

Annual Report 2008



James McCrackett and his sister Rita. Melbourne, c.1928 – photo courtesy Moya Palmer

Archives 30: A New Future for our Queer Past

President's Report

Graham Willett

In this, the Archives' thirtieth year, we have been busily celebrating our achievements and working to lay the foundations for our future.

And what a lot we have to celebrate. At 30, the Archives is one of Australia's oldest queer community organisations. Across the decades, as groups and campaigns and activities have come and gone, we have soldiered steadily on: collecting and preserving this country's very queer past, and sharing it with the world. In doing so we have built and maintained one of the very few such organisations in the world, and one that can stand proudly alongside collections in places such as Toronto, Berlin, Los Angeles, New York and a handful of other cities.

We have established a reputation in the wider gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and intersex communities – and indeed, beyond – as a trusted and trustworthy repository of memories and memorabilia and we have continued, under often trying conditions, to carry out our mission. In the past year we have strengthened our ties with institutions such as the state libraries in Victoria and South Australia, and the Museum of Victoria, and with scholars all over the country.

The collection continues to grow in size, scope and depth. Even the briefest summary gives a sense of what we have. The serials collection is perhaps the jewel in the crown and is the collection most often accessed; but we hold a huge selection of unique and irreplaceable items and collections produced by individuals and organisations.

So, there is plenty to celebrate – and we did. Our quinquennial dinner was bigger and better than ever. More than 200 of our closest friends turned up to share the night. Thanks to all who came along, and all of those who worked to make it happen.

Among those present were our new Patrons – Professor Dennis Altman and Joan Nestle. We are really pleased that they accepted our invitation to become patrons. Both are well-known for their contributions over the years (decades really) to the lesbian and gay and queer communities both here in Australia and internationally and we feel very privileged to have them as part of our team.

But 2008 wasn't all fun and games. The committee started this year with a review of the various challenges that we faced and determined to spend some time exploring our options of the future. At the heart of this was the question: does the community want us to continue in the current mode – as a not for profit, community-based, volunteer-run organisation, and, if so, what practical support is there to help us do this? Issues of membership and volunteering were important here. And on this basis we can report considerable achievements. Membership is now at 111, up from 84 last year. And as Daniel Marshall reports below, we have more volunteers than ever.

Money is always a slightly odd proposition for the Archives. We are used to getting by on very little but as we grow this becomes more difficult, especially for our preservation work. A couple of new fundraising initiatives proved successful. We received some \$2300 for administrative support and equipment purchases from the Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations scheme; and the specific purpose donation scheme, which lets people donating money tag their support to particular uses such as binding and book purchases has been very popular. Members and friends responded with generosity to our call for special, one-off donations too, as detailed in the Treasurer's Report. We were touched and grateful for these expressions of good will.

Our quest for Really Big Money and a Home of Our Own was less successful. But we are extremely pleased to announce that we have been offered more space at the VAC – a lot more space; space with natural light; space with room to spread ourselves out and for our long-suffering volunteers to work in some comfort. Setting all this up to best advantage will be one of 2009's main projects.

And we feel that we are getting the hang of approaching people, asking for advice and support, and we are planning on continuing with our Future Fund project in 2009. If you would like to join us in this, please just say so!

I want to end by thanking the Committee for its efforts. It has been a very busy year and without the efforts of Gary Jaynes, Daniel Marshall, Mark Pendleton, Esther Singer and Dan Vaughan literally none of what we have done this year would have happened.

Volunteers

Daniel Marshall

The Archives has always relied on volunteers to operate and this continues to be the case. For thirty years now, our many volunteers have been collecting, compiling, cataloguing, listing, sorting and copying all sorts of interesting historical curiosities and documents. This year we have exceeded the Archives30 target we set for ourselves, attracting almost a dozen new volunteers. For example, Jamie Brown has been working hard on preserving our excellent Homosexual Law Reform Coalition collection of documents. Johnathon McLay has boldly ventured where no-one has gone before and catalogued our strange objects collection (including, yes, a penis-shaped jug – the stories it could tell!). Rachael Cilauro has been making great progress on sorting the film ephemera file. And Sofia Lo Bianco has been doing terrific work making sense of our ominously titled 'miscellaneous flyers' file. I would also like to thank Joan Nestle who volunteered her time to work with me on some of the queer history workshops we gave to youth groups as part of ALGA's Midsumma involvement – Joan also helped with listing one of ALGA's personal collections. We're grateful also to Jason Benjamin for sharing his archivist expertise in advising on a new acquisitions agreement.

Throughout our anniversary year we have worked hard to attract new volunteers and to let our ongoing volunteers know just how much of an invaluable contribution they make to the organization. At our 30th Birthday Party, Julie McCrossin and the committee led a round of applause for all of our tireless volunteers who really are the heart and soul of the Archives. Without you the Archives would be nothing! So, for all the volunteers who weren't able to be there for that wonderful event, I would like to convey the huge amount of love and affection for our volunteers that was evident in the Town Hall that night.

Old volunteers kept on keeping on too. Lee Johns has been cataloguing and indexing for some years now – if you want to know what's in Camp Ink, William and John, Stallion/Gayzette or Melbourne Voice (among others), the lists we have come to you courtesy of him. John Waugh has revamped and is maintaining the website and answers tricky legal questions. Graham Carbery's work as periodicals secretary keeps what is undoubtedly the jewel in the crown of the collection sparkling. Our attractive history walk programs wouldn't happen without Helen Pausacker – nor would much of the logging of ALGA's oral history collection. Wayne Murdoch in tandem with Graham W keep the history walks commentary reliably informative and entertaining. And to Liz Ross, thanks for a mountain of collection work over the years – most recently in listing ALGA's vast collection of national homosexual conference records 1975-86 (ten down, one to go!)

