

# ANNUAL REPORT 2012

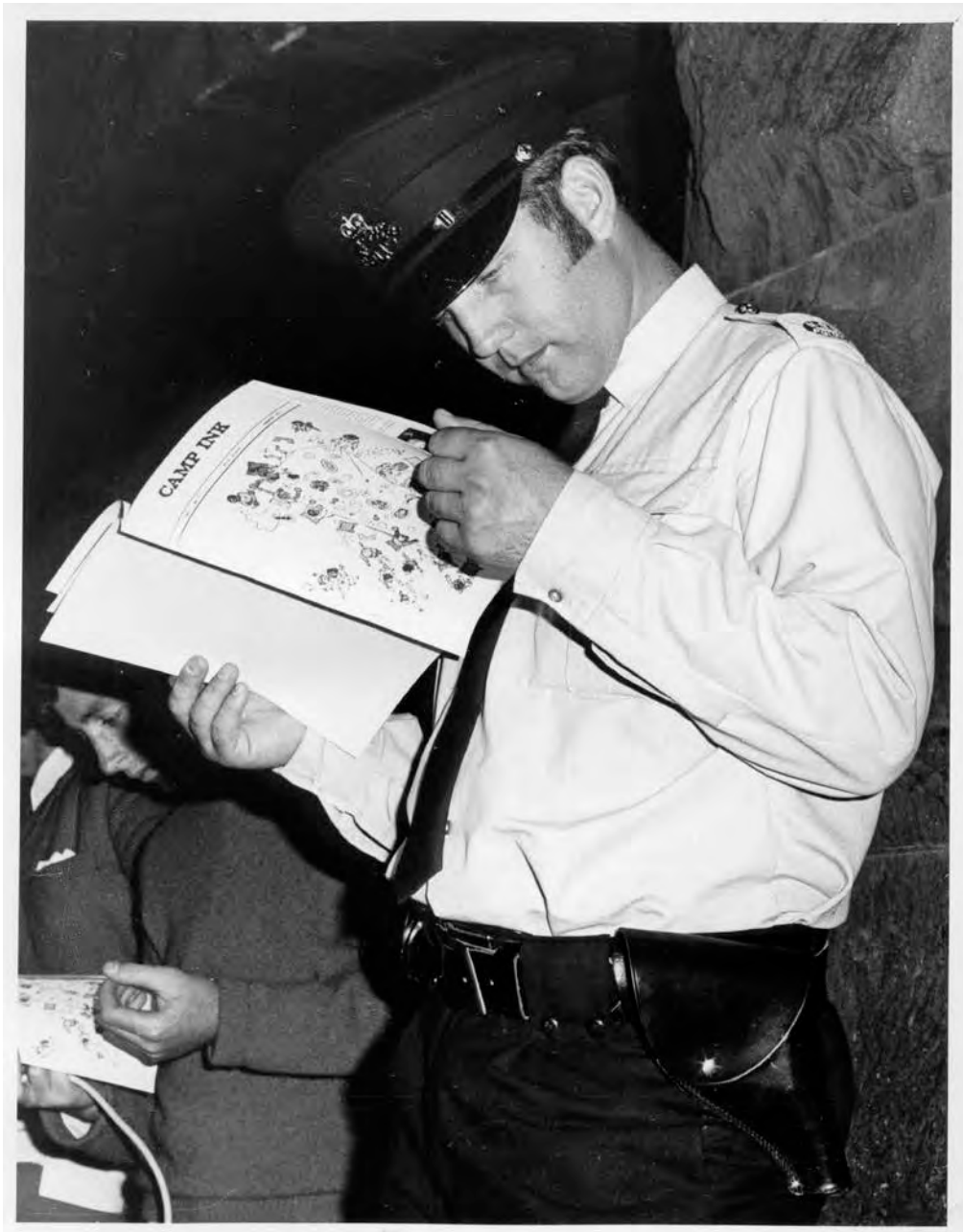
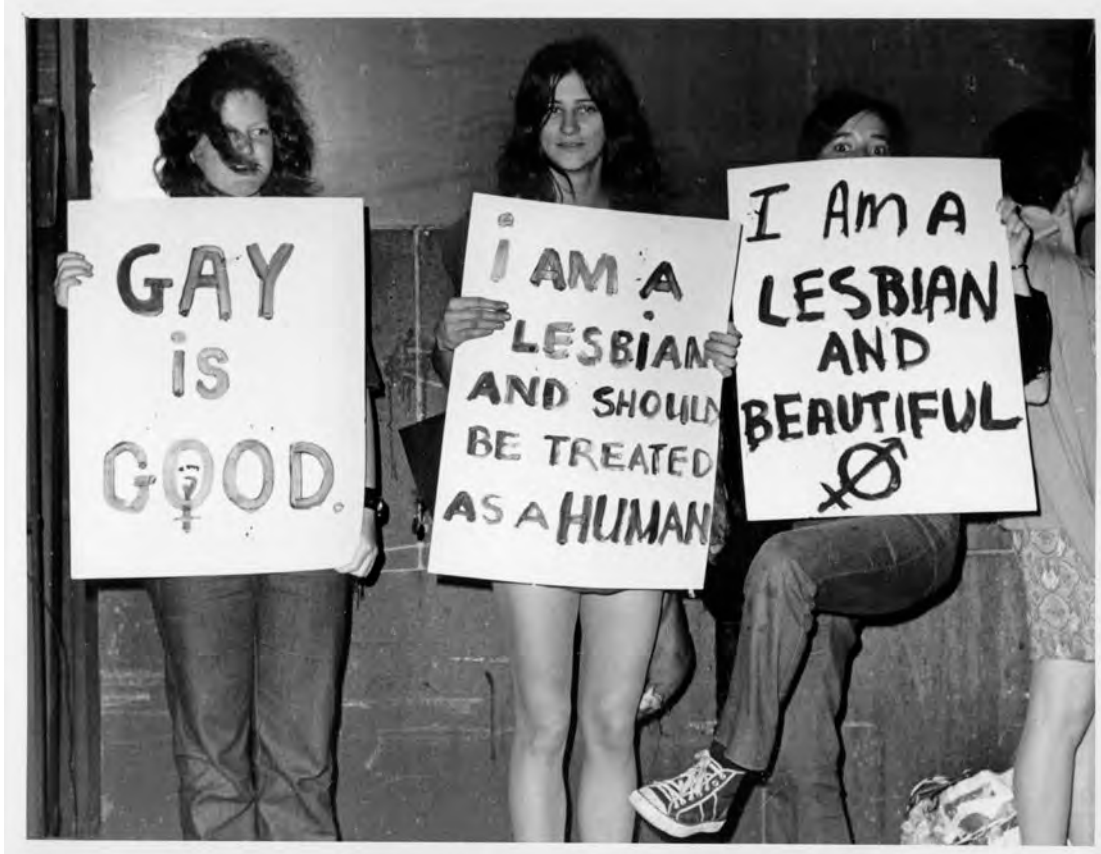


Photo by Philip Potter, 1971 - details inside



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## **Committee members 2012**

as elected at Annual General Meeting 16 November 2011

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Sarah Rood (Vice-President)  
Graham Willett (Secretary)  
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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2012

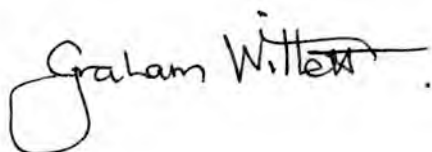
The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc will be held on Thursday 15 November 2012 at VAC Training Room, 6 Claremont Street, South Yarra at 7.30 pm.

### AGENDA

1. Chairperson to open meeting
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting (draft minutes attached).
4. Officer bearers' Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Committee members
7. Business arising from 2011 AGM
8. Discussion of General Business which has been submitted to the Secretary, in writing by mail or email, no later than Friday 9 November 2012.
9. Panel Presentation: 'Towards 2028: building a home for our queer past'. President Daniel Marshall, co-patron Joan Nestle and Robert Gibbs, member and advisor to ALGA on fundraising, will provide a presentation on the Archives' recently endorsed planning strategy, 'Towards 2028', including the launch of a building appeal and details about plans for the Archives' 35th Anniversary Year in 2013.

Light refreshments will be served before the panel presentation.

There will be a display of indigenous materials in ALGA's collection.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Willett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "G".

Graham Willett  
Secretary

24 October 2012

Under ALGA's rules, to be eligible to vote at the AGM members must have paid their subscriptions for 2011-12 and previous years by 15 August 2012.

