



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Lesbian Line</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	100/269 ; VWLLFA No. 105
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Feminist collectives
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1974-1995
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	36 cm (3 boxes, badge and memorabilia)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>The Lesbian Line (LL) collective was formed in 1981 to provide a telephone information, support and referral service for lesbians by lesbians. Collective members were expected to make a commitment for twelve to eighteen months. Situated in successive Women's Liberation Buildings and sharing the telephone with Women's Liberation Switchboard, Lesbian Line began operating every Thursday 12.30–2.30pm and 6–10pm in July 1981. The collective met regularly to organise publicity for newsletters and the 3CR women's programs, to update the resource file and for rostering purposes. Many hundreds of calls were handled every year, including queries from women questioning their sexuality and needing to talk through issues with a friendly and sympathetic listener. All calls were logged and finances were raised by donations and fundraisers. However, with the establishment of the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in 1991, there was less demand for Lesbian Line's services and it folded in October 1995.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	2000
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Minutes of Lesbian Line; News clippings; Flyers; resources directory; Correspondence; Periodicals; Posters; Rosters and contact lists; Records and instructions; Publicity; Finances; Memorabilia; Badges; Bromides and stamps

<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	<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"> <li>• Banners, T-Shirts, Textiles, and Memorabilia</li> <li>• Badges</li> </ul> <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> <p>Badges are not listed in detail. A summary list of collections with this format is attached to the Victorian Women’s Liberation and Lesbian Feminist Archive catalogue Registration Number 2010.0011. Please search this number for details.</p>
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	
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<b>DATE</b>	2007; 2011

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	105/1	Biography	
	105/1/1	Women's mailout from Olive Zakharov, Senator, Victoria, 1987; Newsletter and Report from Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service of Victoria, Apr-May, 1987; correspondence to and from Lesbian Line 1987-1990; information for new Line volunteers; Women's Summer Ball, 1989, written and financial report; Minutes of Lesbian Line, 1988;	1987-1990
	105/1/2	Newsclippings, 1984-1995; Radclyffe's Women: An Organisation for Lesbian Women – info; correspondence and Women's Building Council minutes re space rental, 1986; correspondence to Lesbian Line – miscellaneous; analysis of Lesbian Line calls Jul, 1981-Jun 1983; articles and pamphlets sent to the Lesbian Line; Lesbian Line calls lists, 1986; bumper sticker: Lesbians are Everywhere	1981-1995
	105/1/3	Correspondence, flyers, Lesbian Line update, 1985; LezBiz calendar, 1992; L.L. resources directory; L.L. minutes 1983-1985;	1983-1992
	105/1/4	Minutes of Lesbian Line meetings and associated material	1982-1985
1	105/1	Pink folder with info and directory for Lesbian Line, 1981-1983; two black Lesbian Line notebooks, ('Publicity', 1981 and 'Contacts and Minutes' 1981-1982); 5 L.L. log books 1983-1991	1981-1991
2	105/2/1	Correspondence to and from L.L. – leaflets, letters, flyers, information, projects,	Sep 1981-1985
	105/2/2	Multiple copies of L.L. information leaflet	C1980s
	105/2/3	Periodicals from 1983: 'Everything – Anarchist Feminist Magazine' Summer '83 No 7; 'Campaign Australia', May, 1983 no 89; 'Girls' Own Sydney Feminist Newspaper', May-June 1983, No 11; 'Introducing the Women's Department - Australian Union of Students', 1983; 'Self-Help Collective News', Mar, 1983 and June, 1984; 'Herstory and Information for Members, Lesbian Line' June 1982; 'Gay Day, March 1984' programme, 1984; miscellaneous correspondence and leaflets, 1983-1985;	1983-1985
	105/2/4	Periodicals – 'City Rhythm (Gay Guide)' Nov, 1982; 'The Lesbian Insider, Insider, Inciter' (USA) July, 1982; 'News Exchange', July, 1983; 'National W', 1981; correspondence, flyers, programmes	1981-1984
	105/2/5	Envelope with L.L. herstory for members; The Trustees & Agency Co Ltd – promotional material; Minutes of May 16, (?year); booklet 'Building Links for Change – Forum for Self-Help Groups', 1983; Minutes of Women's Building Council Meeting, May, 1984; 'WAC Women's Newsletter', Jul, 1984	1983-1984
	105/2	'Self-Help Resource Directory' 2nd Edition, Sept 1982	1982
	105/2	'Resource Directory for Self-Help Groups', 1984	1984

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	105/2	“Directory fo Self-Help Groups’, 1989	1989
	105/2	Posters for Lesbian Line	c1980s
2	105/2	Stall signs for L.L.	c1980s
3	105/3/1	Lesbian Line general – rosters and contact lists	1982
	105/3/2	Records and instructions about L.L. publicity: where/when/how to publicize L.L.	1981-1982
	105/3/3	L.L. Herstory – Mistress Copy	Jun 1982
	105/3/4	L.L. finances	1981-1985
	105/3/5	1985 Collective Update; members lists, 1985	1985
	105/3/6	L.L. finances – bills and bank statements	1981-1984
	105/3/7	Finances – paid bills	1981-1984
	105/3/8	L.L. finances – bills and bank statements	1984-1986
	105/3/9	Publicity	1981
	105/3/10	Correspondence to and from L.L.	1985-1986
	105/3/11	Correspondence, newsletters, minutes, flyers	1986-1987
3	105/3/12	‘Half-Way House’	1974-1976
2010.0011 Unit 4		Memorabilia (See: Note on collections)	

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