



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	MELBOURNE LESBIAN FESTIVAL, 1991 and 1992
ACCESSION NO	100/256, 103/144 ; VWLLFA Nos. 96 and 104
CATEGORY	Community and Political, organisations
ACTIVITY	Feminist collectives
DATE RANGE	1990-1992
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2 archive boxes (0.24 m, T shirts, banner and poster)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>After the success of the Lesbian Festival and Conference 1990 organisers were keen to have an annual LesFest in Melbourne. The Lesbian Festival 1991 (23–28 January) was launched with a rally in Melbourne’s City Square and a Gala Opening at the Myer Music Bowl. Workshops, plays, live music, a dog show and market were held at the Footscray Community Arts Centre as well as the Summer Ball at St Kilda Town Hall and a pool party at Collingwood Leisure Centre. Lesbian Festival 1992 (8 October – 3 November) events included an International Lesbian Day march and rally, plays, a Trade Fair and Market Day at La Trobe University, a Brunswick Baths Swim Night and a Matrix Guild Forum. Despite organisers focusing on coordinating events and publicity rather than trying to finance the entire festival in order to avoid the previous year’s loss, this was the last of the annual Melbourne LesFests. These collections are No.96 and No.104 of the Victorian Women’s Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Festival papers; minutes; correspondence; programmes and leaflets; T-shirts; banner; poster

NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, Memorabilia and 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.
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DATE	May 2007; January 2011

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1		Biography	
1	96/1/1	Comments - 3 pages of comments from Festival attendees - rough roster list	
	96/1/2	Helen Rea's material – publicity, preparations, budget, leaflet, submission, minutes of collective meetings, ticket details	1990-1991
	96/1/3	Sydney Lesbian Festival and Conference, 6-15 July – leaflets, registration form, newsletter	1991
	96/1/4	Tickets, business cards, leaflets, GLAD booklet, programmes, and events – Australia-wide – gathered by the collective	1990-1991
	96/1/5	Leaflets pertaining to the Melbourne 1991 Lesbian Festival	1990-1991
	96/1/6	Correspondence received No. 1 – a few letters and many flyers and posters from other organizations	1990-1991
	96/1/7	Correspondence received No. 2 – programmes, newsletters, information from other organizations	1991
	96/1/8	Maureen O'Connor's folder – letters regarding finances, sign language interpretation materials, deaf access and sign language concerns and information, budgets, accountings, minutes of meetings, also meetings during festivals, Festival programmes	1991-1992
	96/1/9	Many copies of information brochure	1991
	96/1/10	Periodicals – Labrys, Jan 10, Lesbian Connection Jan/Feb	1991
	96/1/11	Ticket stubs(?) – concession corners	1991
1	96/1/12	Tickets and ticketing	1991
2	96/2/1	Ticketing – tickets, summary sheets, roster	1991
	96/2/2	Ticket sales instructions	1991
	96/2/3	Ticketing records	1991
	96/2/4	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/5	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/6	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/7	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/8	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/9	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/10	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/11	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/12	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/13	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/14	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/15	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/16	Ticketing	1991
	96/2/17	Ticketing record books	1991
	104/2/18	Lesbian Festival 1992 – minutes	1992
2	104/2/19	Lesbian Festival 1992 – programmes and leaflets	1992

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See notes		T shirts, banner and a poster (See note on the collections)	
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