## Introduction

Next year the Archives will turn 35.

2012 has been a year for beginning in earnest the work of generational transition in the Archives. As there are only a handful of organisations like us – volunteer, community-run queer archives – around the world, we know that even fewer have survived for this long and managed the delicate work of generational transition. For most of us on the committee, the Archives has been in existence practically for our whole life. No preceding generation could say as much; it is a unique inheritance.

If the work of the Archives to date can be characterized as the work of a lifetime, then enabling the Archives to live on, carried by the labour of the generations who came after the founders, is an apt way to characterize the work before us. Both grand in vision and straightforward in all the tiny practical tasks that sustain the work, this is the collective labour that has occupied everyone at the Archives this year.

As a key part of marking this transition, the Archives this year honoured former longstanding President, Graham Willett, at a special reception. The Archives also inducted Liz Ross and Helen Pausacker as Honorary Life Members of the Archives – the first time women have received this acknowledgment.

If this year has been a year of transition it has had its tests as well. But out of these tests, the Archives has developed strengths. And, in a year where membership has lifted to our highest number ever and more and more people are donating to the Archives, the Committee wants to express our deep gratitude to all our members, volunteers, donors and friends: you give so that everyone can remember, you keep queer histories alive. Thank you.

## Committee

At last year's annual general meeting, Graham Willett stepped down from the position of president, after 14 years in the position, but remained on the committee as secretary. Former secretary Mark Pendleton also left the committee to take up an academic position in England. Daniel Marshall, formerly vice-president, took up the position of president. Sarah Rood became vice-president, and we welcomed to the committee a new member, Carla Sammut. Existing committee members Nick Henderson and Gary Jaynes (treasurer) remained. At the AGM motions of thanks for both Graham and Mark were passed by acclamation. Since 1997, Graham has taken ALGA's profile to new levels with initiatives such as the annual history walks (several new routes developed in the past decade), homosexual histories conferences in Melbourne and other Australian cities, an annual thesis prize and, not least, through his writing. Graham's popular history columns for MCV are now appearing on the [ALGA website](#), and in 2011 alone he edited or co-edited three books on GLBT themes. He's been the public face of ALGA all this time, regularly speaking to the community and mainstream media (a nice example is on MCV's website, '[A queer kind of collection](#)', 7 December 2011). Mark had

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<sup>1</sup> This report has been jointly authored by the committee and compiled from contributions to the *ALGA Bulletin* nos 54-59.

also worked hard for the Archives in various capacities over the preceding four years as media liaison, judge of the thesis prize, and most recently as secretary, where he was the friendly online face of ALGA to many enquirers. Mark was also instrumental in organising a memorable event at the Fitzroy Town Hall in 2008 to celebrate ALGA's 30th birthday.

On 31 July, Sarah brought baby Mattea into the world weighing 2.6 kilograms. Everyone at the Archives was thrilled by this news and conveyed our congratulations to Sarah and her partner for the happy arrival of their child – our first Archives baby!

## Events

As usual, January was busy for the Archives with our regular Midsumma presence at Carnival (15 January) – thanks to the helpers on the day (Helen, Bill C, Michael F, Nick H, Graham W, Graham C, Sarah, Anton, Carla, Gary and Daniel). On the back of our almost sold-out publication, *Secret Histories of Queer Melbourne*, we took the Queer History Walk back to the CBD for Midsumma this year (22 January) and it was as popular as ever – although this was the first year we attracted a divvy van! Happily, queer historical public education continued with no arrests that day. Thanks to Helen P for her fine work on the history work program, and Graham W for the expert commentary and standup comedy!

To mark the 40th anniversary of our patron Dennis Altman's book, *Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation*, ALGA co-sponsored an international conference, *After Homosexual: the legacies of gay liberation*, as part of the 2012 Midsumma Festival, from 2 to 4 February. The conference opening event at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image featured a panel discussion including Dennis, UK gay historian Jeffrey Weeks and American feminist academic and cultural historian Alice Echols, with emcee Helen Razer. Both events were heavily subscribed and an outstanding success.

Keynote speakers for the conference were Professor Jeffrey Weeks (UK), Professor Alice Echols (USA) and Professor Dennis Altman (Australia), and they were joined by about 170 registrants who attended forums, workshops and plenaries on numerous aspects of the GLBTI past and present. We welcomed guests from North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australasia.

Following the conference, Graham led a Queer History Walk for conference delegates and international visitors on 5 February. The After Homosexual suite of events provided excellent promotion of the Archives' work and we gratefully acknowledge our partners – the Gender Sexuality and Diversity Studies Program at La Trobe University, Midsumma and Victoria University – and, especially, Mark Pendleton and Graham who sat on the After Homosexual organizing committee and provided excellent liaison in relation to ALGA's involvement. Later in the year, the Archives gave its support to the Gender Sexuality and Diversity Studies Program, which faced loss of funding and imminent closure as part of a restructure of La Trobe University's Humanities and Social Sciences faculty - but which we are pleased to report has survived.

Following the conference Professor Weeks joined the Archives contingent at Pride March (5 February). The Archives was also pleased to host a special reception for Professor Weeks at the Archives after the conference (6 February). The reception provided a relaxed opportunity for ALGA members to socialise, and to meet Professor Weeks. The



evening included a tour of the Archives. In his remarks, incoming President Daniel Marshall paid tribute to the achievements of Graham Willett's presidency.

From March to April this year the Archives faced a minor flood threat arising from a broken pipe at street level. Through this test, we developed even stronger working relationships with the amazing VAC staff, increased our knowledge thanks to specialist advice about preservation and dampness from Nick Crotty and built a more sophisticated Archives emergency response. As ever, this difficulty demonstrated that the Archives' strength and future rests in the dedication and agility of its supporters.

On Sunday 27 May, the Archives hosted a Special Open Day & Life Membership Inductions ceremony to induct Helen Pausacker and Liz Ross – two outstanding, longstanding supporters of the Archives – as Life Members. The ceremony featured a [speech by Daniel](#) celebrating the contributions of Liz and Helen. The day also featured an exhibition from the collection based on Helen and Liz as well as shared tributes from the floor. The Archives has only held one such public induction before, and this is the first time women have been inducted as Life Members.

As a community-based archive – one of only a few around the world – we have always known that without our volunteers and members we are nothing. And despite the fact the Archives is a collective effort, it is important that we acknowledge the labour, love and commitment demonstrated by people who have given to the Archives in exceptional ways. Indeed, as the founding generation of gay and lesbian archives ages it is important that we highlight the dedication and the achievements of elders in the community as a way of ensuring that we tell our own histories as well as promoting mentorship within the LGBTIQ communities the Archives serves.

The latest instalment in our semi-annual queer history conference series, the 11th Australian Homosexual Histories Conference, was held in the picturesque surrounds of Griffith University's South Bank campus in Brisbane over the Queen's Birthday Weekend (Friday 8 June to Saturday 9 June). Jointly organised by ALGA's Graham Willett and Yorick Smaal of Griffith University, 40 or so history lovers from around Australia heard 20 papers (two streams over one-and-a-half days) and two keynote speakers. A collection of conference papers will be published by Monash University Press and edited by conference organisers Graham and Yorick. We are very grateful to them for their work organizing the conference and putting this volume together.

In mid-June, Carla, Daniel, Gary and Graham ran an Archives book-stall at the Fitzroy Market.

## Education

Led by Daniel, a key achievement this year has been establishing a focus on using the collection in educational outreach work with young people. This year Daniel designed and established the Queer Youth Education Project, building on his years of work using the Archives' collection with queer youth groups in Victoria since around 2008. These workshops have been run at the Archives as well as off-site in metropolitan and rural sites, mainly in youth group settings. Daniel has pursued funding to expand the QYEP to youth groups outside of Victoria and in further rural areas, yet this funding has not been forthcoming. Work on funding is a key focus for 2013. Reflecting these developments, the Archives now has a profile of its educational activities on the ALGA website

(alga.org.au/education). Daniel did the content development and John did the website work.

## The collection

For the first time since 1995, when the Archives lived in Graham Carbery's house in Ivanhoe, all of the ALGA collection is in one place at the Victorian AIDS Council (except for duplicate periodicals and books, which remain off-site as a disaster recovery measure, as do some large size items, mainly framed posters). The purpose-built shelving, including a compactus, has enabled that, with volunteers involved in rehousing and relocating remaining material from offsite over the 2011/12 summer – thanks especially to Anton and Trevor.

In many respects bringing the collection into one place delivers against a stated objective of our 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2008 – to find a home for the whole collection.

