

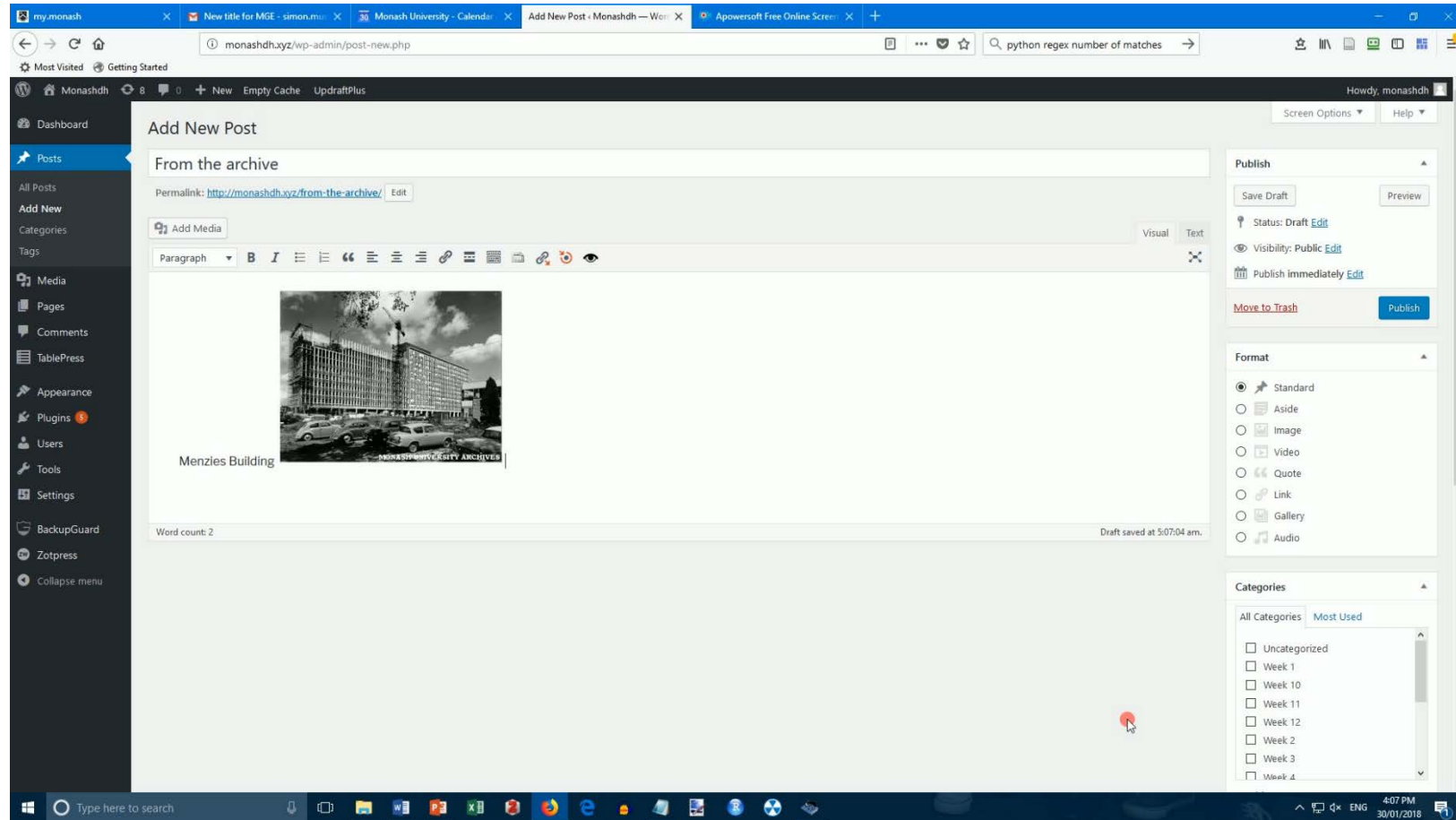
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Using tables to format web pages

