



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Lesbian Open House
ACCESSION NO	100/223 VWLLFA No. 42
CATEGORY	Community and Political, organisations
ACTIVITY	Feminist collectives
DATE RANGE	1974-1984
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm. (1 archives box)
HISTORICAL NOTE	Lesbian Open House began in Melbourne in June 1980 as an informal introduction place for women attending the Lesbian Action Group for the first time. When LAG disbanded in November 1980, Open House continued to meet regularly to provide lesbians with a discussion group. Two coordinators facilitated discussions. When the Women's Liberation building closed in 1992 Open House moved to several venues including upstairs at the Smith St Bar and bistro. This collection is No.42 of the Victorian Women's Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive
DATE OF TRANSFER	2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence; calendar; notes; leaflets; pamphlets; monograph; periodicals including 'Lesbian News', 'Lesbian Network', 'Lip', 'Migrant Women', 'Vashti', 'Chain Reaction', 'Atomic Horror Comic', 'Women's Liberation Newsletter', 'Pursuit'; subject files regarding alcoholism, alternatives to gay bars, film, refuges, Women's Building Council, Collective of Self-Help Groups.
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"> • Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, and Memorabilia <p>Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles and Memorabilia 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.
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Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1	42/01	Calendar	1984
	42/02	Correspondence	
	42/03	Discussion sheets, notes	
	42/04	Leaflets, 'Hints for the heterosexual when first she meets a lesbian'	
	42/05/01	Pamphlets	
	42/05/02	Pamphlets	
	42/06a/01	Monograph, 'A book about Australian Women', Jerrems Carol and Fraser Virginia, Melbourne, Victoria	1974
	42/06a/02	Monograph, 'Self-help resource Directory', Melbourne, Victoria	1982
	42/06b/01	Periodical, 'Lesbian News', Melbourne, Victoria	July-August 1984
	42/06b/02	Periodical, 'Lesbian network', Australia	March 1986
	42/06b/03	Periodical, 'Lip', Melbourne, Victoria	
	42/06b/04	Periodical, 'Migrant Women', Melbourne, Victoria	
	42/06b/05	Periodical, 'Vashti', Melbourne, Victoria	
	42/06b/06	Periodical, 'Women's Liberation Newsletter',	
	42/06b/07	Periodical, 'Atomic Horror Comic', Melbourne, Victoria	1977
	42/06b/08	Periodical, 'Chain Reaction', Melbourne, Victoria	1984
	42/06b/09	Periodical, 'Pursuit', Melbourne, Victoria	1980
	42/07	Alcoholism, questionnaire pamphlets, lecture notes, pamphlets, articles	
	42/09	Alternatives to gay bars, leaflets, minutes	1983
	42/10	Children, Child's drawing	
	42/11	Collective of Self-help Groups (COSHG), Leaflets pre-budget submission	1983-1984
	42/12	Film, leaflets periodical	1983
	42/13	Refuges, circular letter?, New South Wales	1983
1	42/14	Women's Building Council, minutes, Melbourne, Victoria	1981
		Memorabilia; Lesbian Open House sign (see Note on collections)	

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