They probably don't think of themselves as volunteers, but people like Richard Watts, Colin Billing, Geoff A and Mannie De Saxe are a fantastic help in tracking down missing issues. The

many GLBT groups around Australia that send us gratis copies of their publications deserve a big thank you too – some of them have been doing this for decades. There are too many to name here, but you'll see them in the periodicals list.

And to our friends outside Melbourne - Greg B in Perth, Ian Purcell and David Hilliard in Adelaide, Shirleene Robinson and Yorick Smaal in Brisbane, Peter de Waal in Sydney, Phil Parkinson at LAGANZ in Wellington – thanks a heap for your support and the many favours in chasing things down for us.

There is not room here to detail all of our volunteers' contributions but we are grateful to all of you who donate your time to the Archives. We are also in the process of getting new volunteers started and we always need more! So if you are interested in volunteering please contact me (daniel.marshall@latrobe.edu.au). I will sign off with some remarks from Jamie, a new volunteer, about being involved with ALGA:

'It's a great opportunity to give something back. We have fought so hard to make history that it's really important that we fight to keep that history.'

Events and Activities

Esther Singer

Sharing the GLBTQ histories that we collect with the community through public events is one of the most enjoyable parts of the work we do at ALGA. In 2008 we tried to do this in as many ways and places as we could through a series of new and old events. Our **Queer History Quiz Spectacular** kicked off the year at Midsumma and was a sell-out success. Live re-enactments of history moments amused the punters and we hope the questions gave everyone a chance to show off some of their historical know-how. Midsumma continued with a great **history walk** around Carlton and a very special collaboration with the Rainbow Network youth groups for **Pride March**. After a great banner making workshop with some of the young people from the network it was wonderful to take a stroll down Fitzroy St again and very heartening to hear a few 'yay Archives!' shouts from the crowd.

Our **Open Days** were another big hit this year and we were overwhelmed by the crowds – especially for our celebration of the Australasian Lesbian Movement at the April Open Day. Phyllis Papps and Francesca Curtis had the crowd entranced with their stories of the ALM's early days and we were very grateful they travelled down from Phillip Island to be with us.

As winter came along we decided some nice cosy chats might do the trick and so the inaugural ALGA **Winter Lectures** series was born. Graham Willett and Simon Matthews took up the challenge discussing law reform and homo bush rangers respectively.

More lectures filled a busy weekend in July as the Archives once again presented **Homosexual Histories**: the conference. It's always a great chance to hear what people are digging up in the world of GLBT histories and it was wonderful to see researchers from right across the country swapping tales with students and the just plain curious.

All this set the stage for our grand **gala birthday party** – a glorious opportunity to celebrate queer histories from across Australia with the irrepressible Julie McCrossin taking us on a whirlwind tour. We hope you made it along to one of our events in 2008 and learned a new history tidbit or shared a tale or two. We're always looking for new ideas for sharing histories with the community, and new volunteers to help in this task so please do get in touch. Or if you are more inclined to taking it all in, we hope to see you at an Archives event in the new year!

Work on the collection

Gary Jaynes

Many sorts of preservation, listing and accessioning projects get undertaken at the Archives. Most of these aim to keep the collection in good condition and make it more easily accessed by visitors.

Work done on the collection this year has included:

- indexing of *Camp Ink* (1970-77) completed by Lee Johns (title, author, date, issue, abstract, 1012 records).
- listing at the document level of national homosexual conference records (1975-86) continued by Liz Ross – first 10 conferences completed (1670+ records so far)
- digitising and listing of photographs from the estate of the late Jan Hillier, listing and rehousing of photographs of Queen's Birthday picnics (1970s) donated by Yvonne Gardner, listing and rehousing miscellaneous 1980s photos – Esther Singer, Roz Ward and Gary Jaynes
- listing of objects collection by Johnathon McLay
- listing of ephemera (flyers, film leaflets etc) by Sofia Lo Bianco and Rachael Cilaurio
- conservation work on the HLRC collection by Jamie Brown
- listing of the papers of Bill Hathaway by Joan Nestle
- select listing of ephemera files for public access by Graham Willett
- digitising of *Melbourne Truth* references on homosexual topics from microfilm at State Library Victoria – now 297 done items in the period 1938-67, by Gary Jaynes
- electronic summaries of press clippings supplied by Peter de Waal for vol 1 of his *Unfit for Publication : NSW Supreme Court and other bestiality, buggery and sodomy trials 1727-1930* – the vol 1 clippings cover 1808-1910 (314 items)
- conducting oral history interviews (six done in past year) – Helen Pausacker has assisted with logging
- digitisation of VHS footage of Midsumma Carnival events 1992-1999 (16 DVDs) – videos loaned by Colin Billing, digitisation cost shared by ALGA and Midsumma
- updates of ALGA's periodicals list to 31.12.2006 by Graham Carbery – fourth revision at Sep 2008, also lists of indexed periodicals and the beginnings of a chronology of Australian GLBT periodicals – see the Collections part of ALGA's website.
- updates of ALGA's book collection and a list of books that ALGA would like to obtain.
- processing of new acquisitions (approx 60 in past year) – involves arrangement, listing, and where appropriate, producing a preservation copy.
- devising a transfer agreement for new acquisitions – thanks to Jason Benjamin for advice
- select listing of queer youth materials (e.g. Young Gays ephemera files etc) by Daniel Marshall

Collection tasks planned for the future when resources permit

We are currently seeking volunteers, equipment, funds and expertise to undertake the following tasks in 2009:

- a backup of ALGA's analogue cassettes in digital format is on hold until we have high quality playback equipment.
- developing a comprehensive key-word cataloguing system that brings together our many lists and databases (a grant sought from the Federal Government's Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations program has been sought to enable this.)