Formatting in html

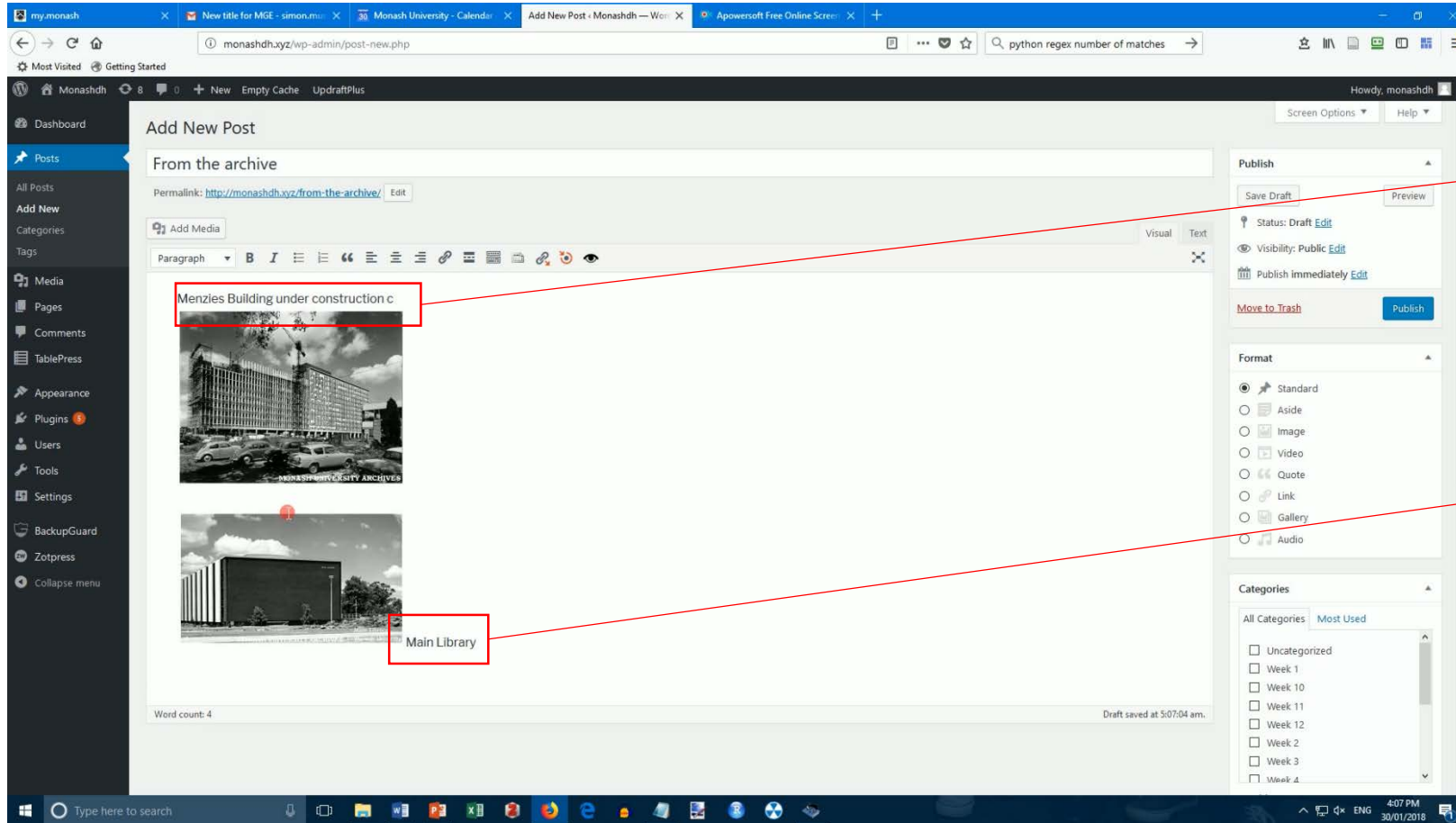
- Basic html allows very few possibilities for formatting text
- It doesn't even have tabs!
- Placing text and images together is also hard to control
- The next few slides will show some of these problems

