



Who we are

For more than twenty-five years now the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives has been collecting and preserving Australia's very queer history. From camp life in the 1950s, through Gay Liberation in the 1970s and eighties, to the vibrant queer communities of today – all of this is part of our heritage; and all of it is represented in the holdings of the biggest such collection in Australia.

The Archives is volunteer-run, not-for-profit and community-based.

What we have:

- > books
- > badges
- > posters
- > t-shirts
- > gay and lesbian newspapers and magazines
- > newspaper clippings
- > photographs
- > court transcripts
- > newsletters
- > videos
- > scrapbooks
- > banners and placards
- > postcards
- > party tickets
- > theatre programs
- > flyers
- > personal memorabilia

What we do

As well as collecting and preserving our histories, we want to share them with the wider world.

We:

- > sponsor the annual queer history conference, Australia's Homosexual Histories
- > organize history walks through Melbourne and its suburbs
- > publish books
- > produce kits for schools
- > organize displays and exhibitions

Writing an essay? Planning a documentary? Looking for that newspaper article all those years ago that first made you wonder about the gay world? The collection has been used by students, filmmakers, novelists and historians, researchers and activists – as well as the just plain curious

What you can do

Don't throw it away! Donate your stuff to the collection. Nothing you've got is insignificant, and if we've got it already we know other collections that are interested. Letters, photos ... Even your memories; we collect stories too.

We also take money! The Archives has no government funding and relies entirely on the support of its members and the community. You can become a member for \$20 per year – and if that's not enough you can donate as much as you like (it's tax-deductible).

Give us some time: We have regular working bees to bring order to the collection – why not join in?

Want to know more?

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Membership form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to become a member and enclose:

\$1 joining fee (new members only) \$ _____

\$20 full membership **\$5** concession \$ _____

Donation (tax deductible over \$2) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to:

Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc or ALGA

Please indicate whether you are agreeable to your donation being publicly acknowledged (eg in our newsletter)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state if you are happy for us to use your ☐

full name or ☐ initials only

I would like more information about:

☐ Becoming a volunteer

☐ Making a bequest

signature _____



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