Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust and their contribution to the unique character of the Rotorua District.



*More Rotorua legends: three fascinating aspects of Rotorua History*/presented by Don Stafford [Documentary]. Rotorua, NZ: Vid Pro Quo.  
Focuses on the background of Te Whakarewarewa Valley, Don Stafford and local entrepreneurs and their contribution to the unique character of the Rotorua District.

## MAPS

*Cattle trails from Texas*, compiled and drawn by D.M. Stafford. Brownwood, Texas: Art Fabrics, [1971]  
Shows Chisholm, Shawnee, and Western trails. Coloured map 26 x 42 cm.  
Scale ca. 1:4,000,000

*Indian tribal areas of the United States of America (excluding Hawaii and Alaska)*, compiled and drawn by Don Stafford. Brownwood, Texas: Art Fabrics, 1971.  
Coloured map 26 x 38 cm. Scale ca. 1:14,000,000

## DON STAFFORD FILES

These are subject files compiled by Don when he was doing research for *The Founding years in Rotorua* and *The new century in Rotorua*. Early articles were summarised and later ones have been photocopied. Don created a card index which is mostly names of people and the Library has created subject indexes for the files.

The two volumes of Maori place names are source material for *Landmarks of Te Arawa*.

Armed Constabulary/Police	Mamaku; Mokoia; Ngongotaha;
Arts / Art Gallery	Ohinemutu
Assorted Matters	Medical
Aviation	Political
Bath house misc	Post Office
Baths and hospitals	Railways
Boats	Regal & Vice Regal
Brass bands	Roads
Carved Houses	Rotoehu, Rotoma, Rotoiti (Maori place names)
Church	Rotorua (Maori place names)
Commerce	Rotorua Biographies General and Index
Court Affairs	Rotorua Biographies 7 Volumes
Depression	Rotorua County
Electricity	Schools 2 Volumes
Events 2 Volumes	Scouts and Guides
Farming & prospecting; gold, oil, etc.	Sports 2 Volumes
Fire Brigade	Terraces, Te Wairoa, Tarawera eruption
Fish and wildlife	Tikitere; Waimangu; Waiotapu
Geothermal	Timber Industry
Government Gardens	Tourism 2 Volumes
Great Committee	Township 4 Volumes
Hotels 2 Volumes	Transport Industry
Interviews 2 Volumes	Whakarewarewa 2 Volumes
Kaituna River Maketu	
Lakes	
Land Court	
Library	

## ARAWA NOTES

Don created these 21 volumes of research notes from the Maori Land Court Minute Books while he was working on *Te Arawa*. Most of them have been indexed.

## ARTICLES WRITTEN BY DON STAFFORD

'A Brief Traditional History of Pakotore', in *Historical Review*. Appendix to "The Excavations at Paengaroa, 1959", Dec 1959; v.7 n.4:p.84-85.

'Some notes on Bay of Plenty tradition relating to archaic people', in *Historical Review*, Mar 1960; v.8 n.1:p.3-20

Looks at the tradition that descendants of Toi were already residing in the Bay of Plenty region where the Arawa canoe arrived, and the Arawa people settled.

'Pre-Settlement Maori and Pakeha Relationships', in *Rotorua legend*, Jul 1961; v.1 n.2:p.22-27.

'Don Stafford Replies', in *Rotorua legend*, Jul 1962; v.2 n.1: p.4-20;  
Including:

'Boundary Lines of the Maori', p.19-20.

'Difference Between "Horahora" and "Horohoro"', p.11.

'First Muskets in Rotorua', p.18.

'The Kaituna as an Eel Fishing River', p.4-5, 20.

'Maori Colours', p.13-14.

'Maori System of Deciding on Correct Action to be Taken (as in our Law Court)', p.10-11.

'The Model Village at Whakarewarewa', p.7.

'Ngongotaha', p.12-13.

'Oldest European Buildings in Rotorua', p.17-18.

'Original "Kahukura" and "Kahukura" Football Club', p.15-16.

'The "Phantom" Canoe on Lake Tarawera', p.14-15.

'Pukehina Redoubt (on the Beach at Pukehina)', p.10.

'Raura Meeting House at Whakarewarewa', p.16-17.

'The Significance of the Three Fingers in Maori Carvings.', p.9-10.

'Te Pokiha's Net', p.8-9.

'Tihi-o-Tonga', p.12.

'Transport of War Canoes Overland', p.6.

'Where actually did the Arawa Canoe land', p.19.

'Don Stafford Replies', in *Rotorua legend*, Oct 1963 v.3(1):p.16-22 [various subjects, not itemised].

'Don Stafford Replies', in *Rotorua legend*, Nov 1963 v.3(2):p.14-22. [various subjects, not itemised].

'Date of First Engagement between Arawa and Tairawhiti Expedition, 1864 [Correspondence]', in *Historical Review*, Jun 1964; v.12 n.2:p.92.

'A short history of Tikitere', by C. Watt and D M Stafford, in *Historical Review*, Sep/Dec 1965; v.13 n.3&4:p.137-143

Traces the history of the thermal region, mentioning Maori tradition, first European visitors of the 1840s, and later visitors. Notes the sulphur mining activity and gives scientific details of the springs and pools.

'The Te Teko engagement', in *Historical Review*, Sep/Dec 1965; v.13 n.3&4:p.128-136

Uses extracts from letters and books to highlight the situation in the Bay of Plenty after the Volkner and Fulloon murders. Follows the Arawa force organised by William Mair in their approach to and assault on the pa at Te Teko.

'The Tai Rawhiti expedition', in *Historical Review*, Apr 1967; v.15 n.1:p.75-86  
Backgrounds and discusses the Tai Rawhiti military campaign and gives an account of the Battle of Kaokaoroa.

