

Why an Archive – and how you can contribute

The Archives is the memory of the gay and lesbian community. We aim to preserve records of Australian homosexual life, past and present, for use by future generations.

The Archives has been going since 1978. The collection of periodicals is probably the core of the Archives' collection. But we also seek records of gay and lesbian life outside of organised groups, through personal letters, photographs and other memorabilia, including from times before there was a gay movement. We also encourage those with recollections of pre-movement days to record these for posterity through the Archives' Oral History Project. Requests for confidentiality are strictly adhered to.

You can support the Archives financially by becoming a member (\$20, \$5 concession, \$1 joining fee), or by making a donation. All donations to the Archives of \$2 or more are tax deductible. With a donor's permission, donors of \$50 or more will be acknowledged as sponsors of bound periodicals.

For those with the time and interest, you can contribute as a volunteer. There is a range of tasks to suit people's different talents and levels of commitment. Work can be done at working bees at the Archives or at home individually. For example:

- ◆ liaising with groups around Australia to fill gaps in the periodicals collection – to contact our periodicals secretary, contact algarchives@hotmail.com
- ◆ listing and ordering parts of the collection that are of interest to you, eg. posters, postcards, photographs.
- ◆ taking care of the collection of a group that has special significance to you – ordering and listing that group's papers, maybe interviewing some of the people who are involved in running the group
- ◆ photocopying and listing press clippings
- ◆ liaising with other collectors of gay and lesbian material, and arranging swaps of duplicate material.
- ◆ helping with fund raising and organising events (open days, displays, dinners, conferences etc)
- ◆ helping us distribute ALGA publications to bookshops
- ◆ writing promotional material to help raise awareness of the Archives
- ◆ arranging displays.

The Archives lives at the Victorian AIDS Council at 6 Claremont Street, South Yarra. We are open for visits by appointment. Email algarchives@hotmail.com, or write PO Box 124, Parkville, Vic 3052. Our website is at alga.org.au

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In the case of donations over \$50, ALGA would like to acknowledge the donation as sponsoring the binding of a periodical. This would be in the form of a slip pasted inside the cover of a bound volume. Are you agreeable to this? _____

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