



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>O'Connor, Maureen (1945-1998)</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	100/299; VWLLFA No.125
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Feminists
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1966-1998
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	0.82 m (8 archives boxes; fabrics, posters, badges, records and photos)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>Maureen O'Connor was born and raised in inner urban Melbourne and came out as lesbian at age seventeen. An active member of several unions, she had various jobs, including as a Storeman and Packer, an Owner-Driver and a Public Servant in the Department of Housing and Construction. A member of the Lesbian Festival 1990 and 1992 organising groups, O'Connor devised the ticketing system for the program of events and was involved in the overall running of the LesFests. She joined the Women's Circus Techies for their first show in 1991 and was a technician for all their subsequent annual shows until 1997. A founding member of the Performing Older Women's Circus in 1995, O'Connor performed with POW until 1997 and took overall responsibility for the technical aspects of POW's shows. O'Connor was instrumental in setting up the Lesbian Cancer Support Group in December 1996 after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	2000
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	6 boxes of papers; fabrics including costume, cape, T-shirts, banners, hats; posters, badges, photos, records.

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	<p>Formats from this collection needing special preservation have been removed to alternative storage. Formats relocated from this collection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, and Memorabilia</li> <li>• Photographs</li> <li>• Badges</li> <li>• Audio formats</li> </ul> <p>Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, Memorabilia and Posters are fully detailed on a master list attached to the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive catalogue Registration Number 2010.0011. Please search this number for full details.</p> <p>Photographs and badges are not listed in detail. A summary list of collections with this format is attached to the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive catalogue Registration Number 2010.0011. Please search this number for details.</p>		
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	<p>The six boxes of papers were listed by hand by Jean Taylor, and in 2009, Ardy and Barbary listed the contents of the boxes.</p>		
<b>LISTED BY</b>	Ardy Tibby and Barbary Clarke; Shirin Heinrich		
<b>DATE</b>	August 2009; January 2011		

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
		<b>O'Connor, Maureen</b>	
1		<b>Biography</b>	
	125/1/1	Cancer I – assorted documents and publications	
	125/1/2	Cancer II – assorted documents and publications	
	125/1/3	Conferences –Women's Health and Cancer	
	125/1/4	Sixth National 10/40 Conference – organising collective	1992
	125/1/5	National 10/40 Conference	
	125/1/6	Correspondence – Andrew	1991-1992
	125/1/7	Correspondence – Bronte	1994-1996
	125/1/8	Correspondence – Cards, pre-1996	
	12501/9	Correspondence – Cards, 1995-1998	1995-1998
	125/1/10	Correspondence – Cards, 1996-1998	1996-1998
	125/1/11	Correspondence - Cards, Jane Richards	
	125/1/12	Correspondence - Rob Martin, 1992-1998	1992-1998
1	125/1/13	Correspondence - Joan Russell, 1980s & 1990s	
2	125/2/1	Dept Human Services Maurs' flat	1997-1998
	125/2/2	Final bills	1997-1998
	125/2/3	Handwritten notes	
	125/2/4	The Health Report	1995
	125/2/5	Let's Hear it for Aphra – a play for Maureen	
	125/2/6	Articles by Jean Taylor	
	125/2/7	A Brief History of the Womyn's Liberation Centres and the Womyn's Liberation Buildings – From 1972-1992 by Jean Taylor	1996
	125/2/8	The Clowning Workshops by Jean Taylor	1994
	125/2/9	Miscellaneous writings by Jean Taylor	
	125/2/10	Murder Mystery by Jean Taylor	1995
	125/2/11	Poetry and drama by Jean Taylor	1991-1998
	125/2/12	Short stories Jean Taylor/Emily George	
	125/2/13	Koori/Aboriginal - assorted	
	125/2/14	Lesbian Cancer Support Group 1997-1998	1997-1998
	125/2/15	Lesbian Festival, Sydney	1991
	125/2/16	National Lesbian Festivals and Conferences – programs and leaflets	1990-1993
	125/2/17	Lesbian and Gay Health Policy Reference Group – assorted	1998
	125/2/18	Matrix Guild Victoria Inc – minutes of meetings and assorted	1996-1998
2	125/2/19	Medical	1998
3	125/3/1	Miscellaneous	
	125/3/2	Myers-Briggs Type Indicator	
	125/3/3	Newspaper articles	
	125/3/4	Not Another Koori Show – comments on Nelson Mandela's visit to Australia	1990