- logging the remaining oral history interviews. We have 120 interviews in total, of which 92 are logged. We also hope the GVEHO will support this.
- devising and implementing a preservation plan for scrap books that are in frail condition (a Local History Grant from the Public Records Office Victoria has been sought to progress this.)
- devising and implementing a digitisation program for the poster collection, and listing posters obtained in the past 18 months.
- computer listing of binders of broadsheet size press clippings from 1970s and 80s which are not chronologically ordered and hard to access. These are also not photocopied, so deteriorating newsprint is a consideration (these pre-date the electronic databases of press clippings)
- indexing a major lesbian-specific periodical (eg Lesbian Newsletter or any its successors in Melbourne such as Lesbian News, Labrys, Lesbiana, or for Sydney LOTL)
- scoping of any of the major personal or organisational collections held by ALGA.

Community Access

Esther Singer

One of the great joys of volunteering at the Archives is getting to meet some of the people who come to see and use the collection and witnessing their surprise and excitement at encountering such a treasure trove of GLBT history. A steady stream of researchers and other visitors flows through ALGA and it always highlights the importance of our work and the collections we maintain.

Researchers in 2008 have been working on a great range of topics and projects. Rebecca Jennings came down from Sydney to use our lesbian oral histories and view the new Australasian Lesbian Movement collection. She's a research fellow at Macquarie University working on a history of early lesbian life in Sydney and this was her second trip to visit ALGA.

Students at all levels are regular visitors. Topics being researched ranged from AIDS activism in the 1980s to a design for a prototype queer monument. Others wanted to view early Gay Lib documents or newspaper clippings on transgender issues in the 1950s. The breadth of the collection and the numerous catalogues and listings are always appreciated by researchers.

More casual visitors also appreciate the collection. One man popped in while on a trip down from Queensland to view an issue of *Australian Golden Boys* from the early 1970s. He was a model but had never seen the magazine as it was banned in Queensland at the time!

Meanwhile, the editors from gay art magazine, *They Shoot Homos Don't They*, visited a number of times to view our collection of David McDiarmid's AIDS inspired art and to photograph some of our posters collection. The posters also feature in the 2009 Art of Dissent calendar produced by 3CR radio. A number of requests to view our poster collection has reminded us of the rare graphic art we hold and the urgent need to make it accessible through digitisation.

We also love hosting groups of visitors and sharing some insights into GLBT history. One highlight was a visit from young people organised by the Rainbow Network. It's wonderful getting to share our collection with people who've never had the chance to learn about GLBT history, and the enthusiasm they bring is always contagious.

When people can't come to us we try and bring the collection to them, through displays and stalls. Our stall at Chill Out was a great success, giving us the opportunity to meet many rural GLBT folks we might not usually see. A small exhibition organised as part of the national queer students conference, Queer Collaborations, was also very popular. We also love to talk with small groups

and organisations when invited. We visited YAK (a group for young GLBT people) at their request and they loved seeing a slideshow of collection highlights and talking about queer histories. Taking the collection out and tending to visitors requests certainly keeps us busy but it's at the heart of why we collect GLBT histories and always richly rewarding.

Other visitors over the year included:

- Shannon Woodcock (La Trobe University) and Shermal Wijewardene (Monash University) researching perceptions of race and culture in *LOTL* magazine.
- Rachel Cook has been a frequent visitor, working on her GLBT history book for younger readers.
- Daren Pope (aka Kaye Sera) visited to research an upcoming Midsumma show on the gay past of Melbourne City.
- Shirleene Robinson visited from Queensland to research the gay press and responses to homophobia for her book.
- Dr Emily Wilson, came down from the Gold Coast to research attitudes among medical professionals towards homosexuality in Australia in the 1950s and 1960s.
- Kayla Davidson researched gay life in the 1980s as background for a film script in development.

Acquisitions 2008

Gary Jaynes

Material acquired by ALGA in the past year includes the following treasures:

- Family photos c.1928 from the daughter of a gay man – and the remarkable story behind them
- Photos of ALGA's Homosexual Histories 7 Conference in November 2005 – John Storey
- Photos and videos of Bryce's Follies (1971-85) – Keith Dunstan (Boilers) courtesy Bryce McMillan
- Photos of Queen's Birthday picnics in Melbourne, 1960s and 70s – Yvonne Gardner
- Photos and background notes of the memorial to Dr George Duncan on the bank of the Torrens River, Adelaide – Ian Purcell
- Newsletters, scrapbook, audiotape of television interviews and photographs involving the Australasian Lesbian Movement 1970-73 – Phyllis Papps and Francesca Curtis
- Depositions of a 1919 court case that brought to light an extensive correspondence between two young men facing charges – courtesy of Wayne Murdoch (research in progress)
- Press clipping scrapbook and notes about book censorship in Australia c.1964 – Phyllis Papps
- Medals from Gay Games 1988 (Amsterdam) and 2002 (Sydney), and photos depicting 1980s Sydney events/people – C Moore Hardy
- Original artwork for Avenge Oscar Wilde badge plus mockups and purchase information (R E Jessop, 1978) – Joseph Chetcuti
- *Young Gay and Proud* distribution records and viewer feedback after Gaby Antolovich's appearance on national television c. 1978 – courtesy Mitch Cleary
- Banner and publications from Queer Collaborations 2008 (Melbourne) – courtesy James Vigus

