

Reference Number: **2000.0220**
 Collection/Series Title: **VASHTI COLLECTIVE**

Creator	Vashti Collective
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Publishers - Feminists
Creator's Historical Note	
<p>Named after the Persian queen who disobeyed her husband, as told in the Old Testament, 'Vashti's Voice' was first published by the Women's Liberation Carlton group around June 1972. Published as a quarterly over nine years V V reported on feminist activities and interests. In Spring 1976 its title changed to 'Vashti'; from 1977 it was published by Spinifex Press. Publication ceased after the Spring 1981 issue. A best of 'Vashti' compilation was published as 'The Voices of Vashti Anthology, 1972-1981' in 1986. This collection is No.37 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1972-1981
Size/Extent	2 Units (0.24m)
Access Conditions	Access: Open
Scope and Content of Collection/Series	
<p>'Vashti's Voice', 1972-1976; 'Vashti' 1977-1981; correspondence; photographs</p> <p>Formats from this collection needing special preservation have been removed to alternative storage. Formats relocated from this collection include: -Photographs</p> <p>This collection is No.37 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive (VWLLFA)</p>	
System of Arrangement	This collecton was originally described in a FileMaker Pro database by students, but not listed in detail. The detailed list was prepared by Jean Taylor, founder of the VWLLFA in a funded project in 2002.
Collection Category	Community and Political, organisations
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 0.0001			
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0000 0.0002			
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 1	Vashtis Voice	1972-1973	No. 1, undated June 1972 [?]; no. 2, undated October 1972 [?]; no. 3, March 1973; no. 4, July 1973; no. 5, November/December 1973 (newspaper format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/01
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 2	Vashtis Voice	1974-1975	No. 6 March 1974; no. 7 June/July 1974; no. 8 October 1974; no. 9 Summer 1974/1975 (newspaper format) (2 copopies of each). Previous control number 37/01/02
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 3	Vashtis Voice	1975	No. 10 Autumn 1975; no. 11 Winter 1975; no. 12 Winter/Spring 1975; no. 13 Spring 1975 (newspaper format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/03
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 4	Vashtis Voice	1976	No. 14 Autumn 1976; no. 15 Winter 1976; no. 16 Spring 1976; Vote labor (sic) December 13 (newspaper format) (2 copies of each). Vashti Womens Liberation Election News. Previous control number 37/01/04
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 5	Vashti	1977	No. 17 Summer 1976/1977; no. 18 Autumn 1977; no. 19 Winter 1977; no. 20 Spring 1977 (magazine format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/05

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2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 6	Vashti	1978	No. 21 Summer / Autumn 1978; no. 22 Autumn / Winter 1978; no. 23 Spring / Summer 1978 (magazine format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/06
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 7	Vashti	1979	No. 24 Summer 1979; no. 25 Winter 1979; no. 26 Summer 1979 (magazine format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/07
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 8	Vashti	1980	No. 27 Autumn 1980; no. 28 Spring 1980 (magazine format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/08
2000.0220 Unit 1	2000.0220.0000 9	Vashti	1981	No. 29 Autumn 1981; no. 30 Spring 1981 (magazine format) (2 copies of each). Previous control number 37/01/09
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 0	Articles / Letters / Notices 1	Undated	Draft articles and poems for inclusion in 'Vashti'. Circulars and correspondence to members of the editorial board. Also includes page layouts. Previous control number 37/02/01
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 1	Articles / Letters / Notices 2	Undated	Draft articles and poems for inclusion in 'Vashti'. Circulars and correspondence to members of the editorial board. Also includes page layouts. Previous control number 37/02/02
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 2	Layout 1: graphics	Undated	Drawings and graphics for an undated issue of 'Vashti'. Previous control number 37/02/03
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 3	Layout 2: graphics	Undated	Drawings and graphics for an undated issue of 'Vashti'. Previous control number 37/02/04

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2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 4	[Material relating to a variety of interests of the Vashti editorial committee]	c.1976	Correspondence, articles from other publications, brochure for English classes for adult migrants in Victoria, 1976. Previous control number 37/02/05
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 5	Poems	Undated	Drafts of poems submitted for inclusion in 'Vashti'; letters to the editor. Previous control number 37/02/06
2000.0220 Unit 2	2000.0220.0001 6	Publications and periodicals	1976-1978	Various issues of 'Vashti' with handwritten notes by unknown author. Includes newsletters of the Union of Australian Women (March 1976), Women's Liberation (March /April 1978), and Sydney Women's Liberation (March 1976). Previous control number 37/02/07
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0001 7	Portrait of Kate Millett	1971	Portrait of lesbian writer and feminist activist, Kate Millett, author of 'Sexual Politics' in 1971.
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0001 8	Women at an Australian Women and Child Care rally in Melbourne	c.1976	Two women wearing singlets bearing the Women's Liberation symbol at an AUS Women and Child Care rally in Melbourne. One of the women holds a baby wearing a badge: 'Women Stand Up and Be Counted', in front of a banner. Inscription: AUS Children & Child Care p11 80%
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0001 9	Portrait of performers	Undated	Close up of two actors the actors during a performance. Actors unidentified.