The expanded space at the VAC has meant that we are able to implement a more active acquisitions approach. This year the committee decided to focus on four priority areas of acquisition: materials pertaining to Indigenous Australians, trans- and genderqueer materials, sizeable donations that have been on hold for a significant period due to our space limitations prior to moving into our renovated premises, and Australian material from outside Victoria.

However, with the compactus now over 85% full, we are still constrained in what we can accept.

The 11th edition of ALGA's [periodicals list](#) is now available on the ALGA website. The periodicals collection at May 2012 now runs to over 1350 titles – with over 300 new titles since the last edition in November 2010. The number of bound volumes is now 613, with 35 added recently – accounting for about 10,700 issues, nearly a quarter of the total collection.

## Acquisitions

This year the Archives has accrued a wide range of new materials. Many thanks for this go to Nick who has spearheaded much of the Archives' acquisition activity this year. Please see Appendix 1 for a detailed list.

## Volunteers

As we always say, the Archives are nothing without our volunteers and this year we have been as busy as ever. Please see Appendix 2 for details about volunteer activities.

## Facilities & equipment

In plentiful ways the work and life of the Archives relies on the ongoing generosity of the VAC in providing us with rent-free accommodation in South Yarra at the VAC. Through our co-location at the VAC premises we are able to provide an accessible physical space for the broad queer community, and house our priceless expanding national collection.



Through its support for us, the VAC is making a wonderful gift to the queer community through helping keep the queer past alive and accessible for the future.

Over the course of this year, the Archives and its supporters have followed with interest the major strategic planning process being undertaken by the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre. This has been a wide-ranging consultative process in which the Archives has been involved, including in regular meetings with Executive Director Matt Dixon as well as through more formal consultative structures. Our thanks go also to VAC's Rowena Doo for giving generously of her time to facilitate liaison between VAC/GMHC and ALGA. There is no question that without the rent-free space and facilities generously provided to us by the VAC/GMHC we would not be able to serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans\*, intersex and queer communities in the ways we currently do. We are indebted to the organisation for its support and its vision. The Archives is in close contact with the VAC/GMHC around future developments, including the negotiation of a new Memorandum of Understanding about ALGA's occupancy.

ALGA has purchased a new desktop computer and two laptops, which have enabled more volunteers to be engaged in computer-related work at VAC. Many thanks to committee member Carla for guiding us through the purchase and setting up the new computers.

This year has seen the purchase by ALGA of a new colour photocopier, enabled by Vic Bears' amazing donation of \$10,000 last year. One immediate benefit has been that ALGA now has facilities for speedy digitisation up to A3 size (and we've also learned how to stitch together A3 scans to give us up to A2). Viewers of ALGA's Facebook page and the Lost Gay groups will have seen some of the fruits of this. We've thanked Vic Bears before, but again, many thanks for your fantastic contribution.

### Research visits and research requests

Many people visit the Archives to pursue many different research threads. Some examples from this year include:

- Lesbian life in Australia since 1945 (ongoing visits for major project being undertaken by Dr Rebecca Jennings of Macquarie University)
- ACT UP (2 day visit looking at four collections held by ALGA)
- Australian involvement in the origins of the Rainbow Sash movement (2 day visit by a visiting scholar from USA)
- Week-long visit by a researcher to photograph his journalism in Australian gay media from the late 1970s to the present (access assisted by use of ALGA's duplicate sets)
- Lesbian relationships before/after the Federal legislation recognising same-sex relationships
- Homosexuality in Melbourne in the inter-war period (1 day listening to oral histories of people born 1920 or earlier)
- An exhibition of political posters scheduled for late February to April 2013 at the Art Gallery of Ballarat
- Queer-themed films from Western Australia since 2000 – answered with help from an Ozhomohist friend
- Material relating to the late Nigel Triffitt (for tribute)
- Comparison of Australia's and San Francisco's responses to AIDS (Ian Goller papers)

especially fruitful for this topic)

- ABC researchers for two separate productions (Catalyst on aversion therapy, and Paper Giants re Ita Buttrose's contribution to HIV/AIDS public awareness campaigns)
- Photo of an English man who modelled for a CounterAID promotion when he was visiting Australia as a young man in 1990 (found it in Campaign #177!)

## Governance

Throughout this year the Archives has undertaken some governance work, including grouping work into portfolio areas. The Archives has also developed a committee process in relation to the formalization of any partnerships that the Archives may seek to enter into.

## International links with queer archives

Many of the Archives committee have been on the road this year, attending conferences, doing research and building relationships with international queer archivists, librarians and relevant organisations to, in part, inform the future growth of the Archives here. In May, Daniel presented on queer archiving at the 'Queer Places, Practices, and Lives' conference at Ohio State University, Columbus. This presentation drew on a forthcoming Special Issue of *Radical History Review* (Duke University Press) on the topic of 'Queering Archives', which Daniel is co-editing with historians from the USA (<http://chnm.gmu.edu/rhr/calls.htm>). In May, Daniel visited the Lesbian Herstory Archives in NYC and in September he visited the Hall-Carpenter Archives at the LSE in London.

In August, three ALGA members (Graham W, Nick, and Dino Hodge) attended the fourth LGBTI ALMS (Archives, Libraries, Museums and Special Collections) Conference in Amsterdam (2-3 August 2012), hosted by IHLIA (Internationaal Homo/Lesbisch Informatiecentrum en Archief). The conference brought together around 150 archivists, librarians, museum workers and volunteers from Europe, North America, Africa and Australia to discuss 'The future of LGBTI histories'. Copies of the three Australian-related papers presented at the conference are available online at the conference blog: <http://lgbtialms2012.blogspot.com.au>.

During his sabbatical, Graham spent time visiting archives in Berlin and North America. Carla visited the Lesbian Herstory Archives during her visit to the States earlier this year.

## Preservation needs assessment

ALGA was awarded a grant of \$4,400 in 2010 from the National Library of Australia's Community Heritage Grant program to conduct a preservation needs assessment. The consultation was completed recently by University of Melbourne's Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation and the final report and grant acquittal have now been submitted. The 75-page report finds we're doing a lot right – with our work on improving the physical environment and rehousing much of the collection into acid-free materials – but the report also offers specific recommendations on how we can better care for some parts of the collection, and also improve our disaster preparedness. Some

of this we knew, but not all. Some recommendations require additional resources to implement.

### **Towards 2028: Building a Home for Our Queer Past**

ALGA's committee has endorsed a fundraising strategy developed by president Daniel Marshall and long-term Archives supporter Robert Gibbs. A key part of this strategy is a building appeal. This strategy has been informed by Robert's fundraising expertise and visits to overseas archives, and by Daniel's research, looking in part at housing options for LGBTIQ archives, including recent visits to the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York and the Hall-Carpenter Archives in London. This strategy will be launched as part of celebrations marking our 35th anniversary next year.

### **Gary Jaynes**

At this year's AGM, Gary Jaynes will stand down from the Archives Committee after serving on the committee since 1981. There really are no words to capture the breadth, depth, innovation and excellence of the contributions Gary has made to the Archives over these past decades. Everyone who has ever had anything to do with the Archives will have some sense of how central Gary has been to the very building of the Archives, the establishment of its systems and structures and to the organisation's day-to-day running. However, we are not losing Gary and his unparalleled knowledge of the collection, accrued over decades of service. He will remain a vital part of the Archives community, the difference being he just won't have to run it anymore! For those of us who have worked closely with Gary as committee members, it is practically impossible to imagine the committee without him on it, but with his counsel close by and a vibrant incoming committee, mixing experienced Archives volunteers with newer ones, this transition represents the maturity and strength of our organization. A full tribute for Gary's lifetime contribution will be made, fittingly, at his public induction as a Life Member of the Archives as part of our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

### **Conclusion and priorities for 2013**

In conclusion, 2013 promises to be as hectic as this year has been.

As we reflect on the significance of turning 35, and of the ageing of the Archives itself, the central issue of managing generational transition within the Archives, and of increasing our capacity to attract and retain new volunteers, comes into focus. Connected to this, the Archives will embark on a new public conversation with our national membership over 2013 based on 'Towards 2028' and cantering around the launch next year of a campaign to buy the Archives a home of its own. As a part of this conversation, 2013 will be a year where we focus on building on our acquisition priorities of indigenous and trans\* materials, and ensuring that we are doing everything we can to best serve the many different people for whom the Archives has been built, people of different sexualities and genders nationwide. A focus on Australian LGBTIQ histories of different abilities is a new acquisition priority for 2013.