Text and images



Enter text then add an image: the image appears after the text, bottom edge aligned

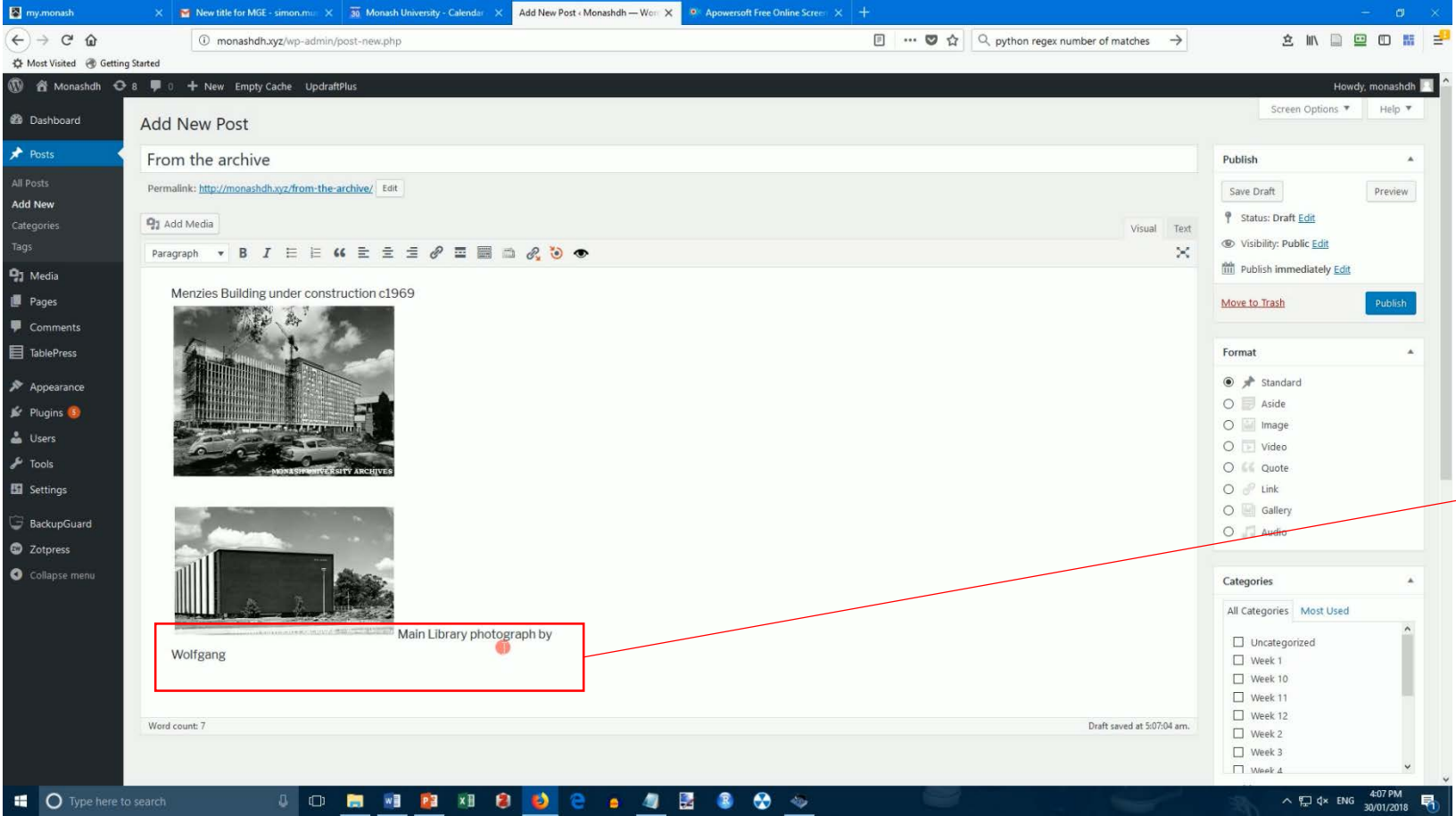
Text and images



Add too much text to a line, and the image wraps underneath

Add an image, then enter text and it appears after the image, bottom aligned

Text and images



If you keep typing, the text wraps onto another line

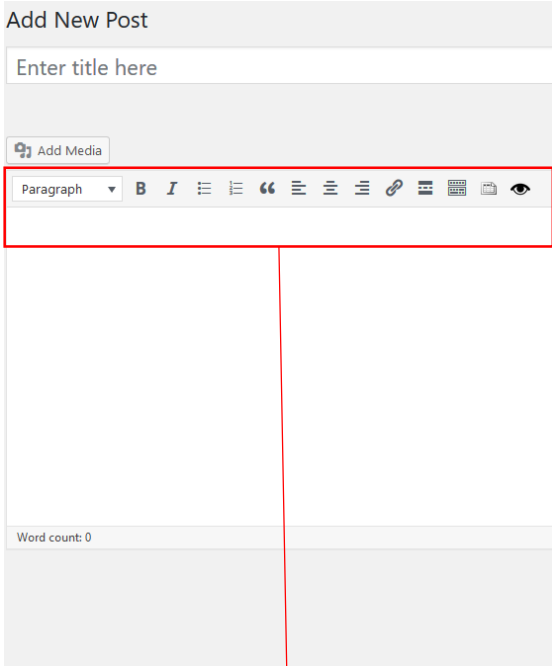
Unsatisfactory results

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a WordPress blog post. The browser's address bar shows the URL `monashdh.xyz/?p=10088&preview=true`. The page title is "From the archive" and it is dated "JANUARY 30, 2018 BY MONASHDH". The main content area features two images: the first is a black and white photograph of the Menzies Building under construction in 1969, and the second is a photograph of the Main Library building. Below the second