

Unsolicited donations

Historically Museums Wellington (Wellington Museum, Space Place, Cable Car Museum, Nairn Street Cottage) has received unsolicited objects from members of the public as potential donations to the Museum’s collection. The Museum is very grateful for the public support and engagement demonstrated by these collection donations. However, these gifts are often not aligned with our collection plans and policies.



Consequently, the Museum has carefully reviewed unsolicited objects we’ve been given, and identified a number which do not meet the criteria set out in our Collection Policy. In some cases, objects came into our possession without contact information about the depositor, or contact with this person has been lost subsequently and we would like to make contact with the depositor to update our records.





Help us locate the owners of these objects

We would like to find the original owners of the objects pictured below so that we can re-establish connection or return the objects to them. If we are unable to make contact with the original owners, these objects will be disposed of following the required waiting period of three months set by the Unsolicited Goods and Services Act 1975.

If you are the owner of one of these objects, or know the owner please contact the Collections team.

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Accession No	Name/Title	Brief Description	Image
2006.5089.12	Black cummerbund	Black cummerbund with four securing buttons and two button loops with black elastic extension.	
2006.5089.14	Jacket, Reefer	Doeskin reefer jacket with standard merchant navy buttons and two rings of gold lace edged in green cloth with diamond between.	



2006.5089.15	Battledress jacket, merchant navy electrical officer.	Serge navy blue battledress jacket with shoulder straps for merchant navy electrical officer.	
2006.5089.18	Serge uniform trousers. Mess dress trousers.	Navy blue serge uniform trousers.	
2006.5089.2	Jacket, Reefer	Serge reefer jacket with WHB buttons	
2006.5089.4	Jacket, Reefer	Serge double breasted reefer jacket with WHB buttons	




2006.5089.5	Waistcoat, Naval	Serge navy blue waistcoat	
2006.5089.6	Tie	Black polyester uniform tie	
2006.5089.8	Jacket, Reefer	Serge double breasted reefer jacket with bakelite WHB buttons	
2006.5089.9	Trousers, Uniform	Navy blue serge trousers with button fly	






2006.5089.10	Trousers, Work	Blue polyester zip fly work trousers	
2006.5089.7	Tie	Black polyester uniform tie	
2006.5089.17	Merchant navy reefer jacket.	Serge reefer jacket with second officer standard merchant navy lace.	
2006.5089.16	Merchant navy reefer jacket.	Doeskin reefer jacket with standard merchant navy buttons and shoulder boards with lace for a fourth engineer.	


2006.5089.11	Jacket, reefer	Navy blue uniform reefer jacket with merchant navy buttons.	
2006.5089.19	Officer's mess dress waistcoat	Doeskin naval officer's blue mess undress.	
2006.5089.22	Jacket, Reefer	Doeskin navy blue reefer jacket with standard merchant navy reefer buttons.	
2006.5089.23	Trousers, Uniform doeskin	Navy ble doeskin uniform trousers.	






2006.5098.1	Overalls	Bib overalls, white, ex-USS Co		
2006.5098.2	Overalls	Bib overalls, white, ex-USS Co		
2006.5089.30	Gaiter, military	A single soldier's gaiter		
2006.5089.32	T-Shirt, Columbus Line	White T-shirt featuring Columbus Line.		
2006.5089.35	Jersey, HMNZS Southland	A uniform jersey from the naval vessel HMNZS Southland.		






2006.5089.36	T-Shirt, Bounty	Light blue T-Shirt featuring name and graphic of Bounty, Trans Pacific 1982.	
2006.5089.38	Towel	Union Steam Ship Company towel with company name.	
2006.5089.37	Towel, USS Co	Union Steam Ship Company towel with company name.	
2006.5089.39	Blanket	Woollen blanket displaying USS Co.	
2006.5089.40	Bedsread	White embossed bedsread from Anchor Shipping Company.	






2006.5089.43	Handkerchief	Silk handkerchief with ship and name SS Princess Joan tapestry stitched into it.	
2006.5089.46	Blanket	Grey blanket with USSCo stitched into it.	
2006.5089.47	Bedspread	Grey and white embossed bedspread from USSCo.	
2006.5089.48	Bedspread	Blue and white bedspread from Port Line.	
2006.5089.50	Pillow case	White pillow case from Union Steam Ship Company.	





2006.5089.51	Tea towel	Linen tea towel from Union Steam Ship Company.		
2006.5089.52	Towel	White cotton towel from Union Steam Ship Company.		
2006.5089.53	Towel	White cotton towel roll from Union Steam Ship Company.		
2006.5089.54	Towel	White towel roll from Uniion Steam Ship Company.		
2006.5089.55	Tea towel	White tea towel from Uniion Steam Ship Company.		

2006.5089.56	Table cloth	White cotton table cloth from McIlwraith McEachart Line.	
2006.5089.63	Duvet cover	Duvet bed cover from Union Steam Ship Company.	
2006.5089.64	Pillow cover and pillow	Pillow and pillow cover from USS Co.	
2006.5089.65	Towel	White cotton towel from Union Steam Ship Company.	
1993.3427.1	Jacket, Reefer	Serge six button reefer jacket of WHB Wharfinger	

1999.4515.1	Shorts	Pair of white sailor's shorts.		
1999.4515.2	Shorts	Pair of white sailor's shorts.		
1999.4515.3	Whistle holder	Sailor's whistle holder.		
1999.4515.4	Vest, sailor's	Blue sailors' vest.		
1985.2043.1	Cover, life buoy	Part canvas life bouy cover from TSS Tamahine.		
2006.5089.62	Table cloth	White crochet edged table cloth		

2006.5089.96	Tie	Corporate tie of the USSCo.	
2006.5089.106	Tea towel	Linen tea towel featuring `Duke of Roxburgh' immigrant ship.	
2006.5089.107	Tea towel	Linen tea towel featuring `Duke of Roxburgh' immigrant shp.	
2006.5089.119	Balaclava	Fawn woollen balaclava.	
2006.5089.122	Top, sailor's	White sailor's pull over top.	

2006.5089.124	Belt, leather	Leather belt with shipping company buckle.	
2006.5089.136	Cloth, USSCo	White linen cloth featuring USSCo.	
2006.5089.145	T-Shirt, Top-Cat	T-Shirt from `Top Cat' fast ferry.	
2006.5089.146	Jacket	Woollen jacket from Topcat fast ferry.	
2006.5089.147	Jersey	Black jersey from `Topcat' fast ferry.	

2006.5089.148	Trousers	Black trousers part of uniform from 'Topcat' fast ferry.	
2006.5089.149	Jacket, male musician's	Black jacket with tails desgned for a male orchestral musician.	
2006.5089.150	Greatcoat	Black wool greatcoat.	
2006.5089.151	Jacket, reefer	Black officier's reefer jacket from the USSCo.	

2006.5089.21	Jacket,Denim working	U S Military style soft denim light khaki working jacket.	
2006.5089.24	Trousers	Coarse serge uniform trousers	
2006.5089.25	Trousers,Uniform	Fine serge uniform trousers made for W Dorman Esq.	
2006.5089.27	Greatcoat	Doeskin greatcoat with USS Co.Ltd buttons and shoulder straps with Captain's lace.	

2006.5089.152	Sewing Kit	Black cloth Serviceman's sewing kit.	
2006.5089.153	Sewing Kit	Light khaki cloth Serviceman's sewing kit.	
2006.5089.154	Sewing Kit	Navy blue cloth Serviceman's sewing kit.	
2005.4970.150	Blanket, USS Co.	Woollen blanket from shipping company	