With the increasing focus on education this year, 2013 will also be a year of continuing the pursuit for funding to take the Queer Youth Education Project outside of Melbourne and Victoria, to bring queer history to young people more broadly and to develop links with organisations outside of Melbourne.

We are getting ready for a busy anniversary year and we hope to see you at some of our events in early 2013, including Midsumma's Carnival (Sunday 13 January) in Melbourne and our 35th Anniversary Queer History Walk in the Melbourne CBD (Sunday 20 January, 11 am). All friends of the Archives are welcome to join our contingent in the St Kilda Pride March (Sunday 3 February). This year is hardly over and the work begins anew!



Daniel Marshall  
President

14 November 2012

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1.10.2011 – 30.9.2012

### Account balances at a glance

	Ordinary A/c	Gift A/c	Online saver	Total	Compare with 2010-11
C/fwd from 30.9.2011	2,191.23	364.93	38,841.84	41,398.00	42,621.90
Internal transfers	16,000.00	12,000.00 <sup>-</sup>	-4,000.00	0.00	0.00
Income	20,477.86	13,319.31	1,615.90	35,413.07	38,555.62
Expense	-33,974.00	-14.04	0	-33,988.04	-39,779.52
<b>Balance at 30.9.2012</b>	<b>\$4,695.09</b>	<b>\$1,670.20</b>	<b>\$36,457.74</b>	<b>\$42,823.03</b>	<b>\$41,398.00</b>
<b>Net change in past year</b>	<b>\$2,503.86</b>	<b>\$1,305.27</b>	<b>-\$2,384.10</b>	<b>\$1,425.03</b>	<b>-\$1,223.90</b>
<b>Pre-commitments (details on page 14)</b>				<b>-\$12,800</b>	<b>-\$27,600</b>
<b>Available funds after allowing for pre-commitments</b>				<b>Approx. \$30,000</b>	<b>Approx. \$13,800</b>

Details of income and expenditure in ALGA's three accounts, and comparisons with the previous financial year, are contained in Attachments A, B and C. See page 14 for explanatory note re the three accounts.

### Major income sources in 2011-12 included:

- \$13,319 from 119 separate donations – see list of donors on page 15. Details of donation amounts, including specific purpose donations, are in Attachment B. The significance of donation income for ALGA remains crucial.
- \$6,571 in sale of publications includes \$4585 from *Secret histories of Queer Melbourne*, which has now paid for itself. Sales of *Secret histories* over 2010-11 and 2011-12 total about \$11K, breakeven was \$7422 (expenditure occurred in 2010-11). Incomes from sales of *Secret histories* will decline in 2012-13. While there are outstanding invoices of about \$2K, there are now only about 60 copies of the initial print run left.
- \$4,400 from La Trobe University for travel subsidies for delegates attending the *After Homosexual* conference (see below for expenditure)
- \$2,850 from registrations for the 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Homosexual Histories conference (offset by catering expenses – see below)
- \$2,502 from membership (169 members in 2011-12, a new high compared with 131 in 2010-11).

- \$1,615 interest from in the online saver account

Further information about income is outlined in Attachments A, B and C under Income.

**Major outlays** in 2011-12 included:

- \$8403 for office equipment (the main items being a new photocopier (\$5.7K) and three computers (\$2.2K for a replacement desktop computer and two new notebook computers for use by visiting researchers and volunteers). This expense was enabled by VicBears' donation of \$10,000 in the previous financial year.
- \$4481 in travel subsidies to enable non-Victorian and international delegates to attend the *After Homosexual* Conference co-hosted by ALGA with Latrobe University, Victoria University and Midsumma Festival in February 2012 to mark 40 years since the publication of Dennis Altman's landmark book, *Homosexual: oppression and liberation*. The subsidies were funded by La Trobe University.
- \$4323 consulting for a preservation needs assessment funded in the previous financial year by the Community Heritage Grant program of the National Library of Australia
- \$3274 for archival supplies which included acid free boxes of various sizes x 283 (\$1319), folders x 2000 (\$940), map bags for posters x100 (\$133) and A3 albums x 4 (\$99). In the past three years, nearly \$9,000 has been invested in archival supplies.
- \$3090 catering expenses for the 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Homosexual Histories Conference in Brisbane, August 2012, mostly offset by income from registration (net deficit of about \$250).
- \$2100 for periodicals binding (35 volumes), funded by specific-purpose donations.

Archival supplies and binding are the **major recurring costs** (together about \$5K pa), **other running costs** amount to about \$5K pa (public liability insurance, internet hosting, wireless connection, membership of the Australian Society of Archivists, post box rental, stationery and postage). Essentially it costs about \$10K pa to keep the Archives afloat, disregarding any special activities such as book publishing or conferences.

Further information about outlays is in Attachment A, Expenditure.

**Explanatory note re ALGA's three accounts:** the Gift a/c is where all tax-deductible donations are deposited (an Australian Tax Office requirement); the Ordinary a/c is where all other income is received (apart from interest) and all operating expenses occur. An online saver a/c with Commonwealth Bank is where funds that are not needed for short-term operating purposes are transferred (enabling a higher interest rate return).

### **Pre-commitments**

1. Approximately **\$2,800** of a \$3,200 grant from the Local History Grant program in 2008-09 has not yet been expended, pending completion of a project to digitise and make accessible in high quality digital format album scrapbooks and a selection of frail and significant photographs from the ALGA collection. The digitisation work has been completed on a voluntary basis and some software has been purchased for manipulation of the digitised images, but the final presentation work is still to be done. The grant conditions allow up to April 2014 for acquittal but we are anxious to complete the project sooner than that.
2. **\$10,000** has been set aside for the development of an online catalogue.



## Grant application update

Last year's treasurer's report referred to an application by ALGA to the Federal Government's Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations (GVESH0) program to fund a part-time volunteer coordinator position over two years. Sadly that application was not successful. The need for such a role has if anything increased during the past year. With most committee members in full-time employment, our resources to take up volunteer offers are constrained, with the result that some volunteer offers are unable to be pursued as actively as we would like.

## Expanded options for payments to ALGA

We are grateful to Carla Sammut for her work in making PayPal available to ALGA members and donors. Carla's work also included setting up systems for electronic receipts and acknowledgements. Other options will continue to be available for those who choose to pay by cheque or bank transfer, or who are not able to receive electronic communications.

## Thanks to our donors

The Archives gratefully acknowledges the following people and organisations for making donations in 2011-12. Also a reminder – donations of \$2 or more to ALGA are tax deductible, as are donations of property ('property' is interpreted broadly by the [ATO](#) in this context, essentially any material item, but not services).

Anonymous	BH	David Provan
Kevin A	FH	Ian Purcell
Dennis Altman	PH	Ian Radnell
DB / MW	RH	Ken Rathbone
Barbara Baird	Marg Harris	Paul Rees
Laurie Bebbington	Hiba Pty Ltd	Simon Reeves
James Bennett	David Hilliard	John Rickard
Mathew Bills	PK	Steve Riethoff
Rodney Blythe	Paul Kearney	Shirleene Robinson
Peter Bonsall-Boone	Stephen Kress	Joe Rocca
Gordon Campbell	JL	ES
Sharron Carroll	KL	Jeff Slingsby
Paul Caulfield	ML	Geoffrey Stewardson
David Conolly	Philip Lidbury	Keith Stodden
Bob Cowie	MM	Richard Stone
Naomi Cranenburgh	RM	Trevor Sutherland
Christopher Cutler	Roz McHale	Robert Taylor
ED	Johnathon McLay	Gregory Thompson
Julie Daley	Kristy Moody	Alison Thorne
Ken Davis	Joan Nestle and Di Otto	Noel Tovey
Mannie De Saxe	F&LO	Tropical Fruits Inc
Peter De Waal	DO'G	DV
Martin Delaney	KO'L	Bart van der Wel
Alan Duncan	Phyllis Papps and	AGW
Beatrice Faust	Francesca Curtis	Dale Withers
Michael Fenaughty	Mark Pendleton	Margaret Young
Francis Good	Richard Peterson and	Darian Zam
Ian Gould	Darrell Dear	

ALGA is also grateful to the many people who have generously given their time and expertise this year (see Volunteers report elsewhere).

