

Reference Number: **2013.0139**
Collection/Series Title: **CORRESPONDENCE**

Creator	Victorian Youth Advocacy Network
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Youth organisations
Creator's Historical Note <p>The Victorian Youth Advocacy Network is an independent non-government statewide organisation that focuses on young people and their human rights. It was formed in December 1985 after formerly being known as the Victorian Youth and the Law project. The Network was established as an outcome of extensive statewide consultations and overseas research which clearly stated that youth advocacy needed to be established. Its origins came from legal workers and youth workers involved in the Community Legal Centre movement in Melbourne, and young people. They were all concerned about the way legal issues and legal process were addressed in relation to young people. There were eighteen Community Legal Centres, plus the Victorian Legal Aid Commission, the Aboriginal Legal Service, and various legal advice and referral services provided through Citizens Advice Bureaux in Victoria during 1983. Even though there appeared to be many options for young people to gain legal assistance, the existing structures of legal aid were unable to meet the demands of young people who were seeking more than legal advice and representation. They wanted to participate in the legal process and gain access to legal knowledge that would empower them in their everyday lives. The Network is administered by a Management Committee which is elected at an annual general meeting by its membership. The Management Committee is responsible for overall planning, direction and implementation of programs, staff management, various sub-committees and financial accountability. It was largely funded by State Government and the Brotherhood of St Laurence.</p>	
Creator	RMIT University Social Policy Archive
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Research organisations
Creator's Historical Note <p>Driven by Dr David Maunders, a Social Policy Archive at RMIT University to support research was first suggested to the Salvation Army in 1989. A letter from Dr Maunders in 1993 states that he raised the issue of records transfers with the Salvation Army in 1989 but the Archive was founded in 1992 and only in 1993 had the archivist and space to begin acquisitions. Transfers into the Archive seem to have occurred between 1993-1997 with much of it coming from lecturers at RMIT and their social welfare sector connections. Dr Maunders was an associate professor in Youth Studies at RMIT and by 2010 was retired. The Social Policy Archive was primarily a research collection focussing on the broad area of social policy, youth and child care services based at Bundoora RMIT (formerly Phillip Institute of Technology).</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1988-1993
Size/Extent	10 Units, (2m)

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Access Conditions	Access: Open	
Scope and Content of Collection/Series These records comprise the correspondence of the Victorian Youth Advocacy Network . The records appear to have originally been held in folders and were placed into files during processing. The correspondence is organised in two sequences, inwards and outwards, in chronological order; some groups have dividers denoting months, separating the letters. The letters relate to all aspects of the organisations activities and many letters relate to attempts to raise funds. The series was transferred from the RMIT Social Policy Archive where it had been transferred in the 1990s as part of a collection strategy to capture the records of community sector organisations operating in the welfare sector. Within the SPA, these records were not identified as a series and appear to have been waiting processing when the archives closed. It was the practice of the SPA to item number material in order of its receipt irrespective of the series it was later allocated; these items have not been numbered.		
Collection Category	Community and Political, organisations	
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2013.0139 Unit 3	2013.0139.0000 .0003	Inward correspondence	September 1992-July 1993	
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2013.0139 Unit 6	2013.0139.0000 .0006	Outward correspondence	July 1990-Decemb er 1990	With monthly dividers
2013.0139 Unit 7	2013.0139.0000 .0007	Inward correspondence	January 1991-Decemb er 1991	
2013.0139 Unit 8	2013.0139.0000 .0008	Inward correspondence	January 1992-July 1992	With monthly dividers
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