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 0	Industrial food processing of asparagus	Undated	Six female workers at an industrial food processing factory packing Harvest Asparagus Tips into tins by hand and placing them in wooden boxes on a conveyer belt. Inscription: Food P1 Pic1 30% 13 ems 2446 Food Processing vegetables. Photographer: Wolfgang Sievers
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 1	Routine laboratory tests of canned meat	Undated	Scientists conducting routine laboratory tests which were carried out by scientists during canned meat production in Australia. Photographer: Ken Bradshaw
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 2	Inspection and packing of nylon goods	Undated	Workers inspecting and packing nylon goods at Fibremakers Penrith Pty Ltd. Photographer: Val Foreman
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 3	Weight control check on 'Aspro Clear' tablets	Undated	A female worker at the controls of a machine processing 'Aspro Clear'. The machine automatically packages and checks the weight of tablets in each pack as quantity control. Photographer: Val Foreman
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 4	Workers checking for size and quality at an asparagus factory.	Undated	Five female workers checking for size and quality at an asparagus factory. There are three processes shown; taking the asparagus out of wooden boxes, transferring them onto a measuring circle before placing them on a long conveyer belt to measure asparagus for size and quality. Photographer: Wolfgang Sievers

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 5	Eve Stocker	Undated	Eve Stocker, a volunteer at 3CR, wearing ear phones in front of a microphone.
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 6	Photograph of a wall collage	Undated	Wall collage of various posters, pennants and polaroid's, with the central image a poster (?) of Superman, with the caption: 'Superman is a myth! Power to the people!'.
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 7	Unidentified woman in top hat	Undated	A woman in a soft top hat looks through a plastic strip curtain at the lights of a high rise block of flats. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 8	Ballet dancer	Undated	A ballet dancer in a tutu costume and soft ballet shoes gazing upwards. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0002 9	Protestors at 'Demonstration Against Rape', in Smith Street, Collingwood	12 February 1977	A large group of women stand in front of a tram holding a banner 'Women's Liberation Halfway House', and a placard 'If raped contact Rape Crisis Centre' at a Demonstration Against Rape, in Smith Street Collingwood, to protest the inaction by the police in the murder and rape of two women in Easey Street Collingwood on 10 January 1977. Photographer: Mickey Allen

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 0	Protestors at 'Demonstration Against Rape', in Smith Street, Collingwood	12 February 1977	A large group of women stand next to a tram holding a banner 'Women's Liberation Halfway House' and a placard 'Demand' at a Demonstration Against Rape, in Smith Street Collingwood, to protest the inaction by the police in the murder and rape of two women in Easey Street Collingwood on 10 January 1977. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 1	Protestors at 'Demonstration Against Rape', in Smith Street Collingwood	12 February 1977	A large group of women stand on the street holding placards at a Demonstration Against Rape, in Smith Street Collingwood, to protest the inaction by the police in the murder and rape of two women in Easey Street Collingwood on 10 January 1977. One protestor is holding and a Spartacist newspaper which reads ' For class unity with Japanese workers!'. Photographer: Mickey Allen

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 2	Women's Liberation Halfway House banner at 'Demonstration Against Rape', in Smith Street Collingwood	12 February 1977	A large group of women stand on the street holding a banner 'Women's Liberation Halfway House' and a placard 'Rape: Cops hassle victims' at a Demonstration Against Rape, in Smith Street Collingwood, to protest the inaction by the police in the murder and rape of two women in Easey Street Collingwood on 10 January 1977. See also image 2000.0220.00033 for a wider shot of this group of protestors. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 3	Protestors at 'Demonstration Against Rape', in Smith Street, Collingwood	12 February 1977	A large group of women stand on the street holding a banner 'Women's Liberation Halfway House' and a placard 'Rape: Cops hassle victims' at a Demonstration Against Rape, in Smith Street Collingwood, to protest the inaction by the police in the murder and rape of two women in Easey Street Collingwood on 10 January 1977. This image is a wider shot of 2000.0220.00032. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 4	Protestors at 'Demonstration Against Rape', in Smith Street, Collingwood	12 February 1977	A large group of women stand next to two No 88 trams and hold up traffic at a Demonstration Against Rape, in Smith Street Collingwood, to protest the inaction by the police in the murder and rape of two women in Easey Street Collingwood on 10 January 1977. Photographer: Mickey Allen

