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Records Description List

Reference Number: 1983.0039

Collection/Series Title: DUCKER, SOPHIE CHARLOTTE

(1909-2004)

Creator	Ducker, Sophie Charlotte
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Academics - Botany

## **Creator's Historical Note**

Sophie Charlotte Ducker was born in Dresden in 1909. She and family fled Germany in 1938 and upon arriving in Australia were interned in the Enemy Aliens Detention Centre in Tatura. After her release in 1944 she became a technical assistant in the Botany School - botany had been an abiding interest since childhood - under the mentorship of Dr Ethel McLennan, and studied part-time for a BSc. In 1953 she was appointed Senior Demonstrator and by the time of her retirement in 1974, she was a Reader in Botany. Her special area was marine biology, which she introduced to the Botany School curriculum. After retirement her interests expanded to include seagrasses and those botanists who had first described Australian flora, the latter resulted in her publication of the edited letters of William Harvey, 'The Contented Botanist', in 1988. She was awarded an AM, DSc and LLB (Hons). Sophie Ducker died on 20 May, 2004.

Date Range of Collection/Series	1958-1978
Size/Extent	2 archive boxes; 1 item
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## **Scope and Content of Collection/Series**

Correspondence 1960-1978, correspondence with Price; papers relating to the Port Phillip Environment Study 1968-1972; MSc certificate 1958

Collection Category	University, individuals
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
1983.0039 Unit 1	1983.0039.0000 .0001		1968-1976	Port Phillip Bay Survey 1968-72; St Kilda Report 1976; Point Lonsdale Conservation; Madagascar Lecture; Grant Application; Photos sent to Year Bk? (unclear) etc.; Numerical Data of Chlorodesmis; Including slate sample (Port Phillip Bay)
1983.0039 Unit 2	1983.0039.0000 .0002		1958-1978	General Correspondence 1960 - 1978, I Price; MSc certificate 1958
MD57/4	1983.0039.0001		1976	Map - Geology of St Kilda Coastal Area; Ports and Harbors Investigation, Feb-March 1976
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