



Records Description List

Reference Number: **2001.0044**

Collection/Series Title: **MEANJIN EDITORIAL RECORDS OF
JIM DAVIDSON**

Creator	Davidson, Jim
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Publishers

Creator's Historical Note

Jim Davidson (James Hector) was editor of Meanjin from 1974-1982. Davidson was born in 1942 and graduated BA (Hons) from The University of Melbourne in 1964. He continued his studies at Rhodes University, completing an MA thesis on Anthony Trollope's South Africa. While working in London, he was offered the position of editor of Meanjin. After a tense period of transition with Clem Christesen, Davidson was officially instated as editor in 1975, continuing in that position until 1982. Davidson taught for many years at Victoria University (formerly Footscray University of Technology). He completed his PhD thesis at University of Melbourne on the philanthropist and music publisher Louise Hanson-Dyer in 1992 and was opera critic for The Age. His work on Hanson-Dyer was published in book form in 1994. His next book (with Peter Spearritt) was Holiday Business: Tourism in Australia since 1870 (2000). In 2011 he was Principal Research Fellow (Honorary) at the Australian Centre in the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne.

Ref: AusLit: <http://www.austlit.edu.au> accessed 24/4/2012

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Meanjin was founded in Brisbane by Clem Christesen (the name, pronounced Mee-an-jin, is derived from an Aboriginal word for the finger of land on which central Brisbane sits) in 1940. It moved to Melbourne in 1945 at the invitation of the University of Melbourne. At the beginning of 2008 Meanjin became an imprint of Melbourne University Publishing.

Known primarily as a literary magazine, Christesen ensured that Meanjin reflected the breadth of contemporary thinking, be it on literature, other art forms, or the broader issues of the times. During Christesen's 34-year editorship he published the leading figures in Australian letters and introduced Australian audiences to many international writers. This breadth has characterised Meanjin for more than 70 years, continuing under its eight subsequent editors Jim Davidson, Judith Brett, Jenny Lee, Christina Thompson, Stephanie Holt, Ian Britain, Sophie Cunningham and Sally Heath. A list of the contributors to Meanjin includes Australian writers Judith Wright, Kylie Tennant, Manning Clark, Vance & Nettie Palmer, A D Hope, Dymphna Cusack, Martin Boyd, Alan Marshall, Dorothy Hewett, Peter Singer, Vincent Buckley, Donald Horne, Patrick White, Gwen Harwood, Bruce Dawe, David Malouf, Humphrey McQueen, Jack Hibberd, Roberta Sykes, Helen Garner, Alex Miller, Frank Moorhouse, John Morrison, Hal Porter, Rodney Hall, A A Phillips, Peter Carey, Alice Pung, Michelle de Kretser, J M Coetzee, Carmen Callil and Dorothy Porter. International authors published include Jean-Paul Satre, and Kurt Vonnegut.

Ref: About Meanjin, <http://meanjin.com.au/about-meanjin>, accessed 23/4/2012

Date Range of Collection/Series	1974-1982
Size/Extent	(17 m.) 101 boxes, 1 volume

Access Conditions

Access: Part restricted

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Author correspondence and manuscripts; subject files; readers' reports for story, poetry and essay submissions; subscriptions; accounts, 1974-1982; also financial statements and incorporation documents c. 1975.

Collection Category

Culture and the Arts, organisations

This document dated

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2001.0044 Unit 1	2001.0044.0000 0.0001			Author correspondence unfiled; Newspaper clippings
2001.0044 Unit 2	2001.0044.0000 0.0002			Author Files; A
2001.0044 Unit 3	2001.0044.0000 0.0003			Author Files; B (miscellaneous) - Bostick
2001.0044 Unit 4	2001.0044.0000 0.0004			Author Files; Bottomley - Buttrose
2001.0044 Unit 5	2001.0044.0000 0.0005			Author Files; C (miscellaneous) - Cataland
2001.0044 Unit 6	2001.0044.0000 0.0006			Author Files; Chamberlain - Cullum
2001.0044 Unit 7	2001.0044.0000 0.0007			Author Files; D
2001.0044 Unit 8	2001.0044.0000 0.0008			Author Files; E
2001.0044 Unit 9	2001.0044.0000 0.0009			Author Files; F
2001.0044 Unit 10	2001.0044.0000 0.0010			Author Files; G
2001.0044 Unit 11	2001.0044.0000 0.0011			Author Files; H (misc.) - Harry
2001.0044 Unit 12	2001.0044.0000 0.0012			Author Files; Hartman - Hewett
2001.0044 Unit 13	2001.0044.0000 0.0013			Author Files; Hibberd - Hutchinson
2001.0044 Unit 14	2001.0044.0000 0.0014			Author Files; I, J
2001.0044 Unit 15	2001.0044.0000 0.0015			Author Files; K
2001.0044 Unit 16	2001.0044.0000 0.0016			Author Files; L
2001.0044 Unit 17	2001.0044.0000 0.0017			Author Files; M - McWhirter
2001.0044 Unit 18	2001.0044.0000 0.0018			Author Files; Nahapatra - Moore
2001.0044 Unit 19	2001.0044.0000 0.0019			Author Files; Moorhouse - Mycue
2001.0044 Unit 20	2001.0044.0000 0.0020			Author Files; N, O
2001.0044 Unit 21	2001.0044.0000 0.0021			Author Files; P, Q

