



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Women And Children In Transition (WACKIT)
ACCESSION NO	100/300 (VWLLFA No. 40) & 2000.0246
CATEGORY	Community and political, organisations
ACTIVITY	Women's Rights Activists
DATE RANGE	1979-1982
SIZE OF COLLECTION	0.5 m (3 boxes, memorabilia and badges)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Originally called Women in Transition (WIT), Women and Children in Transition first met 14 June 1978 as a support group for women going through a crisis situation after their marriage had broken down. While WACKIT initially functioned as a self-help group for women who needed information, support and advocacy around the issues of leaving the marital home, whether or not to take the children, fighting for custody, the impact and implications of being a lesbian mother and other related issues, it went on to concentrate on the effect the Family Law Act had on women and how they were treated while going through the Family Court, as well as looking at the level of pensions, the availability of legal aid and taking action on these issues as necessary. WACKIT continued to meet on a regular basis as a discussion, referral and action group until it finally folded in July 1982.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	30 November 2000
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
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">• Badges <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>

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
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NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Ardy Tibby and Barbary Clarke; Shirin Heinrich
DATE	February 2007; January 2010

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
1	40/1	Biographies	
	40/1/1	Discussion group on access changeover facilities – minutes etc	1981
	40/1/2	Badge-making –photocopied sheets of badges on paper for cutting out	Unknown but c.1981
	40/1/3	Correspondence	1979-1981
	40/1/4	Contacts file – reports of women contacting the group	1979-1981
	40/1/5	Domestic violence: 1 Assorted	c. 1981
	40/1/6	Domestic violence: 2 Assorted related material re handbook on home violence and where to go for assistance	1980-1981
	40/1/7	Domestic violence: 3 Questionnaires	c. 1980
	40/1/8	Domestic violence committee miscellaneous, with 1981 minutes	1981
	40/1/9	Domestic violence committee minutes	1982
	40/1/10	Donations records	c. 1981
	40/1	Miscellaneous envelopes	c. 1981
	40/1/11	Joint select committee of Family Law Act – submission, correspondence and transcript	1978-1979
1	40/1/12	Inquiry into Family Law Act – submission spares	1978
2	40/2/1	Publications – Family Law in Australia Vol 1 and 2, 1980; Family Law Handbook, 1975	1975-1980
	40/2/2	Handouts - miscellaneous	1978-1981
	40/2/3	Housing:1 Emergency accommodation	1981
	40/2/4	Housing: 2 Brunswick, Coburg accommodation	1981
	40/2/5	Housing: 3 Tenants' Union	1981
	40/2/6	IWD mailing list	c. 1980-1981
	40/2/7	Legal Aid/draft deadlines	1981
	40/2/8	Lesbian mothers: 1 Family law cases – various interstate cities	1976-1979
	40/2/9	Lesbian mothers: 2 Research paper 'Conditioned Responses to Homosexuality and the Law'; handout 'Lesbian Mothers' Custody Rights Support Fund'	1977
	40/2/10	Letterheads	c. 1977
	40/2/11	Minutes books – 27-7-'80 to 19-6-'81	1980-1981
	40/2/12	Miscellaneous – clippings, leaflets, press releases, and some correspondence	1979-1982
	40/2/13	Posters, assorted: 1 Leaflets, pamphlets and posters	c. 1979-1982
	40/2/14	Publicity – clippings, lists, leaflets	1980
	40/2/15	Publications – law reforms and domestic violence	1981
2	40/2/16	Publication: 1 'Child Care Needs in Women's Refuges, New South Wales'	1979
3	40/3/1	Domestic violence – Publication 'Police Taskforce New South Wales'	1981
	40/3/2	Family Law booklets	1977-1979
	40/3/3	Publication 'Family Support Action Kit'	1981

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	40/3/4	Publication 'Emergency Housing Report'	1976
	40/3/5	Publications – 'Working Paper'	1981
	40/3/6	Publication 'Legal Services Directory'	1979
	40/3/7	Publication 'Freedom of Information Taskforce'	1980
	40/3/8	Periodicals 'Australian Law News'	1981-1982
	40/3/9	Queen's Fund – application and rejection	1981
	40/3/10	Resources card index system	c. 1981
	40/3/11	Refuges - cut out sheets of badges	c. 1981
	40/3/12	Stickers	c. 1981
	40/3/13	Women's Building Council minutes	1979-1982
	40/3/14	Publications – Law Reform Commissioner, Victoria working papers no 6 and 7	1979-1981
	40/3/15	Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) assorted	1980-1981
	40/3/16	Council of Self-Help groups (COSH) - Leaflets, newsletters, miscellaneous	1980-1982
3	40/3/17	Council of Self-Help groups (COSH) – Miscellaneous, leaflets, newsletters, correspondence	1982

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