

Reference Number: **2015.0021**

Collection/Series Title: **ADMINISTRATION FILES**

Creator	Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archives
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Women's rights activists - Feminist collectives
Creator's Historical Note	
<p>The Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archives dates from 1982 when a women's liberation reading group was formed. When the members realised that some of the papers, publications and memorabilia of the Women's Liberation Movement were already either hard to come by or destroyed, the group reformed as the Women's Liberation Archives with the aim of preserving as much of the material of the Women's Liberation Movement in Victoria as possible and to make it available for research and other purposes.</p> <p>The Women's Liberation Archives had its first meeting on 1 March 1983 and met regularly for the next ten years. During that time the WLA published three calendars (1984, 1985 and 1987) in conjunction with Sybilla Press; moved location several times; successfully applied for funding from the Victorian Women's Trust; and continued collecting, preserving and making material available for research. In 1992 the Women's Liberation Building in 28 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy closed: the Archive was relocated to a private home and renamed the Women's Liberation and Lesbian Archives. In 2000, a new collective was formed to find a permanent home for the Archive, and it registered as the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archives Inc.. A grant from the Community Heritage Grants Scheme in Canberra paid for an overall assessment of the collection and after looking at the options, a decision was made to move the collection to the University of Melbourne Archives at the end of that year. The VWLLFA Collective continues to be active in support of its initial aims and celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2013..</p> <p>This collection is No.18 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1973-2011
Size/Extent	5 archive boxes; over sized material
Access Conditions	Access: Restricted
Scope and Content of Collection/Series	
<p>Material relating to the activities of the VWLLFA collective and a range of materials that document the concerns of its members throughout the period. Administration files; publications; framed items and plaster face of a woman from the Women's Liberation Building after it closed in 1992.</p> <p>This collection is part of No. 18 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive.</p>	
Collection Category	Community and Political, organisations
This document dated	17/07/2015

Box No	Folder No	Description	Date
Unit 1	1/1	Feminist Bookstore News Vol. 20 Nos. 1 – 4	1997
	1/2	Feminist Bookstore News Vol. 20 No, 5/6 and Vol. 21 Nos 1-2	1998
	1/3	Archives Business	1985-1988
	1/4	Feminist Flyer A Supplement to Women's Liberation Newsletter Nos. 4, 5, 6 (2 copies) Jan-May 1986; Calendar and May, June, Aug. 1987; Nos. 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 1988-1989	1986-1989
	1/5	Photocopier	
	1/6	General Miscellaneous	1992-1999
	1/7	Women's Newsletter graphics of events	1973-1979
	1/8	Women's Building Council	1974-1997
	1/9	Archive Finances	1983-2002
	1/10	Archives Funding/Fundraising	1981-1986
	1/11	Archives Correspondence I	1983-1988
	1/12	Archives Correspondence II	1987-1996
Unit 2	2/1	Photos - in 4 original envelopes: 1. and 2. of 2001 and 2003 of Jean Taylor (VWLLFA with Ministers and group at Canberra for Community Heritage Grant ceremonies; 3. from 1975 Adelaide Gay Women's Liberation event –with provenance letter including photographer, Sally O'Wheel and donor, Barbara Baird and some names of women in the photo; 4. 12 photos and negatives taken by Sue George and Sharon Hughes in 1986 for 1987 Calendar of them and the window/surrounds of the Women's Liberation Building and move to 100 Lt. Lonsdale St.	1975-2003
	2/2	Timeline – by Jean Taylor for 1987 calendar	1969-1987
	2/3	Jean Taylor's research, mostly about 1970s for 1987 calendar	1970-1987
	2/4	Conservation/archival materials	1983-1984
	2/5	Girls Apprenticeship Program	1983-1984
	2/6	Banners – information from Women's Building/Switchboard	
	2/7	Marg Jacobs – raffle sales – fundraiser(s) for VWLLFA	
	2/8	Racism	1976-1983
	2/9	Aboriginal Solidarity Group	1986-1988
	2/10	Women's Political History Guide to Sources	1991
	2/11	LGBTI Collections – meetings, comments, reports and surveys	2005-2006
	2/12	Vig Geddes- hand written notes and research for 1985 Calendar "The 1970s", mostly 1974-5	1985
	2/13	Calendar Group assignments and workshops	1985
	2/14	Women's Building Council minutes and miscellaneous	1984-1988
	2/15	Australian Publications – Archives Matter 2007 (2 copies), Womanspeak Vol. 1 No. 1, Sydney Women's Liberation Newsletter Aug. 1974, Combat Sexism Kit Book 1 for Teachers 1973/4, Abortion Is A Woman's	1974-2007

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		Right To Choose Dec. 1985 and an undated issue, Womens News Services No. 5, UNAA Newsletter Feb/Mar 1988, AFI catalogue 187-88	
	2/16	Community Heritage Grant, Canberra	2001
	2/17	Community Heritage Grant, Canberra	2003
Unit 3	3/1	Leaflets	1981-1990
	3/2	Old Provenances I – Handwritten lists & contents	
	3/3	Old Provenances II – Original handwritten descriptions and biographical information by the donors.	
	3/4	Old Provenances III – some typed with contents.	
	3/5	Archives Finances – Bank Book stubs	1983-2002
Publications			
Unit 4	18 Copies (1 of each year) of The ALSO Directory – Community guide to services and businesses.		1992/3-2011
	Alsorts: A Sexuality Awareness Resource by Daryl Higgins		2002
	Over The Rainbow: a Guide to the law for lesbians and gay men in Victoria.		2002
	You & Family Law		1999
	The Little Pink Book: a service-friendly guide for the gay and lesbian community.by Elaine Weaver		
	MSO Trader: Victoria's gay and lesbian business directory		1995
	4 Copies of Screaming Hyena: a seriously bent book forum – from Hares and Hyenas bookstore. Including last issue in print		1996-1997
	Girls Own: a magazine for young women about the law, rights, and resources.		1989
Artwork & Music			
The following two items were donated by the (now unknown) artists and were prominently displayed in several of the Women's Buildings until 1992 when the last one closed and the items came to Jean Taylor for the VWLLFA archives.			
Unit 5	Unglazed terracotta face of woman, with hanging loop		
Item 2015.0021.0001	Original artwork of Striped Chair against a striped wall. Removed from frame. This item has been stored separately for preservation.		
Items 2015.0021.0002 and 2015.0021.0003	2 Cassette tapes of women's band, "Nice Girls Don't Spit" – 1989 and 1991 (Last Drinks). Members of 'Nice Girls': Billi Montana, Donna Jackson, Liz Flynn, Michelle Brisbane, Toni Trouble, Sue Slammer. Many original songs and a few covers. These items have been stored separately for preservation		1989-1991

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