Lucy Chesser’s Bibliography of Australian Lesbian History

Did you know there are at least 45 discrete publications and a string of additional unpublished theses that deal, in a significant fashion, with Australian lesbian history?

Have you written something that contributes to Australian lesbian history? It could be an article, a chapter, a thesis, or even just a few key paragraphs or pages in a work that is on something broader, but includes lesbian history. Would you like to know that other people are aware of your work and that it doesn’t get lost and your hard work overlooked?

Have you read something good that is not on this list?

Are you a student or researcher who would you like to quickly find work that has dealt with issues in Australian lesbian history? Would you rather spend more of your time reading such work instead of searching for it?

This list is a dynamic resource that is designed to stop the great work that has and continues to be produced in Australian lesbian history from being lost, overlooked and unrecognised. It is maintained by Lucy Chesser. She should be contacted by email at lucychesser@hotmail.com with comments, suggestions and additions to the list.

Lucy Chesser’s Bibliography of Australian Lesbian History is a list of everything that Lucy is aware of that has been written that deals in some significant manner with Australian lesbian history. Lucy has not necessarily read everything on the list (one day, hopefully!) but also relies on others nominating items.

No doubt Lucy has missed some things (her apologies) and she may be unaware of new or recent publications, especially those that happen overseas or where the contribution occurs within a monograph. Please email these omissions to her so the list can be updated. Because it is to be updated, it is worth checking the list again periodically for new additions.

In time Lucy would like the list to be annotated. If you would like to help by annotating an item, especially your own, adding relevant page numbers or an abstract – please email her. Thanks to those who have already contributed to the list.

No undertaking is made that the list is comprehensive; it is designed as a help, not a substitute for normal scholarly attention to relevant literature.

It is divided into three time frames: Pre Twentieth Century, 1900-1970, and 1970-present. Apologies for formatting inconsistencies, which have not yet been rectified.
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Pre Twentieth Century
Casella, Eleanor Conlin. “Bulldaggers and gentle ladies: archaeological approaches to female homosexuality in convict-era Australia,” in Robert A Schmidt and Barbara L Voss (eds), Archaeologies of Sexuality, Routledge, 2000, pp. 143-159

1900-1970

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Lake, Marilyn. 'Sexuality and Feminism. Some Notes on their Australian History,' Lilith 7, 1991, pp. 29-45


Reekie, Gail. “‘She was a Lovable man’: Marion/Bill Edwards and the Feminisation of Australian Culture,” *Journal of Australian Lesbian Feminist Studies*, no. 4, 1994, pp. 43-50.

**1970-2008**

**Unpublished**


**Shorter pieces, auto/biographical**


**TO BE ADDED**

Margaret Bradstock, Louise Wakeling, (eds), *Words from the same heart*, Hale and Iremonger, 1987

Louise Wakeling and Margaret Bradstock, (eds), *Beyond Blood. Writings on the lesbian and gay family*. BlackWattle Press 1995

Terry Threadgold and Anne Cranny-Francis, (eds) *Feminine, Masculine and Representation*. Allen and Unwin 1990


**NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS** (just starting this category, so very incomplete)


Beth Gilligan, ‘Hit For a Six’, LOTL, November 1994, p. 21

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