



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Hawthorne, Susan
ACCESSION NO	100/110; VWLLFA No. 36
CATEGORY	Other, individuals
ACTIVITY	Feminists
DATE RANGE	1970-1978
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.12 m (1 archives box; posters; video)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Susan Hawthorne was born on 30 November 1951 and raised on a farming property near Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. She was state-school educated before becoming a Melbourne Girls' Grammar boarder. Active in student politics, she joined the Women's Liberation group at La Trobe University and the Women's Liberation Centre roster in 1973 and later became a Rape Crisis Centre and Halfway House volunteer. She also attended Non-sexist Children's Book Group meetings, lectured in women's studies and literature, was appointed the Music, Theatre and Writing Co-ordinator of the Women 150 program in 1984 and organised the nine-day Women's Writers Week in 1985. She initiated the Penguin Women's Library Series while an editor at Penguin Books for four years from 1987, co-founded the Australian Feminist Book Fortnight involving two weeks of national events in 1989 and 1991, co-founded Spinifex Press in 1991 and established, and was the first Chair of, the first Women's Affairs Committee. She wrote <i>The Falling Woman</i> (1992 & 2003), <i>The Spinifex Quiz Book</i> (1993) and <i>Bird</i> (1999) and co-edited a number of books. A Women's Circus and Performing Older Women's Circus member, Hawthorne completed a PhD in Women's Studies in 2002.</p> <p>This collection is No.36 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archives</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	12 October 2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
DESCRIPTION	Articles; academic papers; leaflets; correspondence; programs; newspaper clippings; periodicals; surveys; newsletters; minutes; pamphlets; script; membership lists; posters; calendar. Susan Hawthorne interviewed by Jean Taylor August 2003, on the Women's Liberation Movement of the 1970s. Videod by Katrina Sawyer.		
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	<p>Formats from this collection needing special preservation have been removed to alternative storage. Formats relocated from this collection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, and Memorabilia <p>Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, Memorabilia and Posters are fully 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.</p>		
NOTE ON LISTING	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.		
LISTED BY	Suzanne Fairbanks		
DATE	May 2008		

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Susan Hawthorne Papers	
1	36/01a	Articles, history: academic papers	Unknown
	36/01b	Articles, women	Unknown
	36/02	Conferences: programs, leaflets, statistics, letter and attendance list	1974-1978
	36/03	Leaflets: leaflets, letter, article	Unknown
	36/04	Newspaper clippings: newspaper clippings	Unknown
	36/05/01	Publications: periodicals	1973-1974
	36/05/02	Publications: periodicals	1974-1975
	36/07	Abortion: leaflets, periodical	Unknown
	36/08	Africa: articles, newspaper clippings	1971-1974
	36/09	AUS Women's Department: letters, newsletters, periodical	1971-1974
	36/10	Homosexuality: leaflets	Unknown
	36/11	International Women's Day: leaflets, programs, songsheets	Unknown
	36/12	International Women's Year: leaflets, survey, periodical, publication, government	1975
	36/13	La Trobe University: leaflets, newsletter, correspondence, script, membership list	1975
	36/14	Lesbian: leaflets, newsletter, correspondence, scrip, membership list	1975
	36/15	Literature: leaflets, newsletter, minutes, pamphlets	Unknown
	36/16	Rape: leaflets, article, minutes	early 1970s
	36/17	Refuges: pamphlets, manifesto, questionnaire, leaflets	1974
	36/18	Sex and contraception: articles, pamphlets, handbook, questionnaire, leaflets, booklet	early 1970s
	36/19	Women's Electoral Lobby: articles, leaflets, newsletter, mailing, list	1973, 1974
	36/20	Women's groups: articles, leaflets, newsletter, programmes, bibliography, manifesto	1974, 1975
	36/21	Women's liberation movement: articles, leaflets, manifesto, minutes	1975
	36/22	Women's studies: report, leaflets, pamphlets	1973-1975
1		Video: interview with Susan Hawthorne by Jean Taylor. Video by Katrina Sawyer. Reference Number 106/112	August 2003
	36/06	Posters	Unknown
		Memorabilia; Calendar.	

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