- Personal collection of Feast ephemera – Geoff Hall
- T-shirt personal collection – Colin Billing
- Poster and badge collection of the late Ian Malloy – Vanessa Sternbeck
- Limited edition badges with queer themes - Josefine Kristensen
- Complete set of 20 safe-sex swap cards published by Victorian AIDS Council in 1996 –Steve Duke
- Electronic summaries of press clippings from vol 1 of *Unfit for Publication*, covering 1808-1910– Peter de Waal

DVDs of the following:

- Miss Fitz shows 1983, 1985, 1988 and Cup Eve Balls 1988-1995
- Minus 18 (Melbourne) events, 1998-2001, and Laird Auction 1997 – broadcast restrictions apply to both – Colin Billing
- ‘The Shoot Out : 24 hour film making festival : Top Ten 2007’, including one queer themed entry – Ivan Skaines for Rainbow Visions (Newcastle)
- Midsumma events, 1992-1997, conversion of VHS and Beta footage loaned by Colin Billing (conversion funded jointly by ALGA and Midsumma)
- Selected Bent TV programs – Vic Perri
- Images from the Mardi Gras Parades 2006 to 2008 – Peter Petersen
- ‘MCC’s 78ers share their stories’, 2008 – Craig Pippen
- ‘Drowning Duncan’, Susan Bruce, 2008 – courtesy Graham Willett
- ALGA events in 2008, birthday party and open day – Colin Billing , Joseph Chetcuti and Linda Tegg

CDs of the following:

- interviews with some of the participants in the ABC Radio Hindsight program on

the history of Prince of Wales Hotel (25 Nov 2007) – Peter Davis

- BBC 4 radio gay history programs (2008) and 1960s UK film of historical interest - Greg B
- posters from ALGA collection photographed for 3CR’s 2009 calendar – courtesy 3CR
- scans of Minus 18 posters, 1998-2001, and Melbourne Queer Film Festival program covers 1991-2008 – Colin Billing
- ‘Lesbians and Gays Changed Australian Immigration : History and Herstory - the Documents’, February 2002 – donated by the author, Peter de Waal (rights held by Gay & Lesbian Immigration Task Force)
- Electronic version of The Nomads newsletter (Jan 1990 to Winter 2008), 74 issues – courtesy John More

PhD theses

- Jennifer Power (2007, ANU), ‘Movement, Knowledge, Emotion: Gay Activists and the Australian Gay Movement’
- Andrew Gorman-Murray (2006, Dept of Human Geography, Macquarie Uni), ‘Queering Home, Domesticating Deviance: Geographies of Sexuality and Home in Australia’

Plus...


- Entrants in ALGA’s 2007 honours thesis prize
- Complete set of the newsletter of the Lesbian and Gay Archive of New Zealand – Dr Phil Parkinson
- Books donated by Colin Billing, Adam Carr, Rebecca Jennings, Lyn Morgain, Brigitte Nelson/Detour Press, Esther Singer, Jean Taylor and Graham Willett, and the generous donors in the Bookmooch swap scheme
- Journal articles, book chapters and books written by Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli – donated by the author

- Miscellaneous ephemera donated by 3CR, the ALSO Foundation, Denis Altman, Colin Billing, Peter de Waal, Chris Friday, Jo Harrison, David Hilliard, Tony L, Mark M, Yorick Smaal, Keith Stodden
- Periodicals donated to help fill gaps in our first and duplicate sets – from Geoff A, Cameron Bachelor, Colin

Billing, Mannie De Saxe, Dean Kylie, Leigh Klooger, Christopher Lynch, Annie M, Dr Phil Parkinson, Ian Purcell, Shirleene Robinson, Jean Taylor, Richard Watts, Margaret Young, the people at Yowie – and apologies to anyone we've missed out.

Audio visual materials in the ALGA collection are available for reference, but not for loan. ALGA does not own copyright on much AV material in the collection and requests for reproduction will be referred to the copyright owner.

Treasurer's Report
Gary Jaynes acting for Mark Pendleton



	Ordinary a/c	Gift A/c	Investment A/c	Total	Comparison with 2006-07
C/fwd from 30.9.07	3,091.14	572.65	16,135.63	19,799.42	17,701.07
Internal transfers	4,500.00	-25,500.00	21,000.00	0.00	0.00
Income*	21,080.05	27,044.99	10,791.02	58,916.06	9,173.01
Expense	\$27,359.83	-18.06	0.00	-27,377.89	-7,074.66
Balance at 30.9.2008	1,311.36	2,099.58	47,926.65	51,337.59	19,799.42
Net change in past year	-1,779.78	\$1,526.93	31,791.02	\$31,538.17	2,098.35

* Income for 2007-08 included \$2,300 from the Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) program within the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. Further information under Notes about pre-commitments, item 1 below.