image, the text reads "Main Library photograph by Wolfgang Sievers". The sidebar on the right contains a search bar, sections for "RECENT POSTS" (listing "Reference example", "The Future of Storytelling", and "Digital Humanities @Monash"), "RECENT COMMENTS", "ARCHIVES" (listing "December 2017", "October 2017", and "September 2017"), and "CATEGORIES" (listing "Uncategorized", "Week 1", and "Week 10"). The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with the system clock at 4:08 PM on 30/01/2018.

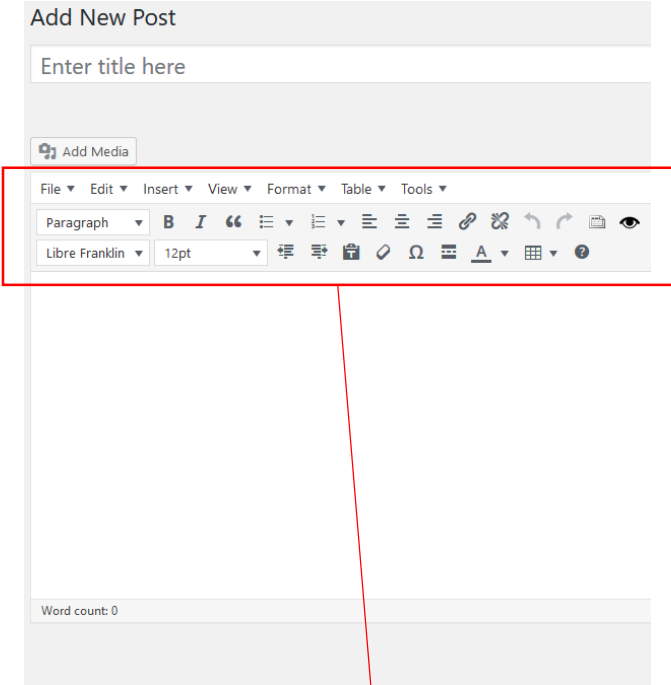
The solution - tables

- Using tables allows us to place elements on a page with much more control
- Generally we use tables with invisible borders for this
 - But you can make the table borders a design feature if you want
- TinyMCE is the editor Wordpress uses for posts and pages
- TinyMCE Advanced is a plugin which enhances that editor

