

Company records

Material from the Noel Butlin Archives Centre relating to the Pacific. The items listed below are just a sample

British New Guinea Development Co. Ltd.,

London. Plantation owners in Papua New Guinea. Letter books, newspaper cuttings, financial records and printed material, 1910-1948 (95, M37)

Burns Philp & Co. Ltd

Merchants, traders, shipping, travel & plantation owners. Company records – Minutes, financial records, staff records, photographs, maps and plans. Records relate to Burns Philp's involvement in the Pacific region, particularly Fiji, Kiribati, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu. 1884-1990 (N115, Z385)

Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd (CSR Ltd)

Sugar millers and refiners (includes predecessors). Company records - correspondence (letter books), operational reports, research, marketing, photographs and general records concerning sugar production in Australia and Fiji. 1847-1994 (142, Z103, Z109, Z303, Z364, Z636, Z395)

A more detailed finding aid of CSR Pacific material is available

Unilever Australasia Ltd and predecessors (Z622)

Soap, candle, detergent and food manufacturers. Records include minutes, correspondence, financial records, photographs, printed material, price lists, plans. (Further information attached)

Commonwealth Copra Company - Minutes of Directors' meetings, 1908-1925 (Z622/11)

Neptune Oil Company Limited - Minutes of Directors' meetings, 1921-1925 (Z622/11)

Lever Brothers Ltd, Sydney - Minutes for Board of Directors & Shareholders Meetings, 1900-1923 (Z622/14)

Lever Brothers Ltd, Sydney - oral history recordings, collected by compiler of Unilever

History Book, *L&K Album*, relating to the early days of Lever & Kitchen in Australia and the Solomon Islands, as told by the employees, ca. 1985 (Z622/21)

Lever Brothers Ltd, Sydney - Primary records, 1891-1939 (compiled into an artificial series by Unilever archivist, 1960s) (Z622/21)

Norfolk Islanders employed by Levers' Pacific Plantations Ltd, 1921-1926 (Z622/21)

Balmain Copra shed - photographs, history and copra handling, 1902 - ca.1960 (Z622/21)

PMB 1121 Levers Pacific Plantations PTY LTD/ Lever Solomon's: archives, 1902-1992. Reels 1-10. **CLOSED** till 2044 (except in special circumstances). Readers wishing to request access to this material should write to the Corporate Archivist, Unilever, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London EC4P 4BQ, United Kingdom.

Notes - for information only on Unilever
Australasia Ltd and predecessors (Z622)

J Kitchen & Sons Ltd

1903 Build a copra store at Port Melbourne

1906 John Ambrose begins copra-producing
plantation in Papua (Milne Bay area)

Sydney Soap & Candle Company takes a one third
share in a copra plantation

1907 Kitchen's install their own oil-producing mill

Commonwealth Copra Company

incorporated in 1908 by J Kitchen & Sons Ltd; taken
over by Levers' Pacific Plantations Ltd in 1925

Neptune Oil Company Limited

registered in 1909 by J Kitchen & Sons Ltd; sold to
Lever Brothers in 1925

Lever Brothers Ltd, Sydney

1897 - Lever Brothers establish a plant at Balmain to
extract oil from copra

1902 - Levers' Pacific Plantations Ltd lease land on
Christmas Atoll from the British. They plant 72,863
coconut palms on 1,457 acres and introduce "silver
lip" pearl shells into the lagoon.

1906-1909 Levers' Pacific Plantations Ltd develop
an oil palm plantation in the Solomon Islands
(Guadalcanal area); Lever's Pacific Timbers Ltd are
also established in the Solomon Islands