Explanatory note re ALGA's three accounts:

The Gift a/c is where all tax deductible donations are deposited (a Tax Office requirement); the Ordinary a/c is where all other income and all operating expenses occur; and the Investment a/c is where funds that are not needed for short term operating purposes are transferred (enabling a higher interest rate return).

Details of income and expenditure in the three accounts, and comparisons with the previous financial year, are contained in Attachments A, B and C.

Notes about pre-commitments

1. There is a pre-commitment of approximately \$500 for auditor's services (requirement of the \$2300 grant from the GVEHO program. This grant also funded administration expenses (\$1275) and 50% of the \$992 purchase cost of a digital camera.
2. \$8,000 of the \$10,791 income in the investment account is from the City of Melbourne for production costs for a book on Gay and Lesbian Melbourne – not yet expended. Although this is a pre-commitment, all proceeds from sale of the book will benefit ALGA in future years.
3. Up to \$1000 of specific purpose donation income is reserved for book purchases (a prioritized list of book acquisitions is under review, and avenues for obtaining at least some of these by donation are being explored).

After allowing for the pre-commitments above, the year end balance of \$51,386 is effectively \$22,000 better than the previous year's balance.

The fund raising campaign built around the Archives' 30th anniversary in 2008 generated \$27,045 in donations to the Gift account, compared with \$5719 in 2006-07, \$5785 in 2005-06, \$5685 in 2004-05. Attachment B gives details. There were 84 separate donations compared with 53 last year. Donations in all categories were more numerous this year: 65 donations up to \$100 (\$3348 total) compared with 46 last year (\$1713); 19 donations of more than \$100 (\$23,689) compared with seven last year (\$3980).

Specific purpose donations

It is clear that ALGA supporters are attracted to donating towards tangible and enduring outcomes. The scheme by which donations of \$50 or more can be acknowledged with a slip pasted in bound volumes of periodicals (and a mounted replica given to the donor) was extended to book purchases in 2008. The extension was trialled for one year with a view to enabling ALGA to acquire significant books about aspects of homosexual life in Australia, past or present, when it is unlikely that we can obtain that work by donation.

Donations for these specific purposes accounted for \$7384 compared with \$3825 last year. The specific purpose donations scheme has been over-subscribed this year – only about half of the \$7384 being needed for binding and book purchases. It is proposed to revise the scheme in the coming year to allow donors to allow specific purpose donations associated with improving ALGA's accommodation (eg. purchases of shelving, a compactus and possibly additional computers). Specific purpose donations for binding will continue to be encouraged.

As with other donations to ALGA, specific purpose donations are tax deductible.

Abnormal vs ongoing costs

There were some abnormal items in the Ordinary a/c this year:

- ALGA's 30th birthday party (\$11.2K income, \$12K expense, ie operating loss of about \$800, in line with a budgeted loss of up to \$1K).
- Homosexual Histories 8 conference (\$2061 income, \$1051 costs)
- Quiz Night (\$1478 income, \$125 costs)
- GVEHO grant for administration (\$2.3K) – expended on admin services \$1.3K, equipment \$496 and (pre-commitment) approx \$500 for audit services.
- \$750 for three Thesis Prizes (two years awarded retrospectively)
- \$1780 for shelving to house ALGA's book collection, and \$484 to relocate the collection

After allowing for these abnormal expenditures (approx \$18K), the cost of running the Archives in 2007-08 was about \$9,000. This is slightly more than the \$7,000 it cost to run the Archives in 2006-07, the increase mainly due to binding (up from \$1430 to \$2020), printing (\$756 for production costs of the Future Fund brochure), and 50% of the \$992 cost of a digital camera (the balance funded by the GVEHO grant).

As noted, binding costs were more than offset by specific purpose donations, and the printing cost of the Future Fund brochure was more than offset by some large donations to the Future Fund and the in-kind donation of services of designer Lin Tobias for which we are very grateful.

While Gift account income of more than \$27K provided the lion's share of ALGA's income, there were other sources. Membership income increased (\$1762, up from \$1214 in 2006-07); there were profits from the Quiz night (\$1.4K) and the Homosexual Histories conference (\$1K); and interest in the investment a/c contributed about \$2.2K (up from \$787 the previous year).

Thanks to our supporters

The Archives gratefully acknowledges the following people for making donations in 2008:

Anonymous	11 th National Conference of Lesbians and Homosexual Men		
Kevin A	KWA	Dr Barbara Baird	Laurie Bebbington
Tallace B	Colin Billing	Matthew Blackmore	Terese B
David Bradford and Michael Williams		Gordon Campbell	Paul Caulfield
Joseph Chetcuti	Peter Collingwood	David Conolly	Christopher Cutler
Ken Davis	ED	Kate D	Mannie De Saxe
Peter di Sciascio	Beatrice Faust	Robert Gibbs	Ian Gould
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Esther Singer	Jeff Slingsby	Ellen Spalding	Geoffrey Stewardson
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Trevor Sutherland	Alison Thorne	Graham Willett	Dale Withers

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The Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (**GVEHO**) program within the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Without the help of these individuals, along with many community groups and all our members, the work of the Archives would not be possible.

ALGA thanks the Victorian AIDS Council for its generosity in continuing to house ALGA in the Claremont Street basement and for opening up a whole new space to us in 2009.