TinyMCE Advanced

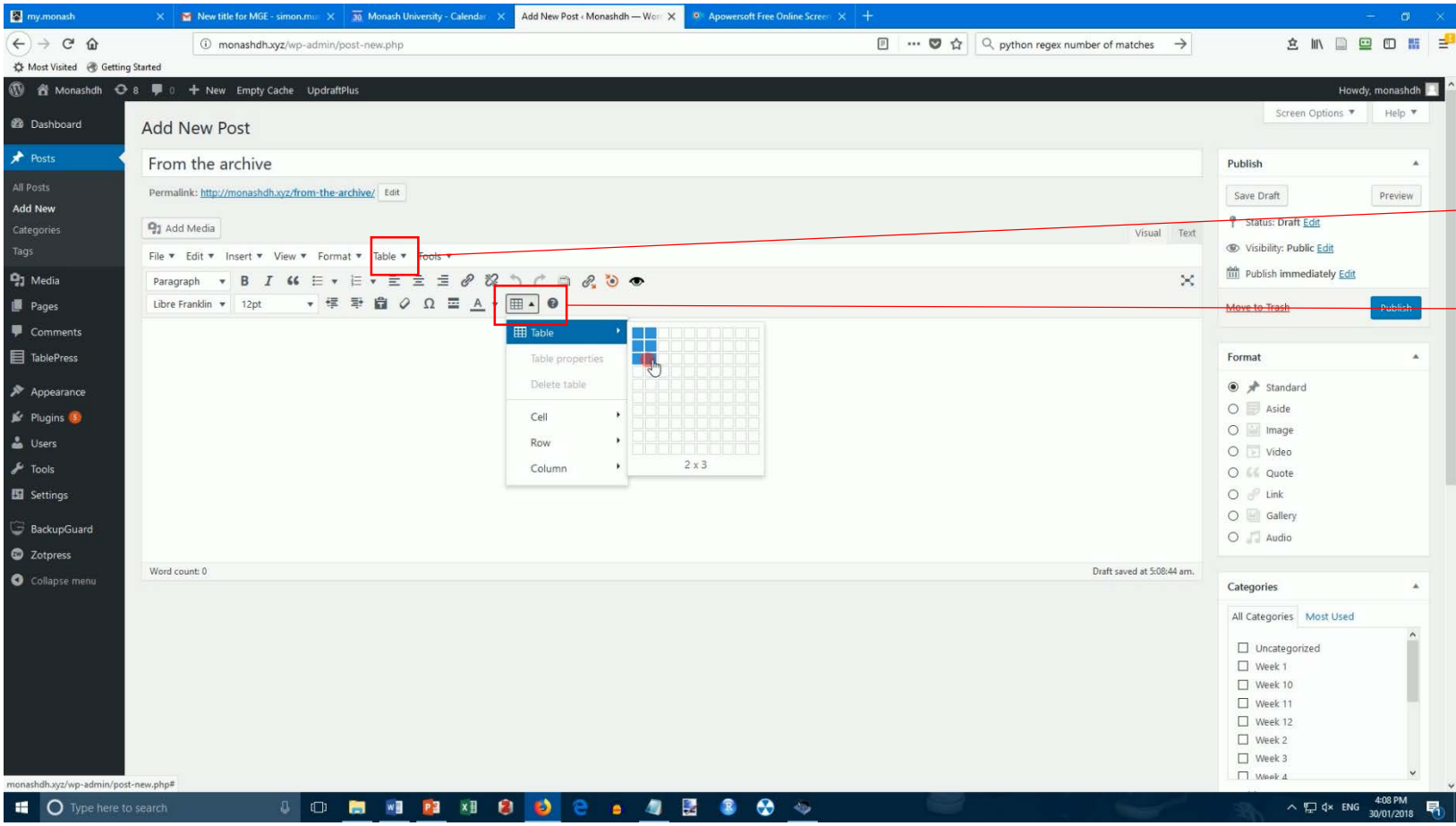


Standard editor, limited options on toolbar



Advanced editor, lots more options

Tables in TinyMCE Advanced



Toolbar text

Toolbar icon – which is being used here to insert a table

Putting elements in tables

Add New Post

From the archive



Permalink: <http://monashdh.xyz/from-the-archive/> Edit

Add Media

File Edit Insert View Format Table Tools

Paragraph B I “ ” List Bulleted List Numbered List Link Unlink Undo Redo

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Images of the Clayton Campus	 <p>MONASH UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES</p>
Menzies Building	Main Library
	



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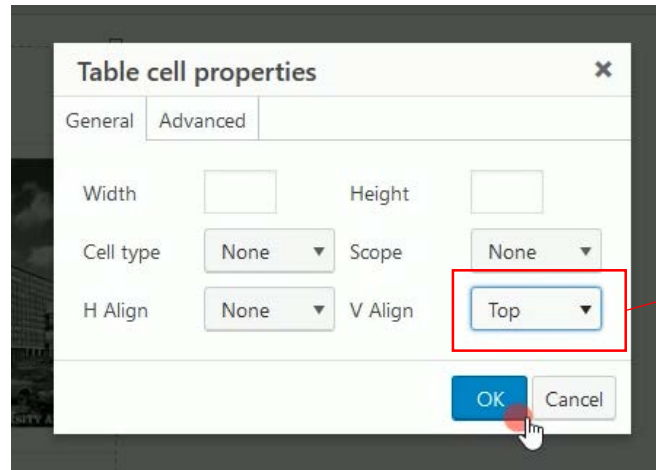