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2001.0044 Unit 22	2001.0044.0000 0.0022			Author Files; R
2001.0044 Unit 23	2001.0044.0000 0.0023			Author Files; Rodd - Russell
2001.0044 Unit 24	2001.0044.0000 0.0024			Author Files; S (misc.) - Slonek
2001.0044 Unit 25	2001.0044.0000 0.0025			Author Files; Smith - Spinner
2001.0044 Unit 26	2001.0044.0000 0.0026			Author Files; Staley - Szplendi
2001.0044 Unit 27	2001.0044.0000 0.0027			Author Files; T
2001.0044 Unit 28	2001.0044.0000 0.0028			Author Files; U, V, W
2001.0044 Unit 29	2001.0044.0000 0.0029			Author Files; W - Y - Z
2001.0044 Unit 30	2001.0044.0000 0.0030			Not to be issued; Bla - Gri
2001.0044 Unit 31	2001.0044.0000 0.0031			Not to be issued; McQ - Moo
2001.0044 Unit 32	2001.0044.0000 0.0032			Not to be issued; Os - Su
2001.0044 Unit 33	2001.0044.0000 0.0033			Misc. photos
2001.0044 Unit 34	2001.0044.0000 0.0034			Bits
2001.0044 Unit 35	2001.0044.0000 0.0035			Boxes, cards, tapes
2001.0044 Unit 36	2001.0044.0000 0.0036			Schedule A; Misc. materials; Stock sample & stationery roughs
2001.0044 Unit 37	2001.0044.0000 0.0037			Schedule A; Misc. materials; Assorted magazines
2001.0044 Unit 38	2001.0044.0000 0.0038			Category A; Review Copies; 1978-
2001.0044 Unit 39	2001.0044.0000 0.0039			Category A; Subject; Meanjin
2001.0044 Unit 40	2001.0044.0000 0.0040			Schedule A; Subject; Ab - Ag
2001.0044 Unit 41	2001.0044.0000 0.0041			Category A; Subject; Al - Aust B
2001.0044 Unit 42	2001.0044.0000 0.0042			Category A; Subject; Aust F - Aust S
2001.0044 Unit 43	2001.0044.0000 0.0043			Category A; Subject; B

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2001.0044 Unit 44	2001.0044.0000 0.0044			Category A; Subject; C
2001.0044 Unit 45	2001.0044.0000 0.0045			Category A; Subject; D - E - F
2001.0044 Unit 46	2001.0044.0000 0.0046			Category A; Newspaper Clippings; F
2001.0044 Unit 47	2001.0044.0000 0.0047			Category A; Newspaper Clippings; I
2001.0044 Unit 48	2001.0044.0000 0.0048			Category A; Subject; G, H, I, J, K, L
2001.0044 Unit 49	2001.0044.0000 0.0049			Category A; Subject; M & N
2001.0044 Unit 50	2001.0044.0000 0.0050			Category A; Subject; O - P - Q
2001.0044 Unit 51	2001.0044.0000 0.0051			Category A; Subject; R, S
2001.0044 Unit 52	2001.0044.0000 0.0052			Category A; Subject; T
2001.0044 Unit 53	2001.0044.0000 0.0053			Category A; Subject; U
2001.0044 Unit 54	2001.0044.0000 0.0054			Category A; Subject; V, W, X, Y, Z
2001.0044 Unit 55	2001.0044.0000 0.0055		1974-1975	Category A; Short Story & Register; 1974-5; A - F
2001.0044 Unit 56	2001.0044.0000 0.0056		1974-1975	Category A; Short Stories; 1974-5; G - L
2001.0044 Unit 57	2001.0044.0000 0.0057		1974-1975	Category A; Short Stories; 1974-5; M - Z
2001.0044 Unit 58	2001.0044.0000 0.0058		1975-1980	Category A; Unreturned Manuscripts; 1975-1980
2001.0044 Unit 59	2001.0044.0000 0.0059		1974-1980	Category A; Essays (Rejected); 1974-80; A - Z
2001.0044 Unit 60	2001.0044.0000 0.0060		1976-1977	Category A; Short Stories (Rejected); 1976-77; A - D
2001.0044 Unit 61	2001.0044.0000 0.0061		1976-1977	Category A; Short Stories (Rejected); 1976-77; E - J
2001.0044 Unit 62	2001.0044.0000 0.0062		1976-1977	Category A; Short Stories (Rejected); 1976-77; L - Z
2001.0044 Unit 63	2001.0044.0000 0.0063		1974-1975	Category A; Poetry (Rejections); 1974-5; A - Z
2001.0044 Unit 64	2001.0044.0000 0.0064		1976-1977	Category A; Poetry; 1976-77; A - B
2001.0044 Unit 65	2001.0044.0000 0.0065		1976-1977	Category A; Poetry; 1976-77; C - F

