



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>WOMEN'S REFUGE REFERRAL SERVICE (WRRS)</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	100/234; VWLLFA No 102
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, Organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Feminist collective
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1979-1993
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	12 cm (1 Archives box)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>The Women's Liberation Switchboard (WLS) was established early in 1979 at the Women's Cultural Palace following the closure of the Women's Liberation Centre in 1978. Staffed by volunteers, WLS provided a telephone information, support and referral service for women, including referrals to refuges. In order to be eligible for government funding, WLS became simultaneously known in mid-1979 as the Women's Refuge Referral Service (WLS/WRRS) in response to the Victorian Women's Refuge Group demand for a service to refer women and children to refuges without compromising the safety of the residents by having a publicly accessible address and telephone number. Once government funding was approved in 1980, WRRS became a completely separate and autonomously run women's service. Towards the end of 1984 WRRS relocated from the Women's Liberation Building to larger premises to run a more comprehensive service. WRRS subsequently changed its name to the Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria.</p> <p>This collection is No.102 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive</p>
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<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	102/1	Biography	
	102/1/1	Miscellaneous publications: Women and the Environment, Women's Services into the 1990s and Beyond	1992
	102/1/2	Publications and periodicals: OSWomen Newsletter, March 1993, Social Alternatives- Feminism, Jan 1985	1985-1993
	102/1/3	Violence against women: Breaking the Silence: The Church and Domestic Violence, 1986, two booklets by National Committee on Violence Against Women, Aug 1991 and Oct 1992, titled 'Submission on SAAP Functional Review on Services for Women Escaping Violence', and 'National Strategy on Violence Against Women'	1986-1992
	102/1/4	Housing: report 'Speaking on Housing' Project Report by Women in Supportive Housing and Ministerial Committee, 1991	1991
	102/1/5	Information booklets: 'Women and AIDS', 1989, and 'Summary of National Non-English Speaking Women's Health Strategy', 1992	1989-1992
	102/1/6	Annual Reports assorted women's services: Centre for Working Women, 1986-1987, WIRE 1986-1987 and 1988-1989 and 1990, Women's Health Service 1988-1989, Women's Health Service for the West, 1990-1991, Telephone Service Against Sexual Assault, 1991-1992, Equal Opportunity, 1992-1993	1986-1993
	102/1/7	Homelessness: 'Study of Homeless Women', 1986, Do You Feel Safe Here?: A Study of Young Women's Experiences in Youth Housing and Refuges, 1991, Homeless Young Single Women, 1991	1986-1991
	102/1	In the back of the box, not in folders: four Women's Budget reports, 1989-1992	1989-1992
1	102/1	In the back of the box, not in folders: 'Menopause, a Positive Approach', 1979, Hecate: Special Double Issue, Vol 9, 1983, and 'Criminal Assault in the Home', 1985	1979-1985

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