Once again we thank the Victorian AIDS Council for its continuing generosity in housing ALGA at its Claremont Street premises on a rent-free basis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Jaynes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Gary Jaynes**  
**Treasurer**

**4 November 2012**

Ordinary account summary

Attachment A			
ALGA Ordinary Account with CBA - BSB 06 3002, Account number 10061383			
1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012			
	2011 / 2012	2010 / 2011	Notes on 2011 / 2012 income, expenditure and transfers
Carried forward from previous year	30/09/2011	30/09/2010	
<b>Sub-total - Carry forward</b>	<b>\$2,191.23</b>	<b>\$9,355.40</b>	
<b>Internal transfers</b>			
Transfer from Goldman Sachs cash management trust a/c to Ordinary a/c		1,782.89	Not applicable in 2011-12. The Goldman Sachs management account closed 25/5/2011.
Transfer from CBA Online saver a/c to Ordinary a/c	4,000.00		For operating purposes (archival supplies \$3.3K, public liability insurance \$717)
Transfer from Gift Account to Ordinary account	12,000.00	14,000.00	The \$12K transfer effectively funded purchase of a replacement photocopier (\$5.7K), new computers (\$2.2K), binding (\$2.1K)
<b>Sub-total - Internal transfers</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,782.89</b>	
<b>Income</b>			
Donations (not tax deductible)	137.35	592.34	See Gift Account for tax deductible donations income
Grant from Community Heritage Program (National Library Australia)		4,400.00	Consultant expenditure for preservation needs assessment occurred in 2011-12
Grant from Local History Program (Public Records Office)			Grant of \$3.2K in 2008/09 is still a pre-commitment for 2012-13.
Interest	0.61	2.17	
Memberships	2,502.00	1,967.00	169 financial members at the end of 2011-12, cf 131 in 2010-11, 122 in 2009-10, 104 in 2008-09, 111 in 2007-08
Photocopying income	66.60	64.65	
Postage	133.00	227.00	Income for postage from mail order book purchases.
Proceeds from History Walk	1,225.00	830.00	CBD history walk at Midsumma 2012
Proceeds from the <i>After Homosexual</i> Conference, Melbourne, Feb 2012	2,067.00		ALGA share of proceeds from pre-conference forum run with Midsumma Festival
Proceeds from Australian Homosexual Hist Conferences	2,840.00		Relates to AHH11 conference in Brisbane, 2012. Offset by expenditure on catering
Sales – badges	20.00	37.00	
Sales - publications	6,571.30	8,598.00	Includes \$4585 for <i>Secret Histories of Queer Melbourne</i> , \$476 for <i>Queen City of the South</i> , \$262 for <i>Out Here : Gay and Lesbian Perspectives VI</i> , \$183 for <i>A history of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras</i>
Sales - surplus office furniture	455.00	\$107.00	Income from sale of surplus book shelves
Travel subsidies	4,460.00		Travel subsidies from La Trobe Uni for international participants at the <i>After Homosexual</i> conference - offset by subsidies paid (see Expense - Travel)
<b>Sub-total – Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,477.86</b>	<b>\$ 16,825.16</b>	

Ordinary account summary

	2011 / 2012	2010 / 2011	Notes on 2011 / 2012 income, expenditure and transfers
<b>Expense</b>			
Accommodation	471.00		ALGA contribution to accommodation for guest speakers at <i>After Homosexual</i> conference
Acquisitions	316.50	525.95	\$270 of this for a rare book, later sponsored by donation
Administrative services	79.64		eBay expense for furniture sale; stall hire for book sale at Fitzroy Market (off-set by donation)
Archival supplies	3,274.23	3,611.45	Various acid free materials including archive boxes of various sizes x 283 (\$1319), folders x 2000 (\$940), map bags for posters x100 (\$133), A3 albums x 4 (\$99)
Audio visual consumables		99.45	Not applicable 2012-13
Audio visual services		142.60	Not applicable 2012-13
Aust Soc of Archivists membership	275.00	275.00	
Bank fees	13.24		For PayPal
Binding	2,100.00	1,190.00	
Book purchases (for sale by ALGA)	744.48	3,701.87	Living Out Loud x12, Free Radical x10, Homosexual x20
Computer consumables	27.95		
Consulting	4,323.00		For preservation needs assessment (funded by Community Heritage Grant in 2010-11)
Consumer Affairs fees for public officer's report	42.80	41.80	
Courier / delivery costs		357.50	Not applicable 2012-13
Homosexual Histories Conference expenses	3,090.00		Partly offset by income from AHH11 conference (Brisbane, 2012) - small deficit
Gifts / Honoraria	419.90	200.00	Gifts for life members
Hospitality	604.11	1,025.20	For various functions: 2011 AGM, reception following After Homosexual conference, life membership open day; and for volunteers open day
Insurance costs	716.90	712.45	Public liability insurance for all ALGA activities 2012-13 (including for Midsumma events)

Ordinary account summary

	2011 / 2012	2010 / 2011	Notes on 2011 / 2012 income, expenditure and transfers
Internet costs	623.15	348.85	New cost of \$313 for internet wireless connection (will be ongoing). Also annual renewal for commercial web host (\$272), and upgrade of standard Hotmail to Hotmail Plus (\$38)
Midsumma costs - current year			Not applicable 2011-12 (ie 2012 Midsumma costs fell into 2010-11 and 2013 costs will fall into 2012-13, see below)
Midsumma costs - prepayment for next year	272.00	506.00	Registration for stall at Carnival 2013 (\$155 event registration falls into 2012-13)
Office equipment	8,403.03	208.83	Includes \$5.7K for new photocopier, \$2.2K for new computers (replacement desktop and 2 new laptops); \$407 for dehumidifier, balance for a second hygrometer, wireless mouse x2, headphones and cables
Office furniture	25.00	7,535.00	
Photo printing expense	666.65	58.66	For high quality repro of donated photos (mainly for venues project)
Photocopier expenses	553.15	460.43	Monthly copy cost with new coloured copier now 1.1c per B&W copy (prev 3.08c) and colour 10.1 c per copy).
PO Box rental	137.00	130.00	
Postage (general)	836.80	908.75	Includes \$200 for postage of some non-Victorian periodicals unable to be otherwise obtained. Postage for book sales accounts for most of the balance.
Printing	457.00	15,876.84	Includes \$385 for pop-up banner; balance for history walk program
Publishing expenses		361.20	Not applicable 2012-13
Repairs & maintenance	242.81	416.91	Includes \$149 for absorbent material to mitigate flood risk; \$60 for repair of external hard disk
Security	21.00		Key costs
Software	289.01	34.75	Adobe Acrobat Pro, Photoshop Elements Premiere (costs against PROV grant 2009)
Stationery	461.25	523.80	Various including receipt books, photocopying paper, specialty paper, photo glue, envelopes, sheet protectors, bubble wrap, gaffer tape, foam board for display etc
Storage expenses	6.00	68.39	
Sundries		100.54	
Thesis Prize		250.00	Prize for 2011 not yet awarded
Travel	4,481.40	100.00	Subsidies paid to delegates to attend the <i>After Homosexual</i> conference (Melb, Feb 2012) amounted to \$4460 of the \$4481.40 expended on travel funded by La Trobe Uni - see Income (the balance was for minor travel expenses).
<b>Sub-total - Expense</b>	<b>33,974.00</b>	<b>39,772.22</b>	

Ordinary account summary

	2011 / 2012	2010 / 2011	Notes on 2011 / 2012 income, expenditure and transfers
<b>Year end balance = C/fwd + Internal transfers + Income - Expense</b>	<b>4,695.09</b>	<b>2,191.23</b>	
<b>Reconciliation with bank account</b>	<b>30/09/2012</b>	<b>30/09/2011</b>	
Bank balance at year end	4,951.53	2,652.42	
Adjustment for delayed internal transfers		-43.00	Not applicable 2011-12
Add income not banked by year end			
Less cheques not presented at year end	256.44	418.19	Chq 660 (\$66.18) and chq 662 (\$190.26)
<b>Adjusted bank balance</b>	<b>\$4,695.09</b>	<b>\$2,191.23</b>	
<b>Notes</b>			
<p>1. <b>Membership income</b> was \$2502 in 2011-12, cf \$1967 in 2010-11, \$1955 in 2009-10, \$1509 in 2008-09, \$1762 in 2007-08, \$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</p>			
<p>2. There were 169 financial members at 30/9/12 (including 47 new and 5 renewals having lapsed one or more years) compared with cf 131 in 2010-11, 122 in 2009-10, 104 in 2008-09, 111 in 2008-09, 84 in 2006-07, and 69 in 2005-06. 15 members from 2010-11 did not renew in 2011-12.</p>			
<p>3. <b>Archival supplies expenses</b> were \$3274 in 2011-12, cf \$3611 in 2010-11, \$2053 in 2009-10, \$756 in 2008-09, \$766 in 2007-08, \$909 in 2006-07, \$591 in 2005-06, \$353 in 2004-05, \$81 in 2003-04, \$344 in 2002-03, \$455 in 2001-02,, \$201 in 2000-01</p>			
<p>4. <b>Binding expenses</b> were \$2100 in 2011-12, cf \$1190 in 2010-11, \$1240 in 2009-10, \$1680 in 2008-09, \$2020 in 2007-08, \$1430 in 2006-07, \$1305 in 2005-06, \$1380 in 2004-05, \$720 in 2003-04, \$785 in 2002-03. There were 35 volumes bound in 2011-12, cf 20 vols in 2010-11, 30 vols in 2009-10, 60 vols in 2007-08, 27 vols in 2006-07)</p>			
<p>5. <b>Other recurring expenses</b> are public liability insurance (\$717 in 2011-12), internet costs (hosting, wireless connection - approx \$600 in 2011-12), membership of the Australian Society of Archivists (\$275), PO box rental (\$137 in 2011-12)</p>			
<p>6. <b>Midsumma 2013</b> payment of \$272 for stall hire at Carnival does not yet reflect history walk event registration of \$155 (which falls into 2012-13).</p>			