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2001.0044 Unit 66	2001.0044.0000 0.0066		1976-1977	Category A; Poetry; 1976-77; G - H
2001.0044 Unit 67	2001.0044.0000 0.0067		1976-1977	Category A; Poetry; 1976-77; J - M
2001.0044 Unit 68	2001.0044.0000 0.0068		1976-1977	Category A; Poetry Rejections; 1976-77; Mu - Rz
2001.0044 Unit 69	2001.0044.0000 0.0069		1976-1977	Category A; Poetry Rejections; 1976-77; S - Z
2001.0044 Unit 70	2001.0044.0000 0.0070		1978-1980	Category A; Poetry Rejections; 1978-80; A - G
2001.0044 Unit 71	2001.0044.0000 0.0071		1978-1980	Category A; Poetry Rejections; 1978-80; H - Z
2001.0044 Unit 72	2001.0044.0000 0.0072		1978-1981	Category A; Short story (Rejections); 1978-81; A - K
2001.0044 Unit 73	2001.0044.0000 0.0073		1978-1981	Category A; Short story (Rejections); 1978-81; L - Z
2001.0044 Unit 74	2001.0044.0000 0.0074		1982	Category A; Pending (1982); A - Z
2001.0044 Unit 75	2001.0044.0000 0.0075		1979	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1979; A - F
2001.0044 Unit 76	2001.0044.0000 0.0076		1979	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1979; G - L
2001.0044 Unit 77	2001.0044.0000 0.0077		1979	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1979; M -
2001.0044 Unit 78	2001.0044.0000 0.0078		1980	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1980; A - F
2001.0044 Unit 79	2001.0044.0000 0.0079		1980	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1980; G - W
2001.0044 Unit 80	2001.0044.0000 0.0080		1980	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1980; U - Z
2001.0044 Unit 81	2001.0044.0000 0.0081		1981	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1981; A - F
2001.0044 Unit 82	2001.0044.0000 0.0082		1981	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1981; G - H
2001.0044 Unit 83	2001.0044.0000 0.0083		1981	Schedule C; Subscriptions; 1981; J - Z
2001.0044 Unit 84	2001.0044.0000 0.0084			Schedule C; Accounts; (Natl Bank Paying in Books)

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2001.0044 Unit 85	2001.0044.0000 0.0085			Schedule C; Accounts; (Receipt Books)
2001.0044 Unit 86	2001.0044.0000 0.0086			Schedule C; Accounts; (Receipt Books)
2001.0044 Unit 87	2001.0044.0000 0.0087			Schedule C; Accounts; (Check Stubs)
2001.0044 Unit 88	2001.0044.0000 0.0088			Schedule C; Accounts; (Postage Books)
2001.0044 Unit 89	2001.0044.0000 0.0089			Schedule C; Accounts; (Cash Payment Books)
2001.0044 Unit 90	2001.0044.0000 0.0090			Schedule C; Advertising Materials
2001.0044 Unit 91	2001.0044.0000 0.0091			Schedule C; Advertising Materials
2001.0044 Unit 92	2001.0044.0000 0.0092			Schedule C; Advertising Materials
2001.0044 Unit 93	2001.0044.0000 0.0093			Schedule C; Accounts; (Natl Bank Paying in Books)
2001.0044 Unit 94	2001.0044.0000 0.0094			Schedule C; Organisational Files; Secretary Applications
2001.0044 Unit 95	2001.0044.0000 0.0095			Schedule C; Organisational Files; A - P
2001.0044 Unit 96	2001.0044.0000 0.0096		1977-1980	Notebooks of MSS & Books Received plus Cancellations, 1977-80
2001.0044 Unit 97	2001.0044.0000 0.0097			Organisational Files; A
2001.0044 Unit 98	2001.0044.0000 0.0098			Organisational Files; T - Z
2001.0044 Unit 99	2001.0044.0000 0.0099			Volumes
2001.0044 Unit 100	2001.0044.0000 0.0100			Stray accounts & Manuscript book
2001.0044 Unit 101	2001.0044.0000 0.0101			
2001.0044 Unit 102	2001.0044.0000 1			Address Book
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