

## Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand (Incorporated)

The Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand (Incorporated) or DMS as the Society was known, was established in 1981 to enable practising domiciliary midwife members to communicate efficiently, speak out effectively as one body, and manage their own affairs; to oppose and correct misrepresentation and misunderstanding of the philosophy of home birth and the policies of domiciliary midwives; and, to protect the reputation and interests of all domiciliary midwives by seeking to obtain membership from all midwives providing home birth services. The DMS was very active from the 1980s with the Home Birth Associations and Support Groups in securing the viability of the home birth option prior to 1990.

Accession number	2000/1
Accession title	<b>Domiciliary Midwives Society (Incorporated)</b>
Provenance	Secretarial Archive of Domiciliary Midwives Society (Inc.)
Content/Description	<p>Mainly typescript</p> <p>Administrative archive of Domiciliary Midwives Society Incorporated (DMS). This group was established in 1981 to enable practising domiciliary midwife members to communicate efficiently, speak out effectively as one body, and manage their own affairs; to oppose and correct misrepresentation and misunderstanding of the philosophy of home birth and the policies of domiciliary midwives, and to protect the reputation and interests of all domiciliary midwives by seeking to obtain membership from all midwives providing home birth services.</p> <p>Contains minutes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, reports, statistics, submissions, <i>The Domiciliary Midwives Newsletter</i>, Direct Entry Midwifery, one midwife's personal papers</p>
Date range	1978-1998
Quantity	5 standard archive boxes
Folder numbers and names	<p>Folder 1: Documents of Incorporation</p> <p>Meeting minutes, reports, agenda &amp; invitations</p> <p>Folder 2.1: DMS meetings, 1982-1997</p> <p>Folder 2.2: Home birth reports and conference papers, 1982-1992</p> <p>Folder 2.3: NZCOM meetings, 1989-1992</p> <p>Folder 3: Membership lists</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Folder 4.1: Correspondence, 1981</p> <p>Folder 4.2: Correspondence, 1982</p>

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	<p>Folder 19.2: 6<sup>th</sup> draft, October 1989  Folder 19.3: 7<sup>th</sup> draft, October 1989  Folder 19.4: 8<sup>th</sup> draft, November 1989</p> <p>Folder 20: <i>NZCOM National Newsletter</i>, 1989-1993</p>
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Restrictions	Available by appointment