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3	125/3/5	Old material - assorted	
	125/3/6	Performance – flyers, programs	
	125/3/7	Performing Older Women's Circus – Act Your Age (1995), Still Revolting (1996), Every Witch Way (1996)	1995-1996
	125/3/8	Performing Older Women's Circus – Administration, Unstopped Mouthes (1997), Over the Top with Tarot (1998)	1997-1998
	125/3/9	Personal documents	
	125/3/10	The Platypus and the Clown – a story for Maureen from Melissa	1995
	125/3/11	Poetry and prose by Maurs	
	125/3/12	Publications and monographs - miscellaneous	
	125/3/13	Judy's Punch, Sep	1994
	125/3/14	Labrys - No 1, Nov 5; No 2, Dec 5	1990
	125/3/15	Labrys - No 3, No 4, No 5, No 7	1991
	125/3/16	Labrys - No 9, No 10, No 13	1991
	125/3/17	Labrys - No 14, No 15	1992
3	125/3/18	Lesbiana - Issues 1-10 Mar-Dec	1992
4	125/4/1	Lesbiana -Issues 12-21 (missing No 19) Mar-Dec	1993
	125/4/2	Lesbiana - miscellaneous issues	1994-1996
	125/4/3	Lip – The Lesbian Magazine Issues 2,4,6	
	125/4/4	Misc. Publications Melbourne, Star Observer, Out Loud, 6th Int'l Book Fair News, Talkabout, Claudia	1991-1998
	124/4/5	Queen Vic Women's Centre	1991
	125/4/6	Australians for Reconciliation- Study Circle Kit	1994
	125/4/7	Reiki	1994-1995
	125/4/8	Scrapbook- 21st birthday Sept. 9	1966
	125/4/9	Script w/ Tech/Light directions "Della"-Amazon Theatre – Oct	1994
	125/4/10	Script w/ Tech/Light directions "Drowning In Her Soup"	1995
	125/4/11	Script & Program "Matri-Spiral Descent" (Jean Taylor), Lesbian Festival , Oct, Dykelighting	1992
	125/4/12	Script w/ Lighting notes "Read My Lips" Voice of the Heart, Lesbian Festival, Oct	1992
	125/4/13	Script & Signed Card- Pope Joan: Women's Circus Nov/Dec	1997
	125/4/14	Script w/ Sound/Light notes "Remote Control & In The Slammer" Voice of the Heart	
4	125/4/15	Script w/ Lighting notes "Under Cover" Amazon Theatre	1992
5	125/5/1	Script w/ Lighting notes "We Who Were The Beautiful" Scarlot Harlots, Napier St. Theatre	1993
	125/5/2	Short Stories by Ma Thida	
	125/5/3	"Social Control Of Lesbianism: a comparative ethnology of an active group and a covert group of	1980

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		Adelaide Lesbians: - Thesis by Joan Russell (with personal dedication & card)`	
5	125/5/4	Stickers	
	125/5/5	Studies – Certificates & Notes – Book	1987-1994
	125/5/6	Study Notes – Electronics – Book	
	125/5/7	Study Notes - Electronics – Book	
	125/5/8	Will & Funeral Arrangements	1998
	125/5/9	Preview of possible Anthology by Women & Addiction Support Group	1991
	125/5/10	Women's Circus Misc.	1992-1998
	125/5/11	Women's Circus Newsletters (some with more than 1 copy)	1991-1998
	125/5/12	Women's Circus – Beijing	1995
	125/5/13	Women's Circus – Tech Crews	
	125/5/14	Work Logbook	1985-1986
5	125/5/15	Work & Tax records	1992-1998
6		Diaries (5) 1971, 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998	1971-1998
		Address Books (2)	
		Course Books (2) – Accounting	
6		Notes - Book (1)	
7, 8 and Single Item Audio - Vinyl Records Box 1	125/10	LP records - lesbian and womyn's music	
		Poster- Women's Circus, Pope Joan (Signed by Cast/members on the back)	1997
	125/7	Clown Outfit and Scout Cape with badges and bandana	
	125/8	T-shirts Caps	
	125/9	2 albums of photographs	
	125/11	Badges	

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