Gift account summary

Attachment B				
ALGA Gift Account with CBA - BSB 06 3002, Account number 10061375				
1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012	2011 / 2012	2010 / 2011	Notes on 2011 / 2012 income, expenditure and transfers	
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>30/09/2011</b>	<b>30/09/2010</b>		
<b>Sub-total - Account balance carried forward</b>	<b>\$364.93</b>	<b>\$292.77</b>		
<b>Internal transfers</b>				
Transfer from Gift Account to Online saver account (only applicable in previous financial year)		-6,000.00		
Transfers from Gift Account to Ordinary account	-12,000.00	-14,000.00		The \$12K transfer effectively funded purchase of a replacement photocopier (\$5.7K), new computers (\$2.2K) and archival supplies (approx \$3.3K).
<b>Sub-total - Internal transfers</b>	<b>-\$12,000.00</b>	<b>-\$20,000.00</b>		
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	13,319.00	20,079.00		2010 / 2011 donations included \$10K from VicBears
Interest on donations	0.31	0.46		
<b>Sub-total - Income</b>	<b>\$13,319.31</b>	<b>\$20,079.46</b>		
<b>Expense</b>				
Bank fees	14.04	7.30		Related to online donations via GiveNow
<b>Sub-total - Expenses</b>	<b>\$14.04</b>	<b>\$7.30</b>		
<b>Year end balance = C/fwd + Internal Transfers + Income - Expense</b>				
	<b>\$1,670.20</b>	<b>\$364.93</b>		
<b>Reconciliation with bank account at</b>				
Bank balance at year end	30/09/2012 \$1,670.20	30/09/2011 \$321.93		
Add income not banked by year end	\$0.00	\$43.00		
Less Gift a/c cheques not presented at year end	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Adjusted bank balance</b>	<b>\$1,670.20</b>	<b>\$364.93</b>		
<b>Notes</b>				
1. There were 119 separate donations in 2011-12, of 86 in 2010-11, 79 in 2009-10, 64 in 2008-09, 84 in 2007-08, 53 in 2006-07, 57 in 2005-06, 46 in 2004-05, 32 in 2003-04,				

Gift account summary

33 in each of 2002-03, 2001-02 and 2000-01, and 22 in 1999-2000					
	<b>2011-12</b>		<b>2010-11</b>		
2. The spread of donations was as follows:			\$	Count	
0 to \$20	\$336	28	\$270	21	
Most of the specific purpose donations here	\$21 to \$50	\$2,679	62	\$1,737	38
	\$51 to \$100	\$1,374	15	\$1,222	14
	\$101 to \$500	\$2,430	8	\$1,640	6
	\$501 to \$1000	\$5,000	5	\$3,970	5
Over \$1000	\$1,500	1	\$11,240	2	
	<b>\$13,319.00</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>\$20,079.00</b>	<b>86</b>	
3. In 2011-12 there were 40 specific purpose donations, all for periodicals binding. The 2012-13 membership application will not include provision for binding sponsorship. While the program has been very successful for over a decade, it is quite time-consuming to administer, and with many demands on committee members' time, it is felt that this year the program should be halted.					
4. The number and amount of specific purpose compared with previous years is as follows:					
	<b>\$</b>		<b>Number</b>		
2011-12	\$3,470		40		
2010-11	\$3,742		31		
2009-10	\$6,169		42		
2008-09	\$3,580		19		
2007-08	\$7,384		33		
2006-07	\$3,825		29		
2005-06	\$3,844		30		
2004-05	\$1,892		17		
2003-04	\$1,235		13		
2002-03	\$1,270		16		
2001-02	\$1,200		17		
2000-01	\$740		10		
1999-2000 (before binding sponsorship started)					

Online saver account summary

<b>Attachment C</b>				
<b>ALGA Online saver account with CBA - BSB 06 3141, Account number 1035 9024</b>				
1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012				
	<b>2011 / 2012</b>	<b>2010 / 2011</b>	<b>Comments for 2010 / 2012</b>	
<b>Carried forward</b>				
<b>Sub-total - Account balance carried forward</b>	38,841.84	31,236.84		
<b>Internal transfers</b>				
Transfer from Gift Account		\$6,000.00	Portion of VicBears \$10K donation (balance in Gift a/c)	
Transfer to Ordinary Account	-\$4,000.00		For operating purposes (archival supplies \$3.3K, public liability insurance \$717)	
<b>Sub-total - Internal transfers</b>	-\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00		
<b>Income</b>				
Interest	1,615.90	1,605.00		
<b>Sub-total - Income</b>	1,615.90	1,605.00		
Annual return - simple interest as % pa of starting balance	4.2%	5.1%	Monthly returns ranged from 4.75% pa to 3.5% pa in 2011 / 2012, declining over the year as the official cash rate fell.	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Sub-total - Expenditure</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Year end balance = C/fwd + Internal Transfers + Income - Expense</b>				
	<b>\$36,457.74</b>	<b>38,841.84</b>	<b>Reconciles with bank statement at 30/9/2012</b>	
<b>Notes</b>				
1. <b>Background:</b> This account commenced 2/3/2009 when most of the savings in ALGA's Goldman Sachs cash management trust account were transferred to CBA's online saver a/c in order to take advantage of the Australian Government's bank guarantee during the global financial downturn in Oct 2008. The two accounts drew comparable interest rates at call. The Goldman Sachs account was closed 25/5/2011.				
2. \$30K of funds from this account were used in 2009-10 to fund the compactus purchase and basement refurbishment at the Victorian AIDS Council.				
3. \$4K of funds from this account were used in 2011-12 to fund the purchase of a new photocopier (part of a \$10K donation in July 2011 from VicBears).				

## APPENDIX 1

### Acquisitions

#### Records, manuscripts and special collections

- Records of BlackWattle Press (1987-1997), pioneering gay and lesbian publishers. Special thanks to Laurin McKinnon and Gary Dunne for their work in arranging and describing the collection, and to Graham Carbery for safely transporting it from Sydney to Melbourne.
- Papers of Eddy Hackenberg (1953-1987), artist, photographer and theatre worker, bequeathed to ALGA. Thanks to the estate of Eddy Hackenberg for funding the freight of this acquisition.
- Three additions to the papers of Dennis Altman; additions include periodicals, books, unpublished papers, photographs, t-shirts and ephemera. Of particular note are photographs of the first gay rights protest in 1971, photographs documenting Dennis' involvement in international AIDS organisations and a collection of ~100 matchbooks and matchboxes from Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra gay nightclubs, restaurants and businesses from the 1970s to the 1990s.
- Papers of Rose Jackson (1935-2011), costume designer, maker and drag performer. The papers include costume designs, photographs, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, personal documents and correspondence.
- Papers of Andi Nellssun, artist and HIV/AIDS activist, courtesy of his estate. The papers document Nellssun's photographic works, including those shown in exhibitions such as *Don't leave me this way: Art in the age of AIDS*, National Gallery of Australia, 1994, and *Self-Documentation, Self-Imaging, People Living with AIDS*, 1992-1993. Nellssun's papers also include material relating to his HIV/AIDS fundraising walk from Adelaide to Melbourne in the 1990s, diaries and photographs, and a collection of handwritten poetry.
- Papers of Linda Phillips, 1970s-1980s, including ephemera, books, objects and scrapbooks.
- Rainbow Labor Collection, 2010-2012, including ephemera, objects and signed speeches.
- An addition to the papers of Dino Hodge; the addition includes newspaper clippings, periodicals, and two VHS videos documenting the decriminalisation of homosexuality in the Northern Territory, Sistagirls and Darwin Pride.
- Ken's of Kensington collection, including photographs, objects and administrative records, courtesy of Reiner Backer. The collection documents the last 25 years of one of Australia's earliest gay saunas (formerly Ken's Karate Club and KKK). Of particular note are objects such as a locker, sauna towels, safe-sex light-boxes and a series of framed photographic collages by John Jenner.
- Records of Queers of the Desert, including documents and electronic records relating to the Queers of the Desert project and website on the LGBT history of Alice Springs, courtesy of John Hobson.
- Records of Uniting Network Australia, courtesy of Rev Dr Robert Stringer on behalf of UNA Executive.
- Taxi Club Collection, c1999-2012, including photographs, posters, objects and administrative records donated by Michelle Mancini.