'City of Rotorua Museum', in *AGMANZ News / Art Galleries and Museums Association of New Zealand*, May 1970; v.2 n.5:p.6

Outlines the purpose, background and contents of the new museum.

'Obituary : Cecil Watt, Rotorua' by H.D. London and D.M. Stafford in *Historical Review*, Nov 1971; v.19 n.2:p.139-140

'Two Hundred Years and Two Hundred Miles', in *Journal of the Tauranga Historical Society*, Sep 1976; n.57:p.31.

Looks at the impact on marine life of Captain Cook's voyages to New Zealand.

'Orator, carver, warrior, councillor: Death of a great chief', in *Daily Post*, 15 May 1993:p.21

Article about Hamuera Pango (Rotorua, ca. 1820-1893)

## SELECTED RECENT PRINTED ARTICLES ABOUT DON STAFFORD

More articles from Rotorua newspapers are included in indexes at the Rotorua District Library.

'Result of four years work on shelves next month', in *Daily Post*, 7 Nov 1986. *Founding years in Rotorua* to be published.

'Stafford, Dillon honoured', in *Daily Post*, 31 Dec 1993; p.1,2  
Don is awarded a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) and Doug Dillon a QSO

Bradley, Lisa. 'Lives less ordinary' in *Daily Post*, 2 Oct 1999; p.10  
Interview with Kate Shaw and Don Stafford when the former turned 100 in 1993.  
Larson, Virginia. 'Local heroes : Rotorua', in *North and South*, Nov 2000;  
n.176:p.82-87  
Features residents who contribute to the Rotorua community, including Don Stafford, Jo-Anne La Grouw, Joe La Grouw, Mary Thompson, Lyonel Grant, Anne Managh, Ann Somerville, Mike Tamaki and Doug Tamaki.

Tiriana, Ingrid. 'Historian has another story to tell after receiving award', in *Daily Post*, 14 Apr 2005; p.1  
Don receives a Rotorua Community award. Article also appears as 'Award gives historian another story to tell', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 13 Apr 2010; p.14

Devine, Rebecca. 'There's no place like home for Don Stafford', in *Daily Post*, 25 Nov 2005; p.1  
Don talks about the history of Rotorua on its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Nicholas, Jill. 'The Don: a scholar and a gentleman', in *Daily Post*, 22 Feb 2006; p.1  
Presentation of a tokotoko and portrait to honour Don's lifelong contribution to Rotorua.

Meroiti, Frances. 'Interview : Don Stafford', in *Bravado*, Jul 2007; no.10:p.21-23  
Profiles Don Stafford and talks about his background and how he became a writer. Discusses his books based on the stories of elderly people in Ngapuhi and Te Arawa tribes.

Taylor, Julie. 'Museum wing to be named after Don', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 25 Aug 2008; p.1  
Biographical material.

Nicholas, Jill. 'Preserver of our history' in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 31 Oct 2009; p.B1  
Biographical material. Includes a portrait

'Celebrating 21 unsung tourism heroes : working for the greater good' in *Tourism business*, Dec 2009/Jan 2010; v.3 no.5:p.20-25  
Pays tribute to those who have gone beyond the call of their job, or of their duty, to benefit not only the tourism industry but also, our natural environment, communities and economy. Gives a brief profile on Don Stafford and others.

Nicholas, Jill. 'Our view : we owe a lot to 'Dr Don'', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 6 Apr 2010; p.6  
Related article 'Farewell Don', 6 Apr 2010; p.1

Hartvelt, Abigail. 'Farewell Don', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 6 Apr 2010; p.1  
Don Stafford's family talk about their father and grandfather; related article 'Our view : we owe a lot to 'Dr Don'', 6 Apr 2010; p.6

King, Alison & Hartvelt, Abigail. 'City leaders pushed for Stafford knighthood; Vital that city recognises Don's commitment; Memories of a brother and a good mate', in: *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 7 Apr 2010; p.1, 4-5  
Obituary and tributes from Todd McClay, Tai Eru and Jack Stafford

'Rotorua's Pakeha kaumatua' was well respected', in *Southland Times*, 7 Apr 2010; p.11  
Biographical material. Includes portrait

Martin, Matthew. 'Don Stafford : 1927-2010; Te Arawa say goodbye to honorary member; Memories of a gentleman who captivated many', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 8 Apr 2010; p.1,4  
Tangi at Papaouru Marae at Ohinemutu; tributes from Tai Eru, Alan Lord, Raewyn Campbell, the Bramley Whanau, CC McDowall.

King, Alison. 'Rotorua lucky to have Don', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 8 Apr 2010; p.5  
University of Waikato Professor of History Giselle Byrnes talks about the importance of Don's work.

'Our Don' was a friend and inspiration to us all', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 9 Apr 2010; p.5.  
Biographical material including portrait.

'Rotorua mourns loss of great man', in *Weekender* (Rotorua), 9 Apr 2010; p.6,  
Biographical material including a portrait

Martin, Matthew. 'Don Stafford : 1927-2010; Influence spread far beyond Rotorua', in *Daily Post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 10 Apr 2010; p.A1, A4-A5  
Funeral at St Faiths Church, pictures; tributes from Deryck Shaw, Raewyn Saville, Paula Fletcher, Tania Hinehou Butcher.

'Rotorua's Pakeha kaumatua', in *Otago Daily Times*, 10 Apr 2010; p.36  
Biographical material. Includes portrait

'Historian's work revisited', in *Rotorua Review*, 4 May 2010; p.17  
Don Stafford is interviewed by Phil Campbell about *A Wild wind from the north*.  
Martin, Matthew. 'Historian's family receive tributes', in *Daily post* (Rotorua, N.Z.), 5 Jun 2010; p.A3,  
Biographical material. Includes portraits