



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	ROONEY, Pat
ACCESSION NO	100/173; VWLLFA No.90
CATEGORY	Other, Individuals
ACTIVITY	Feminists
DATE RANGE	1984-1999
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.32m (2 archives boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Pat Rooney was born on 25 April 1935 in Glasgow, Scotland, and trained as a nurse. After arriving in Australia in 1970 she became pregnant and gave birth to her son at the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, in 1971. Rooney joined the Council for the Single Mother and her Child which was active around rights for single mothers and politically lobbying for a Single Mothers pension. Although the Single Mothers pension was granted in 1973, Rooney had always worked as a nurse and paid someone to mind her son. During this time Rooney attended various Women's Liberation Movement and lesbian community functions. When she retired from nursing in the mid-1980s, she opened a gift shop in Gertrude Street Fitzroy (next to Shrew Women's Bookshop) called Gertrude's. Rooney became more involved in lesbian events and activities, including the Lesbians Over 40 group, and joined the Performing Older Women's Circus as a founding member in 1995.</p> <p>This collection is No. 90 in the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Leaflets, newspapers clippings and publications: 'Victorian Women's Liberation Newsletter'; 'Lesbians on the Loose'; 'Lesbiana'; 'Labrys'; 'Gayzette'; 'Australian Women's Book Review'.
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
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Pat Rooney Papers			
1	90/1/1	Conferences – 10/40 Alice Springs, National Lesbian Conference and Festival, Brisbane - & assorted leaflets & Lavender Pages	1994-1999
	90/1/2	Newspaper clippings 1	1995-1996
	90/1/3	Newspaper clippings 2	1993-1995
	90/1/4	Newspaper clippings 3	1996
	90/1/5	Newspaper clippings 4	1984-1995
	90/1/6	Newspaper clippings 5	1984-1997
	90/1/7	Periodicals – Australian Women’s Book Review	1993
	90/1/8	Periodicals - Gayzette	1991-1993
	90/1/9	Periodicals – Labrys – 1, 2, 3, 5, 6	1990-1991
	90/1/10	Periodicals – Labrys – 7, 8, 10	1991
	90/1/11	Periodicals – Labrys – 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	1991-1992
	90/1/12	Periodicals – Lesbiana – 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10	1992
	90/1/13	Periodicals – Lesbiana- 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21	1993
1	90/1/14	Periodicals – Lesbiana – 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36	1994-1995
2	90/2/1	Periodicals – Lesbian News – 38, 39, 40	1990
	90/2/2	Periodicals – Lesbians on the Loose - #s 33-42 (incomplete)	1992-1993
	90/2/3	Periodicals – Lesbians on the Loose - #s 43-51 (incomplete)	1993-1994
	90/2/4	Periodicals – Lesbians on the Loose - #s 54-67 (incomplete)	1994-1995
	90/2/5	Periodicals – Miscellaneous Magazines - women	1992-1994
	90/2/6	Periodicals - Miscellaneous Newsletters - women	1993
	90/2/7	Periodicals – Victorian Women’s Liberation Newsletter – #s 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	1988
2	90/2/8	Periodicals – Victorian Women’s Liberation Newsletter - incomplete	1989-1992

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