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 5	International Women's Day march 1973	10 March 1973	An elderly man stands in the middle of protestors at the 1973 International Women's Day march in Melbourne. Around him are women, men and children holding banners and joining the march. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 6	International Women's Day march 1973	10 March 1973	Women with banners marching in the International Women's Day march in Melbourne. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 7	Protestors at International Women's Day march 1973	10 March 1973	The 1973 International Women's Day march passes the State Savings Bank of Victoria. Banners include; 'Free Abortion on Demand', 'Women of the world unite', Women's Liberation symbols. There are also placards including 'Men Claim Cars Mothers Refused Child Care Deductions', and 'Women Are Strong'. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 8	Two people chatting	Undated	Two unidentified women sitting and chatting at what appears to be a café. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0003 9	Unidentified women smiling at the camera.	Undated	Unidentified women smiling at the camera. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 0	Unidentified women drinking.	Undated	Unidentified women drinking. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 1	Two people wearing 'Feminist Thugs' tee-shirts	Undated	Two women wearing tee-shirts with a graphic of a women in a bonnet holding a rifle over the slogan: Feminist Thugs. Photographer: Mickey Allen. Inscription: D. Spratt - acknowledged

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 2	Chris Sitka and others at a protest	Undated	Women protesters with dog, sitting on tram lines with a crowd of fellow protestors standing around them. Chris Sitka is sitting centre foreground holding a placard. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 3	Women from the Women and Politics Conference demonstrate against the Canberra Times 1975	5 September 1975	Women from the Women and Politics Conference in Canberra, 19 - 21 September 1975, demonstrate against the editorial in the Canberra Times on 2 September 1975 outside the Canberra Times office with placards: WE DEMAND FAIR COVERAGE. Photographer: Mickey Allen. Inscription: Demo outside "Canberra Times" 5/9/75 against editorial of 2/9/75 women from Women and Politics Conference 200W.

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 4	Rally after dismissal of Prime Minister Whitlam	November 1975	Contact sheet of nine small photos at a protest rally in the City Square in Melbourne after the PM Gough Whitlam had been dismissed by the Governor General John Kerr on 11 November 1975. Includes images of male speakers at microphones in front of a sign in the background: 'Your Civic Square Project Underway Melbourne City Council' and a banner: 'Naval Backyard Workers SUPPORT The Labor Government'. Images of a large crowd of protesters marching along Swanston Street with placards: 'Fraser Prime Monster'; 'Kerr Whitlam, Now Fraser is the PM, Whitlam Fights Back'. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 5	Female textile workers	Undated	Two Asian [Vietnamese?] women workers, one with a face mask, sewing material in a textile mill, with a rifle leaning against a box in the foreground. Photographer: Mickey Allen. Inscription: Textile Mill
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 6	Female textile workers	Undated	Several Asian [Vietnamese?] women workers sewing material in an industrial space. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 7	Female workers	Undated	Three young Asian [Vietnamese?] women workers, one with a face mask hanging round her neck, the other two with white caps covering their hair. Photographer: Mickey Allen

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 8	Vietnamese street scene	Undated	A street scene under shady trees with several people either on bikes or shopping with a vender wearing a conical cane hat squatting behind her vegetable wares of pumpkin, green leafy vegies, tubers and baskets with a Caucasian women squatting to examine a long tuber before buying it. Possibly Hanoi, Vietnam. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0004 9	Vietnamese people sitting on a park bench	Undated	An Asian [Vietnamese?] woman and a man dressed in long pants and white shirts sitting on a wooden bench in a park with a bicycle on a stand beside them. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0005 0	Vietnamese mother and baby	Undated	An Vietnamese women holding a 3-hour-old baby wrapped in a blanket who was born in an air-raid shelter underneath a hospital in Hanoi. Two men and a woman look on. Photographer: Mickey Allen. Inscription: A 3-hour-old baby born in an air-raid shelter underneath a hospital in Hanoi.

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0005 1	Newspaper clipping of a woman in a kitchen	Undated	Small clipping from a paper depicting a woman facing a kitchen window with checkered curtains and looking at the bottom of an empty milk bottle. The back of the cutting is part of a article about 'Sex Roles'. It reads: 'Another division of roles which people play is according to sex. 'Little girl' is often expected to be pretty, gentle, quiet, and to play with dolls. 'Little boy', to be boisterous, noisy, rough, and to play violent games and 'get into mischief'. they are expected to dress differently, and while toddlers do not mind much how they look, think how you would feel is you were...[cutting ends]
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0005 2	Mother and child	Undated	A naked pregnant women laying on a blanket and pillow with a toddler by her side, both looking at each other. Photographer: Mickey Allen
SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0005 3	Mother and child	Undated	A naked woman sitting on a blanket and holding a toddler between her raised knees, both of them looking at the child's raised hand. Photographer: Mickey Allen. Inscription: 1 18 - 5.6

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SI (VWLLFA) Unit 8	2000.0220.0005 4	Studio portrait of an unidentified young girl	Undated	A studio portrait of a young girl smiling with a top front tooth missing, dressed in a white knitted patterned jumper and a white spotted veil attached to her head and tied under her chin with a long ribbon. Inscription: Brotherhood of St Laurence, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy; Handwritten in pencil: Thought of happy marriage start at my (illegible). Photographer: Copyright by Hamilton Aikin, 25 Duggan Street, North Balwyn
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