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Images of the Clayton Campus

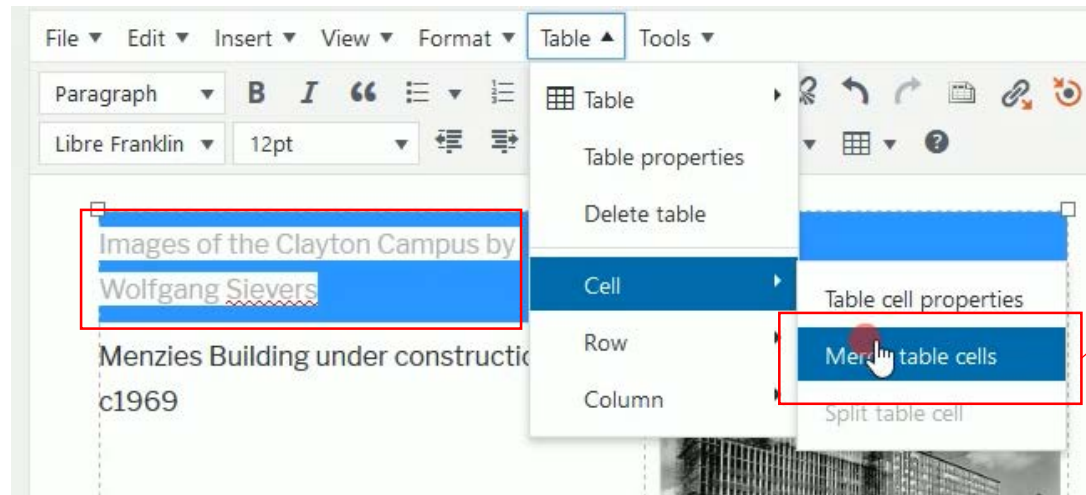
Menzies Building	 <p>MONASH UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES</p>
	Main Library

Text and images can go in separate cells, the layout is cleaner already

Refinements



Position of text in a cell can be controlled for both horizontal and vertical alignment:
Select a cell then:
Table > Cell > Table Cell Properties



Text wraps in a cell when next cell is empty?
You can merge cells
Select the cells then:
Table > Cell > Merge table cells

Looking good!

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From the archive

Images of the Clayton Campus by Wolfgang Sievers

Menzies Building under
construction c1969



Main Library 1967

