



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

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| <b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b> | <b>Brenda House Incorporated</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ACCESSION NO</b>       | 2012.0238                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>CATEGORY</b>           | Community and Political, organisations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>ACTIVITY</b>           | Welfare organisations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>DATE RANGE</b>         | 1981-2006                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b> | 4 boxes (0.68m)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>    | <p>Brenda House Women's Refuge was originally established in 1978 by Doncare, the Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre Inc.. Funds were obtained from Doncare and from donations. In 1980-1981 the refuge acquired funds through government grants and became an autonomous organisation.</p> <p>Brenda House was set up to be a women's refuge run by women for women and children in a non-hierarchical collective model. Its purpose was to provide safe and secure short-term support and accommodation for lone women and women with children who were victims of domestic violence. It provided support in a non-institutional setting in which women's experiences were validated and women are empowered to make positive and informed decisions about their futures.</p> <p>It became Brenda House Collective Incorporated in 1994. In June 2012, Brenda House merged with Maroondah Halfway House to form the Safe Futures Foundation.</p> |
| <b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>   | 23 January 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>  | Access: Restricted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>DESCRIPTION</b>        | Records of running of Brenda House, including its interactions with Victorian and regional domestic violence services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>LISTED BY</b>          | S. Fairbanks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>DATE</b>               | September 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

**2012.0238, Brenda House Incorporated, 1981-2006**

| Item Number    | Unit/Box         | Title                                                                                          | Date                     | Description                                                       |
|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2012.0238.0001 | 2012.0238 Unit 1 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Associated Violence Services Incorporated: Minutes               | 1 July 1995-30 June 1997 |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0002 | 2012.0238 Unit 2 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Associated Violence Services Incorporated: Minutes               | july 1997-June 1998      |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0003 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Current Victorian Women's Refuges and Domestic Violence Services Constitution                  | 1992                     |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0004 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Domestic Violence Services Constitution                          | 1996                     |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0005 | 2012.0238 Unit 2 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Domestic Violence Services Finance Workers Meetings              | 1995-1998                |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0006 | 2012.0238 Unit 2 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Domestic Violence Services Incorporated: Inter-Refuge Minutes    | 1 July 1996-30 June 1998 | Includes minutes of Brenda House workers' meetings, de-identified |
| 2012.0238.0007 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Domestic Violence Services Secretarial Submission                | 1992                     | Submission to Minister for Community Services                     |
| 2012.0238.0008 | 2012.0238 Unit 2 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Associated Violence Services Incorporated: Annual Report         | 1995-1996                |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0009 | 2012.0238 Unit 2 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Associated Violence Services Incorporated: Annual Report         | 1996-1997                |                                                                   |
| 2012.0238.0010 | 2012.0238 Unit 2 | Victorian Women's Refuges and Associated Violence Services Incorporated: Annual General Report | 1998-1999                |                                                                   |

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| 2012.0238.0011 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Western Region Domestic Violence Outreach Service: Women's Health Service for the West Discussion Paper No. 1, Principles/Philosophy of the Service | c.1994                      |                                                                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0012 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Homelessness: Charter of Rights                                                                                                                     | November 2003-February 2004 |                                                                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0013 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Victorian Homelessness Strategy Strategic Reference Group                                                                                           | 2002-2004                   |                                                                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0014 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Homelessness Service Systems Development Project (HSSDP): Statewide Practitioners Working Group                                                     | 2003                        |                                                                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0015 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Homelessness Service Systems Development Project (HSSDP): Eastern Metropolitan Region General information                                           | 2003                        |                                                                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0016 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Homelessness Service Systems Development Project (HSSDP): Service Providers Working Group                                                           | 2003                        | Includes Business process reengineering; Client flow maps                                        |
| 2012.0238.0017 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Homelessness Service Systems Development Project (HSSDP): Eastern Metropolitan Region Workshops                                                     | 16 June 2003-19 June 2003   | Includes working party, minutes and information                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0018 | 2012.0238 Unit 3 | Integrated Homelessness Data Collection                                                                                                             | 2003                        |                                                                                                  |
| 2012.0238.0019 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Brenda House: salaries, funding, budget, background information                                                                                     | 1981-1993                   | Includes incorporation of Brenda House; history; model employment agreement; and job description |

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| 2012.0238.0020 | 2012.0238 Unit 1 | Linkage Services: Eastern Services Group to Domestic Violence Eastern Services        | 1998-2000 |                                                                 |
| 2012.0238.0021 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Brenda House Employee Collective Agreement                                            | 2006      |                                                                 |
| 2012.0238.0022 | 2012.0238 Unit 1 | Brenda House Incorporated Triennial Review                                            | 1991-1994 |                                                                 |
| 2012.0238.0023 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Statewide Women's Refuges Collective                                                  | 1993      |                                                                 |
| 2012.0238.0024 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP V)                                   | 2005      | Possible cuts and budget issues                                 |
| 2012.0238.0025 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Police Code of Conduct Consultation                                                   | 2003      |                                                                 |
| 2012.0238.0026 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Southern Metropolitan Region Family and Domestic Violence Crisis Protection Framework | 2003      | Draft for comment                                               |
| 2012.0238.0027 | 2012.0238 Unit 4 | Domestic Violence                                                                     | 2001-2004 | Reports on domestic violence, including written by Brenda House |