



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>MENDES, SALLY AND GEIKIE, ALVA</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	100/215; VWLLFA No. 27
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Other, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Feminists
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1970-1981
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	0.24 m (2 archives boxes; posters)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>Alva Geikie was born on 29 January 1936 in Brunswick, Melbourne. She was state-school educated and made clothes for Myer for two years after completing a three year Needlecraft Diploma at Emily MacPherson College. A qualified teacher, she taught needlecraft in schools while studying at night for a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University. In October 1969, Geikie joined the equal pay for women activist, Zelda D'Aprano, in chaining themselves across the doors of the Arbitration Court. She became a co-founder of the Women's Action Committee in 1970 and was subsequently involved in organizing the Equal Pay Tram Ride, the anti-Miss Teenage Quests and men-only public bars protest actions. She also attended Women's Liberation Centre meetings and was an active member of Vashti's Voice and the Women's Abortion Action Campaign. In 1972, Geikie helped co-write the joint Women's Liberation Movement and Women's Electoral Lobby submission for the Equal Pay Case. In 2005 she received an Edna Ryan Award-honour her contribution as a feminist activist over many years.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	12 October 2000
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Articles; Women and Labour Conference program; leaflets; newspaper clippings; posters; monographs; periodicals including 'Film News', 'Gay Community News', 'Mabel', 'Mejane', 'Message Stick', 'Rouge' 'Sybyl', 'Vashti's Voice', 'Womanspeak', 'Scarlet Woman', 'Sister', 'Refractory Girl', 'Women's Liberation Election News', 'Women's Electoral Lobby', 'Girl's Own', 'Women's Liberation Newsletter', 'Everything', 'National Student', 'Togatus', 'Partisan'; Women's Action Committee letters, leaflets, subscription form, policy statement; subject file regarding refuges, abortion.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	Posters from this collection have been removed to separate storage and are detailed on a master list attached to the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive catalogue Registration Number 2010.0011. Please search this number for full details.
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	Data converted from a FilemakerPro Database in 2008. Series and Item numbers follow the original numbering system established for the VWLLFA. For boxes, the Collection Number precedes the box number. For item identifiers, the Collection Number precedes a classification number and an item number.
<b>LISTED BY</b>	Shirley Turner; Shirin Heinrich
<b>DATE</b>	2008; 2010

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		<b>Sally Mendes and Alva Geikie Papers</b>	
1		Sally Mendes and Alva Geikie biography	
1	27/01	Articles, Women: articles	1970-1977
	27/02	Conferences: Program, Women and Labour Conference, Melbourne, Victoria	1980
	27/03	Leaflets, Miscellaneous: Leaflets	Unknown
	27/04	Newspaper Clippings: newspaper clippings, <i>Mabel, Rouge</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1977-1980
	27/05	List of Posters located in posters drawers (see Note on Collections)	
	27/06a/01	Publications: monographs, <i>If I Was A Lady</i>	1975-1976
	27/06a/02	Publications: monographs, <i>Lesbian Resources Directory</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1980
	27/06a/03	Publications: monographs, <i>Women at Work</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1980
	27/06b/01	Publications: periodicals, <i>Film News</i> , Sydney, New South Wales	1980
	27/06b/02	Publications: periodicals, <i>Gay Community News</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1980
	27/06b/03	Publications: periodicals, <i>Mabel</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1976-1977
	27/06b/04	Publications: periodicals, <i>Mejane</i> , Sydney New South Wales	1972-1973
	27/06b/05	Publications: periodicals, <i>Message Stick</i> , , Cairns, Queensland	1980
1	27/06b/06	Publications: periodicals, <i>Rouge</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1979-1980
2	27/06b/07	Publications: periodicals, <i>Sybyl</i> , Perth, Western Australia	1978-1979
	27/06b/08	Publications: periodicals, <i>Vashti's Voice</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1973
	27/06b/09	Publications: periodicals, <i>Vashti's Voice</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1974-1975
	27/06b/10	Publications: periodicals, <i>Vashti's Voice</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1975
	27/06b/11	Publications: periodicals, <i>Vashti's Voice</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1979-1981
	27/06b/12	Publications: periodicals, <i>Womanspeak</i> , New South Wales	1979-1980
	27/06b/13	Publications, Women's Liberation Magazines: periodicals, <i>Scarlet Woman</i> , Australia	1977-1980
	27/06b/14	Publications, Women's Liberation Magazines: periodicals, <i>Sister</i> , Australia	1977-1980
	27/06b/15	Publications, Women's Liberation Magazines: periodicals, <i>Refractory Girl</i> , Australia	1977-1980
	27/06b/16	Publications, Women's Liberation Newspapers: periodicals, <i>Women's Liberation Election News</i> , Australia	1977-1980§
	27/06b/17	Publications, Women's Liberation Newspapers: periodicals, <i>Girls Own</i> , Australia	1977-1980§
	27/06b/18	Publications, Women's Liberation Newspapers: periodicals, <i>Everything</i> , Australia	1977-1980§

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2	27/06b/17	Publications: periodicals, newsletters, <i>Women's Electoral Lobby</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1979
2	27/06b/18	Publications: periodicals, newsletters, <i>Women's Liberation Newsletter</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1979
	27/06b/19	Publications: periodicals, student newspapers, <i>National Student</i>	1979-1980
	27/06b/20	Publications: periodicals, student newspapers, <i>Togatus</i>	1979-1980
	27/06b/21	Publications: periodicals, student newspapers, <i>Partisan</i>	1979-1980
	27/06b/22	Publications: periodicals, student newspapers, <i>National Student Togatus Partisan</i>	1979-1980
	27/07/01	Abortion: publication, leaflets, <i>Abortion: A Woman's Right to Choose</i>	Unknown
	27/07/02	Abortion: newspaper clippings	1977-1979
	27/08	Refuges: magazine, leaflets, article, <i>Women's Refuges Magazine</i> , Melbourne, Victoria	1978-1979
2	27/09	Women's Action Committee: letters, leaflets, subscription form, policy statement, Melbourne, Victoria	1970
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