ALGA_Accounts_2007_08 brief

Attachment A			
ALGA Ordinary Account with CBA - BSB 06 3002, Account number 10061383			
1 October 2007 - 30 September 2008			
	2007 / 2008	2006 / 2007	Notes on 2007 / 2008 income, expenditure and transfers
	30/09/2007	30/09/2006	
Carried forward from previous year			
Sub-total carry forward	3,091.14	493.42	
Internal transfers			
Transfer from investment account		2,000.00	Nil in 2007-08
Transfer of \$4,500 from Gift Account to Ordinary account	4,500.00	5,000.00	Transfers to Ordinary a/c for operating expenses
	\$4,500.00	\$7,000.00	
Income			
Anniversary function (2008)	11,222.33		
Anniversary function (2008) - adjustment	-540.00		\$540 of the \$11,222.33 anniversary function income went direct to the investment a/c
Archival services		200.00	
Audio visual services	176.00		Contribution by Midsumma to digitisation of VHS footage of Midsumma events
Correction	0.14		Adjustment by OurCommunity online donation facility
Donations (not tax deductible)	96.60		Gold coin donations at open days and misc visitors to Archives
Grants to Voluntary and Environmental and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) program	2,300.00		This funded admin services (\$1275), 50% of digital camera purchase (\$493) and the balance is provision for auditing of accounts in 2007-08
Interest	7.98	5.88	
Memberships	1,762.00	1,383.00	111 memberships paid in 2007-08 (37 new) of 84 in 2006-07 - see notes 1 and 2 for comparison with previous years
Photocopying income	389.95	109.50	
Proceeds from Chillout bucket collection	47.40		
Proceeds from History Walk	1,008.00	610.00	Partly offset by \$532 history walk expenses - see Midsumma costs below
Proceeds from Homosexual Hist Conf	2,059.70		Registration income - partly offset by \$1051 expenses
Proceeds from Quiz night (2008)	1,478.50		Partly offset by \$125 event registration - see Midsumma costs below
Proceeds from raffle at Midsumma (2007)		180.00	
Sales - badges	158.00	19.00	

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	2007 / 2008	2006 / 2007	Notes on 2007 / 2008 income, expenditure and transfers
Sales - publications	913.45	160.00	\$320 from sale of duplicate books at Carnival, plus \$145 from sales of <i>Living Out Loud</i> , \$125 Mardi Gras history, \$120 <i>New Day Dawning</i> , \$80 <i>Gay and Lesbian Perspectives</i> vol 5, \$20 Guide to Australian G&L Writing, and misc others
Sub-total - Income	\$ 21,080.05	\$ 2,667.38	
Expense			
Acquisitions	366.35	397.46	Book and journal purchases offset by specific purpose donations
Administrative services	1,275.00		Offset by GVEHO grant (admin support including documentation of procedures)
Anniversary function (2008)	12,126.70		Offset by anniversary dinner income - net loss of \$850
Audio visual consumables	52.50	13.00	Rechargeable batteries for portable PA system, conversion of reel to reel tape accessory
Audio visual services	552.50	133.00	Digitisation of Midsumma VHS footage - partly offset by Midsumma contribution (\$176) - see income
Aust Soc of Archivists membership	165.00	165.00	
Bank fees - GDT		5.00	
Binding	2,020.00	1,430.00	See note 3 for comparison across years
Book purchases (for sale)	150.00		Pride History Group's <i>New Day Dawning</i> x10
Chillout Festival costs	180.00		Event registration and public liability - offset by merchandise sales and donations
Computer consumables	107.69	359.45	CDs and DVDs
Consumer Affairs lodgement fee for public officer's report	104.70	37.60	Additional \$66 fee for rule change lodgement fee
Courier / delivery costs	484		Relocation of ALGA's book and video collections in 2007
Display expenses	87.35		Backing fabric for display of banners
Homosexual Histories Conference expenses	1,050.86		Includes venue hire cost of \$642, more than offset by registrations income - net profit of \$1008
Honoraria	91.95	100.00	Gifts for major honorary contributor to anniversary dinner function and to a departing committee member
Hospitality	11.55		
Internet costs	76.95	76.95	Domain name registration 2 year renewal (alga.org.au) and upgrade of email a/c
Midsumma costs - current year	822.15	784.00	See note 4 for breakup and comparison with previous years. More than offset by income for history walk, quiz night and sales at Carnival.

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	2007 / 2008	2006 / 2007	Notes on 2007 / 2008 income, expenditure and transfers
Midsumma costs - prepayment for next year	155.00	155.00	2009 history walk event registration
Office equipment	1,243.79	1,179.98	Digital camera \$987, 50% of which is offset by GVEHO grant; \$190 memory upgrade for ALGA's PC
Office furniture	1,781.53		Shelving for books housed off-site
Photo printing expense	66.15		Hard copy of digital images in the collection
Photocopier expenses	593.37	314.67	Annual maintenance fee for photocopier, more than previous year due to 3622 more copies, also rise in copy cost (up from 1.8c to 2.1c per copy plus GST)
Photocopying expense	36.00	116.35	
PO Box rental	110.00	102.00	
Postage (general)	676.45	371.75	Included \$170 for mailout of annual report to members, \$120 for mailout of Future Fund brochure, the balance for miscellaneous postage for members' receipts, acknowledgements, oral history projec admin etc
Printing	756.15		\$675 for Future Fund brochure, balance for history walk program, letterhead, business cards etc
Repairs & maintenance	206.30	50.78	Replacement flouro light fitting (\$137), repair of tape damaged in cassette player (\$50)
Software		12.25	
Stationery	479.32	356.22	Various including photocopying paper, parchment paper and card for acknowledgements, suspension files, envelopes, labels, receipt books etc
Storage supplies	765.52	909.20	Various acid free materials including 2 binders, pockets and mounting for photos (\$100), extra polypropylene pockets for photos (\$38), extra mounting corners and mounting card for photos (\$35), standard size archive boxes x100 (\$138), A3 storage boxes x6 (\$114), folders x100 (\$50), tissue for poster housing (\$49), pH neutral paper clips (\$19, \$23, \$21), plastic foldback clips x2 pkts (\$36), CD storage cases (\$8), document repair tape (\$27), post-it flags, CD cases, holt melt glue gun & inserts
Sundries	15.00		
Thesis Prize	750.00		Deferred prizes from 2005 and 2006 awarded along with 2007 (\$250 each)
Sub-total - Expense	27,359.83	7,069.66	
Year end balance = C/fwd + Internal transfers + Income - Expense	1,311.36	3,091.14	

