

<b>THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES</b>	
<b>NAME OF COLLECTION:</b>	NICHOLSON, Joyce Thorpe
<b>ACCESSION NO:</b>	99/71
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	Culture and the Arts, Individuals
<b>ACTIVITY:</b>	Publishers Women's Rights Activists
<b>DATE RANGE:</b>	1972 - 1990
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION:</b>	0.18 metres (1 box)
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER:</b>	September 1999
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS:</b>	Open
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE:</b>	Joyce Nicholson was born in Melbourne in 1919, the daughter of publisher D.W. Thorpe. She was educated at Methodist Ladies College and the University of Melbourne, where she graduated B.A. and was vice-president of the S.R.C. She has been active in the women's movement, including early involvements with W.E.L. and Sisters Publishing Ltd. She was Managing Director, and later sole owner, of D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd from 1968 until 1987 when the firm was sold. She is also the author of over 25 books, many of them written for children; others deal with women's issues.
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Women's Electoral Lobby (Victoria) related material, including its Constitution, proposed Charter, submissions, draft policies, articles on women's issues, child care, women in the workforce; press cuttings; newsletters and other printed matter.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS:</b>	
<b>NOTE ON LISTING:</b>	
<b>LISTED BY:</b>	ACM
<b>DATE:</b>	25 January 2005

Box No	Series No	Description	Dates
1	1	Victorian WEL Constitution; Consumer Submission – JTN to Canberra; Membership form, WEL; Anti DLP article by JTN; ( <u>Women as swinging voters? The effect of WEL</u> ), article by JTN; Deputation to Hamer “ <i>This deputation, following the Dallas Brookes Hall forum, attracted much media attention. When we came out of Hamer’s office, we were amazed to be greeted by press photographers.</i> ”	1973
1	2	Bill - Registration, Advertising and Sale of Contraceptives	10 Apr 1974
1	3	Child Care, including History of Children’s Services of Melbourne City Council, 1890-1980; ECOSO newsletters (1989-1990); Memoirs of Ruth Crow (Miller)	c. 1972 - 1990
1	4	WEL – Charter. “ <i>It was decided WEL should have a Charter. Willing as usual, I drew it up and copies were sent to many people. The returns quickly made it obvious we would get nowhere so it was abandoned.</i> ”	1973
1	5	Collected cuttings etc. of a WEL Media Action Group. <i>Main participants – Diana Gribble, Hilary McPhee, Joyce Nicholson and Olga Lippman.</i>	c. 1974 - 1975
1	6	Notes on WEL Broadsheets for M.A. thesis	c. 1972 - 1974
1	7	WEL, policy papers and submissions, including Equal Pay; Women in the Workforce	1973-74, 1981
1	8	WEL – Letters, draft policies, proposed taxation changes; various articles.	1974
1	9	International Women’s Day, History	1974-1975
1	10	WEL – various women’s issues, includes paper by Beatrice Faust <u>Leadership, Fellowship and Feminism: The WEL Crisis</u>	1973 - 1975
1	11	Includes Family planning, Borrie report; education; wages;	1974
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