- Stephen Allkins Collection, c1979-2000: posters, photographs, ephemera, costumes, artwork and correspondence relating to Allkins and the Sydney club and arts scenes, including hand-painted costumes by David McDiarmid, jewellery by Peter Tully, artwork by Bill Morley and photographs by William Yang, donated by Stephen Allkins.
- Papers of Andrew Hansen, 1991, including a photo album for the ACT UP Fashion Collection event in connection with D-DAY, 1991, along with a related hand-written choreographic notebook, donated by Andrew Hansen.
- Papers of Lloyd Grosse, including correspondence, reports and ephemera documenting his public relations company OUT PR.
- Papers of Julie Bates, a small collection of ephemera and a photograph relating to ACT UP and PLWHAs.

### Periodicals

- Missing issues of periodicals from the AIDS Council of South Australia (ACSA), 1986-2006, courtesy of ACSA.
- Various Spartacist League periodicals containing references to homosexuality, 1974-2011, courtesy of the Spartacist League.
- *AIDS Today*, the English and Spanish language newsletter for the XIV International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, 8-12 July 2002, courtesy of editor Adam Carr.
- Various 1970s porn and physique magazines, courtesy of Marcus Bunyan.
- Missing issues of USA periodical *After Dark*, donated by Neil Davey.
- Missing issues of *Women Out West* (WA) donated by Dr Jude Comfort, Curtin University.
- Various missing periodical issues donated by Bill Calder.

### Objects

- Two Mardi Gras caps, courtesy of SC and DA.
- Pink Magpies t-shirt, 2012, courtesy the Pink Magpies.
- 'Skinhead' jacket and jumper, c.1985, courtesy of Marcus Bunyan
- Australian Gay Gaymes t-shirts 1995 and 2001, and related photos, courtesy of Bart van der Wel.
- A perpetual trophy/sash for the Miss Peninsula competition, 1965-1996, courtesy of the Boilers Society.
- Four t-shirts, courtesy of the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON).
- Four t-shirts, courtesy of Paul van Reyk.
- Playing cards depicting models in *William & John* (Australia's first commercially distributed gay magazine, 1972), courtesy of John Baker, a founding editor of *William & John*.
- Signs from the Mae West coffee lounge (South Yarra, c.1971).

### Photographs

- Photos by Philip Potter of a demonstration in October 1971 outside Liberal Party headquarters, Sydney; prints courtesy of Dennis Altman, reproduction rights for non-commercial purposes kindly granted to ALGA by Philip Potter
- Photos by John Storey of Dulcie du Jour performing at Midsumma Carnival, and negatives of John's photos of a 1971 gay demonstration.
- Paul Drakeford Collection, 1975-1981 (783 photographs), including digitised photographs by Paul Drakeford of Queen's Birthday picnics in Melbourne, Gay Day

1983, the artist Stuart Black, Colin Butters and Patrick Clark.

- Digital photographs documenting the extant interior of the former Mandate nightclub in St Kilda (1980-1989), taken and donated by Benjamin Ashe. ALGA is most grateful to Robert Taylor for arranging the photo opportunity.
- Digital photographs documenting the interior of Ken's at Kensington on the morning of its last day of operation, courtesy of ALGA volunteer Mohamed.
- Digitised photographs by Paul Drakeford relating to Gay Day 1983, the artist Stuart Black, Colin Butters and Patrick Clark, along with documentation about the images.

## Books

- Books donated, some inscribed by authors - from Dennis Altman, Mathew Bills, Nick Henderson, Mary Rawson, Simon Rosser, John Storey, Jackie Stricker and Kerryn Phelps, Ardy Tibby, Professor Colleen Cartwright, ISIS Primary Care and Defence Families of Australia, Darwin Community Legal Service, Graham Carbery, Drew Pettifer, Mark Robinson/Exisle Publishing, Nick Baldas, Jeremy Fisher, Douglas Stewart Fine Books, Bill Calder and Rod Anderson.
- Rare books of particular note include two books of poetry by Laurence Collinson, *The moods of love* (1957) and *Poet's dozen* (1953), donated by Rod Anderson. The books are inscribed by Collinson to Anderson, who were lovers at the time. Laurence (Laurie) Collinson was a playwright, poet and teacher, who made an unsuccessful attempt to establish a homosexual law reform group in Australia in the 1950s. Rod is the author of the self-published memoir *Free Radical* (2006), which traces the author's emerging sexuality from the time he enlisted in the RAAF in 1943, age 18, to the early 1960s.
- Another notable rare book was acquired by the Archives from a UK antiquarian book dealer, with the assistance of Paul Rees. The item is an 1847 House of Commons paper titled 'Copy of a communication upon the subject of transportation, addressed to Earl Grey by the Lord Bishop of Tasmania'. The paper includes references to 'unnatural crime' and 'infamous practices' in the probation stations, with Norfolk Island with a relatively small convict population reported as having up to 150 'married' male couples.
- *Distant strains of triumph*, autobiography of Werner Pelz (1964) – includes the author's personal observations of sexual desire in all-male internment camps in Australia during WWII. This book came to our attention with the recent publication of a new biography of Pelz by Roger Averill, reviewed in the *Melbourne Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 18 August.

## Audio and oral history

- Oral history interviews with a 71-year-old woman about Melbourne's camp and lesbian scenes, 1960s onwards; the subject also donated a small collection of photographs.
- Interview with a 90-year-old man about his experiences in WW2, Melbourne, Adelaide and London.
- Interview with a 62-year-old man who was actively involved in Melbourne Gay Liberation in 1973 and who has lived much of his life in rural NSW.
- A transcript by Joseph Chetcuti of Francesca Curtis' television interview representing Daughters of Bilitis, c. June 1970.
- Audio cassette donated by Gary Dowsett of a two-part radio program, 'HIV/AIDS in Sydney's Gay Community I' and 'HIV/AIDS in Sydney's Gay Community II', produced by



Simon Nicholas, 2SER-FM, c. 1995.

- Oral history interviews with Rod Anderson and Phil Carswell undertaken recently in Brisbane by Liz Ross, as part of her forthcoming history of the Left and Gay Liberation in Australia.
- Audio cassette of 2SER radio interview with three reps of Sydney Young Gays, 1981, donated by Gary Proctor.

### Newspaper clippings

- Miscellaneous digitised newspaper articles (x104) from Australian tabloid newspapers, 1980-83 and 1986, from Barry McKay.
- Digitised PDF images of gay/lesbian-themed articles from Monash University student newspaper *Lot's Wife* and its predecessor, *Chaos* (1962-80), courtesy of Liz Ross.

### Ephemera

- Ephemera collected at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Fair Day 2012, where ALGA had a joint stall for the first time with the Pride History Group.
- Ephemera collected at the Midsumma Carnival.
- Ephemera from various community organisations including Canberra-based transgender rights and support organisation A Gender Agenda, the AIDS Council of New South Wales, Victorian AIDS Council (VAC)/Gay Men's Health Centre (GMHC), and the Inner City Legal Centre.
- Ephemera relating to the campaign for marriage equality, including materials handed out in Catholic churches in Sydney donated by Professor Kerryn Phelps.
- Three calendars donated by Bob Cowie.
- Ephemera collected by ALGA members including Mannie De Saxe, Ian Purcell, Keith Stodden, Nick Henderson, Bill Calder and others. Material relates to a range of contemporary issues, organisations and events, including Lost Gay Sydney Dance Party, a new Arabic gay group in Melbourne, and marriage equality, the latter including material from GetUp!, Marie Claire, Sunrise (TV program) and the Australian Christian Lobby (ACL).
- Ephemera relating to Max Pearce and the Lesbian Conference, Sydney, 1991, and minutes of meeting of the Lesbian Feminists Collective (Sydney), 13 November 1975, plus duplicate issues of *Word Is Out* (Brisbane), from Kendall Lovett.

