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Collection/Series Title: **ROCKINGHAM ECHO NEWSLETTERS**

Creator	Australian Red Cross Society, Victorian Division
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Charities - Community organisations
<p>Creator's Historical Note</p> <p>Note: University of Melbourne Archives holds records of the Australian Red Cross National Office and the Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross. Records of other state Divisions are not held by the University of Melbourne.</p> <p>The Victorian Division of the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society was formed on 21 August 1914, days after the establishment of the Branch itself. The inaugural President was Lady Margaret Stanley, wife of the Governor of Victoria. For much of the twentieth century the state Divisions of the Red Cross held primary responsibility for the delivery of Red Cross services, especially during peacetime. Blood transfusion services, missing persons tracing, hospital and convalescence, fundraising, disaster relief and a wide range of other community services largely have their origins in the state Divisions rather than the National Office. However during the latter part of the twentieth century coordination of services gradually shifted from state to national level. Organisational restructuring in the late 1990s consolidated this shift.</p> <p>For a summary of the history and activities of the Australian Red Cross as a whole see the entry Australian Red Cross Society - National Office in University of Melbourne Archives online catalogue. Other sources include:</p> <p>Melanie Oppenheimer: The Power of Humanity: 100 Years of Australian Red Cross 1914-2014 (Sydney, Harper Collins, 2014)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org.au (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross Blood Service web site: http://www.donateblood.com.au/about-us (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross has donated 100 years of archives to the University of Melbourne: http://www.redcross.org.au/gift-to-the-nation.aspx (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian War Memorial, First World War Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files: https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/wounded_and_missing/</p> <p>Australian Womens Register entry for the Australian Red Cross: http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0715b.htm (accessed June 2015). See also Register entries for individual women prominent within the Red Cross.</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1961-1975
Size/Extent	1 unit (0.17m)
Access Conditions	Access: Restricted

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

[Red Cross Archives series reference: V05]

Comprises Rockingham Echo newsletters produced by residents of Rockingham for circulation amongst residents. Each booklet has an original screen printed cover on coloured paper, followed by a title page with the Editorial Group, Cover Design and Printer named. Each publication has an index; follow by reports on excursions, articles on sport, jokes, entertainment, quizzes, cartoons, poetry, short stories, and items of interest such as lists staff and their roles. See: Whos Who at Rockingham September 1961, p.21 (2016.0065.00001)

This is difficult to estimate the exact print run and the frequency of publication. Some years the publication is monthly, others are bi monthly, quarterly or a combination these. What is clear is that there are no publications in this set for the years 1966, 1971, 1972.

Rockingham Convalescent Home, Barkers Road Kew was established in 1940 as an 80-100 bed psychiatric facility for returned ex-service patients mostly from Heidelberg Repatriations hospital. In 1958 the name was changed to simply Rockingham upon the request of patients who objected to convalescent home which implied they were passive patients when their experience was of an active therapeutic community where stimulating activities and occupational therapy was provided such as weaving, ironwork, leatherwork, basketry and gardening which helped patients in their recovery. The facility continued to operate until 1977. See: Red Cross News, Dec 1988 Feb 1989, p.19. Rockingham where lives were put back together (2016.0064.00019).

See also: ROCKINGHAM HOUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (2016.0071.00023); and files relating to rehabilitation in CORRESPONDENCE FILES, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (2015.0033).

Researchers should note that under the Geneva Conventions Act 1957 protections govern the use of the Red Cross emblem. For further information see Archives staff.

Collection Category	Community and Political, organisations
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2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00001	Rockingham Echo	January 1961-December 1961
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00002	Rockingham Echo	February 1962-December 1962
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00003	Rockingham Echo	January 1963-December 1963
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00004	Rockingham Echo	January 1964-December 1964
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00005	Rockingham Echo	January 1965-December 1965
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00006	Rockingham Echo	December 1967
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00007	Rockingham Echo	January 1968-November 1968
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00008	Rockingham Echo	Winter 1969
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00009	Rockingham Echo	May 1970-December 1970
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00010	Rockingham Echo	April 1973-December 1973
2016.0065 Unit 1	2016.0065.00011	Rockingham Echo	January 1974-December 1974
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