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	2007 / 2008	2006 / 2007	Notes on 2007 / 2008 income, expenditure and transfers
Reconciliation with bank account	30/09/2007	30/09/2007	
Bank balance at year end	3,322.56	1,865.99	
Adjustment for delayed 2007/08 internal transfers	-30.00	2,000.00	\$30 internal transfer to Gift a/c on chq 349 processed 6/10/08
Add 2007/08 income not banked by year end	31.25	20.00	Banked 6/10/2008
Less cheques not presented at year end	2,012.45	794.85	Chq 340 (\$54), chq 345 \$155, chq 346 \$986.80, chq 348 \$174.25 and chq 350 \$642.40
Adjusted bank balance	1,311.36	3,091.14	
Notes			
1. Membership income was \$1762 in 2007-08 cf \$1383 in 2006-07, \$1214 in 2005-06, \$1251 in 2004-05, \$1001 in 2003-04, \$950 in 2002-03, and \$833 in 2001-02			
2. There were 111 financial members at 30/9/08 (including 37 new) compared with 84 in 2006-07 (1 paid in the following financial year) and 69 in 2005-06. 12 members from 2006-07 did not renew in 2007-08, includes one deceased. Of the 111 financial members (including life members), 12 have paid to 30/9/2009 and 1 to 30/9/2010			
3. Binding expenses were \$2020 in 2007-08, cf \$1430 in 2006-07, \$1305 in 2005-06, \$1380 in 2004-05, \$720 in 2003-04, \$785 in 2002-03 There were 60 volumes bound in three batches in 2007-08 (cf 27 vols in 2006-07)			
4. Midsumma 2008 costs (\$997) comprised \$155 for history walk event registration, \$280 for public liability cost for history walk, \$212 for Carnival registration, \$61 decorating tent at Carnival, \$125 for quiz night event registration.			
Comparisons with previous years' Midsumma costs are as follows:			
Midsumma 2007 costs (\$784) comprised \$132 for history walk event registration, \$250 for public liability cost for history walk (offset by specific purpose donation), \$144 for History Walk program printing, and \$252 for Midsumma tent cost NB nil public liability cost for 2007 Carnival due to previous year's payment covering both 2006 and 2007 carnival dates			
Midsumma 2006 costs (\$450) comprised \$220 tent hire, \$130 event reg'n, \$100 for public liability at Carnival Midsumma 2005 costs (\$239) comprised \$120 tent hire (paid 2004-05) and \$119 event reg'n (paid 2003-04); nil cost for public liability at Carnival as covered by previous year's payment for a calender year.			
Midsumma 2004 costs (\$195) comprised \$85 public liability, \$110 tent hire (nil event registration because history walk inadvertently omitted from program).			
Midsumma 2003 costs (\$395) comprised \$85 for public liability, \$110 for tent hire, \$200 for honorarium 2003 for history walk guest presenter.			
Midsumma 2002 costs (\$640) were \$357 tent hire, \$82.50 event registration and \$200 honorarium for history walk guest presenter.			

Attachment B				
ALGA Gift Account with CBA - BSB 06 3002, Account number 10061375				
1 October 2007 - 30 September 2008	2007 / 2008	2006 / 2007	Notes on 2007 / 2008 income, expenditure and transfers	
Carried forward	30/09/2007	30/09/2006		
Account balance carried forward	\$572.65	\$6,858.64		
Internal transfers				
Transfer of \$21,000 from Gift Account to investment account	-21,000.00	-7,000.00	Gift a/c funds transferred investment account to maximise the rate of return.	
Transfer of \$5000 from Gift Account to Ordinary account	-4,500.00	-5,000.00	Transfers to Ordinary a/c for operating expenses	
Total internal transfers	-\$25,500.00	-\$12,000.00		
Income				
Donations	27,037.50	5,693.00		
Interest on donations	7.49	26.01		
Total income	\$27,044.99	\$5,719.01		
Expense				
Bank fees	\$18.06	\$5.00	Fees for OurCommunity online donation facility (1.2% of deposit) - new in 2007-08	
Total expenses	\$18.06	\$5.00		
Year end balance = C/fwd + Internal Transfers + Income - Expense				
	2,099.58	572.65		
Reconciliation with bank account at				
	30/09/2008	30/09/2007		
Bank balance at year end	\$2,020.18	\$572.65		
Add income not banked by year end	\$79.40		\$49.40 OurCommunity donations for Sep 08 deposited 1.10.08 plus ALGA chq 349 for \$30 transf from Ord a/c processed 6.10.2008	
Less cheques not presented at year end				
Adjusted bank balance	2,099.58	572.65		
Notes				
1. There were 84 separate donations in 2007-08, compared with 53 in 2006-07, 57 in 2005-06, 46 in 2004-05, 32 in 2003-04, 33 in each of 2002-03, 2001-02 and 2000-01, and 22 in 1999-2000				