### Audio-visual

- A DVD featuring the Victorian AIDS Council (VAC) AGM from 1992, from Colin Krycer.
- VHS videos of AFAO media awards 1995-1996, including some programs from 1992 to 1994, donated by Lloyd Grosse.
- VHS of 'Yuletide' (SBS Independent, 2000), loaned by Richard Peterson for digitisation.
- The Robert Epstein collection (five-DVD set comprising *The Times of Harvey Milk* (with a special features DVD), *Common Threads: Stories of the Quilt*, *The Celluloid Closet* and *Paragraph 175*), donated by Roz McHale.
- Captured online footage from the No to Homophobia campaign, screened online and at the AFL Final series 2012, courtesy Barry McKay.

### Posters

- Electric Fans: the South Sydney Women's Centre Benefit, c. 1979, designed by Marie McMahon and printed at the Earthworks Poster Collective, donated by Douglas Stewart Fine Books.
- Mark Lyndon Matheson Collection, including gay rights and Sydney Gay Mardi Gras posters, courtesy of the artist/designer Mark Lyndon Matheson.

### Artworks

- Caricature portrait of Jan Hillier by WEG, donated by Robert Dean.
- Max Phipps Collection, donated by the estate; includes portrait drawings (1965-1970) and erotic cartoons (1970s-1980s) by Australian actor Max Phipps (1939-2000).
- Artworks were also received as part of personal papers and special collections, including those of Andi Nellssun, Stephen Allkins (David McDiarmid, Peter Tully and Bill Morley) and Mark Lyndon Matheson.

It is not always understood that ALGA has no acquisitions budget and our collecting is a tribute to the generosity of the many people who have given us material and financial donations. The periodicals collection is a shining example of this, being largely made up as it is by complimentary copies of publications donated by many individuals and publishers. Some have been donating continuously for over 30 years now. We owe everyone who contributes to our acquisitions a great debt.

## APPENDIX 2

### Volunteers

The past year has been a very busy one for ALGA's small band of highly dedicated volunteers undertaking a range of both routine and project-based work. Routine volunteer work, the backbone of ALGA's day-to-day work, includes everything from responding to email enquiries and requests and supporting visits by researchers, to collection management and administration work, such as rehousing and listing unprocessed collections and coordinating the annual periodicals binding. Individual volunteers and some of their work in the past year:

- Graham Carbery has continued his work as Membership Secretary and Periodicals Secretary, ensuring that ALGA's periodicals collection continues to grow as the most comprehensive collection of Australian LGBTIQ periodicals in existence.
- Lee J has indexed (title, author, issue number, date and brief abstract) *Sydney Gay Liberation Newsletter* (1972-74, 252 records), supplementing the *Melbourne Gay Liberation Newsletter* index he did last year, along with *Campaign* (April 1990 to July 1993, 1359 records). The latter builds on a select index of *Campaign* by Graham Carbery and Lee's previous index for the period 1975-79 (3432 records).
- Leigh Millward designed ALGA's fantastic new pop-up banner.
- Kristy indexed the first two years of *Wicked Women* (1987-1988). Kristy became a volunteer in 2011 and was recently sadly farewelled as she moves interstate to take up a school librarianship position.
- Erin has started indexing *Lesbians on the Loose* (starting 1990).
- Roz in Perth has also been indexing *Lesbians on the Loose* (1998 on).
- Naomi has begun updating ALGA's online bibliography, and is transcribing oral history interviews.
- Sarah (Committee) represented ALGA in liaison with JOY FM in relation to JOY's successful submission for funding of oral history interviews for broadcast.
- Gary (Committee) has responded to reference enquiries, preparing a range of collection guides (e.g. Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, homophobic violence, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and Jewish gays and lesbians), supporting research visits, managing volunteer projects, compiling the ALGA bulletin, organising duplicates, administration paperwork, etc. Digitisation work by Gary has included Gay Health Update (112 issues, 1985-87), the ACT UP fashion collection photos and choreography notes, and a series of 8 iconic photographs by Philip Potter of what is thought to be Australia's first gay demonstration (samples at the front of this report). Philip has kindly agreed to allow ALGA to reproduce these for non-commercial purposes.
- Daniel (Committee) has continued to develop educational outreach activities with queer youth, largely through running Queer Youth Education Project workshops, delivering public presentations, conducting related research and preparing funding applications.
- Daniel and Graham W (Committee) have represented ALGA in community media (press and radio).
- Anton has completed listing a large collection of papers from Ian Goller (1946-97).

Ian's papers span c. 1981-1991 (2000 records), providing valuable insights into the Australian response to AIDS, particularly the public education and advocacy work undertaken by Ian in his roles with the Victorian AIDS Council and health authorities at the state and national levels. Other tasks undertaken by Anton include rehousing and listing the Eddy Hackenberg papers at the file level (188 records); extracting items from the articles collection that are more appropriately housed in the periodicals and book collections; with Trevor and Gary (committee), auditing and rehousing ALGA's duplicate books – a major project over several months, almost complete; and week-to-week assistance with accessioning, filing and rehousing.

- Carla (Committee) has worked with John W on ALGA's website. She also enabled electronic payment for ALGA memberships and donations through the website by adding PayPal payment facilities.
- John W continues to manage and update the ALGA website, and produced training notes to enable other volunteers to upload collection updates. John continues to provide ALGA with legal advice on a needs basis.
- Robert Gibbs has advised ALGA on fundraising and planning strategies.
- Trevor has listed a small but rich collection of papers from the late Bill Brooks. Bill's papers touch on the life of the Boilers social club, thought to be Australia's oldest gay group (formed 1959), and they are supplemented by photos (now digitised) and sample costumes (Bill was a professional dressmaker). Other tasks undertaken by Trevor include digitisation of a collection of 26 press photos of Sydney street marches in 1978 (thought to be from *Campaign*); audit, listing and rehousing of periodicals duplicates; and, with Gary (committee), photographing about 90 t-shirts, building on the work of a previous volunteer, Alex – about three-quarters of ALGA's t-shirt collection (232) now photographed.
- Nick (Committee) has been rehousing various records, manuscript and photographic collections, including: the records of the Lesbian Teachers' Group; records of the Sydney Gay Writers' Group; records of the Cruiser Motor Cycle Club; records of Tangent (Adelaide LGBT youth group); records of Gaywaves; and papers of Bob Buckley (photographs). He continued the work on the B-News Collection (photographs) and Brother Sister Collection (photographs). Nick has been preparing various finding aids and collection guides, including: finding aids for the papers of Margaret Bernasconi, Ralph McLean and Peter Tully; guides to ALGA's holdings on transgender and gender-questioning communities; GLBT material relating to the Northern Territory; and Indigenous LGBT and sistagirl material. Nick has also been involved in ALGA's newly engaged Facebook presence, digitising and uploading ALGA collection material for ALGA's Facebook page, and the various Lost Gay Facebook pages.
- Ardy has indexed the lesbian newspaper *Labrys* (1990-92, about 800 records), and listed a large personal collection of lesbian books that she donated to ALGA.
- Luke digitised VHS videos to meet researcher priorities, often at short notice, including footage of 1990s ALSO Foundation parties and videos about Sistagirls.
- Heath provided advice on future approaches to online cataloguing.
- Jake and Daniel (Committee) audited, listed and relocated a number of plan cabinet drawers of posters, improving access to the poster collection.

A rare gift that the volunteer organization creates is the opportunity for strangers to come together around common interests. Many people come into the life of the

Archives, some stay for a long time, others can only share a little of their time with us. This year, we were all saddened by the death of our colleague Sean Adams (known to many as Ray Adams) (1960-2012). Sean had been a volunteer for only a short time, following a visit by a group in which he was involved, OutMinds, in September 2011. Soon after, he took on the listing and summarising of ALGA's newspaper clippings, a task which he did with insight and pleasure. We passed on our condolences to Sean's friends and family at his memorial service. Looking back on that loss in the context of a hectic year, it sets in relief the precious gift we all give to each other by sharing this work and renews the sense of gratitude felt for everyone who makes a contribution. We will miss Sean.