	2007-08		2006-07		
2. The spread of donations was as follows:	\$	Count	\$	Count	
\$20 or less	\$214.00	13	\$253.00	20	
Most of the binding sponsor donations here	\$21 to \$50	\$1,324.50	31	\$680.00	17
	\$51 to \$100	\$1,810.00	21	\$780.00	9
	\$101 to \$500	\$3,189.00	11	\$1,480.00	5
\$501 to \$1000	\$4,000.00	4	\$1,000.00	1	
Over \$1000	\$16,500.00	4	\$1,500.00	1	includes one donation of \$10,000
	\$27,037.50	84	\$5,693.00	53	
3. Binding sponsor donations in comparison with other years is as follows:					
	No. of sponsors		\$		Total donations income
2007-08	33		\$7,384.00		\$27,037
2006-07	29		\$3,825.00		\$5,771
2005-06	30		\$3,844.00		\$5,668
2004-05	17		\$1,892.00		\$4,762
2003-04	13		\$1,235.00		\$1,977
2002-03	16		\$1,270.00		\$2,555
2001-02	17		\$1,200.00		\$1,697
2000-01	10		\$740.00		\$1,080
1999-2000 (before binding sponsorship started)					
4. In 2007-08, we invited people to nominate book purchase as well as binding for specific purpose donation. The breakup of the specific purpose donations was binding \$800.50 (11), book purchase \$180 (3), either \$6380 (19). Among the 19 who nominated either binding or book purchase were donations of \$3000 and \$1500 where the donor was agreeable to expenditure on other needs as ALGA saw fit.					
5. There were eight donations of \$1000 or more, totalling \$20,500, six of which (totalling \$16,000) were not specific purpose but prompted by the Archives 30 campaign to secure ALGA's accommodation in the future.					
6. There were three property gifts to the value of \$393 (eight copies of books which ALGA has been able to sell, a calendar, and archival materials to the value of \$80).					

Attachment C				
ALGA Investment Account (cash management account with Goldman Sachs JBWere) - BSB 083 973, Account number 000 446 261				
1 October 2007 - 30 September 2008				
	2007 / 2008	2006 / 2007	Comments for 2007 / 2008	
Carried forward				
Account balance carried forward	16,135.63	\$10,349.01		
Internal transfers				
Transfer of \$21,000 from Gift Account to investment account	\$21,000.00	\$7,000.00	Gift a/c funds transferred investment account to maximise the rate of return.	
Transfers from investment account to Ordinary account		-\$2,000.00	Nil transfers to Ordinary a/c in 2007-08	
	\$21,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Income				
Anniversary dinner booking	540.00			
City of Melbourne grant for book production	8,000.00		To be acquitted in the 2008-09 financial year	
Interest - Goldman Sachs JBWere Securities Cash Trust 1/10/07 - 30/9/08	2,251.02	786.62		
Pride Foundation income				
	10,791.02	786.62		
Annual return - interest as % pa on previous year's balance	6.1%	5.1%	See note 6	
Expenditure				
Nil				
	30/09/2008	30/09/2007		
Year end account balance	\$47,926.65	\$16,135.63		
Notes				
1. Original investment was \$5,000 from Estate of Walter Hillbrick with CBA Term Deposit from 29/9/98.				
2. The investment was withdrawn from CBA term deposit 29/4/01 and invested with JB Were Securities Cash Trust from 8/5/01.				
3. The principal was supplemented by \$1000 income from Pride Foundation in July 2001 (G Willett's work in co-curating Centenary of Federation exhibition).				
4. An additional \$2000 was deposited in the investment account 2005-06 transferred from the Gift Account, and net \$5000 transferred in 2006-07.				
5. A further net \$21,000 was transferred to the investment account in 2007-08 from the Gift account				
6. The flat rate of return in 2007-08 of 6.1% understates the real rate, since the \$21,000 internal transfer and the \$8K deposit were not invested for the full financial year. The compounded quarterly rates of return in 2006/07 were 6.06%, 6.5%, 6.97% and 6.90% (compared with 5.4%, 5.5%, 5.5% and 5.7% in 2006-07 and 4.2%, 4.6%, 4.8% and 5.1% in 2005/06)				



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
To the members of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report "Treasurer's Report" of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc for the year ended 30th September 2008 for the activities conducted by the association in accordance with its constitution.

Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The members are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the "Treasurer's Report" in accordance with the cash basis of accounting for the purpose of fulfilling the associations reporting requirements under its constitution. No Australian Accounting Standards or Australian Accounting Concepts have been adopted in its preparation and presentation. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting decisions that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with the relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures, on a test basis, to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and presentation of the statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of any accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

The "Treasurer's Report" has been prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting for the purpose of fulfilling the associations reporting requirements under its constitution.



The statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc and should not be distributed to or used by other parties.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide the basis for our opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the organisation to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly our audit in relation to cash receipts was limited to amounts recorded.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the "Treasurers Report" of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph the "Treasurers Report" of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc, gives a true and fair view in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, of the net change in the past year of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc's activities for the year ended 30th September 2008.

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Partner
10th December 2008