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NEWSLETTER

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1985 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on Thursday 17 October, 1985. It was a significant meeting as our first President, Graham Carbery, retired. Rob Thurling was elected in his place. The Management Committee now consists of:

President	Rob Thurling
Vice President	Mel Brack
Treasurer	John Willis
Secretary	Mark Riley
Ordinary Member	Mark Sarrazin
Ordinary Member	Louis D'Cruz

The main points from the President's Report included the changes in the storage and arrangement of materials, the first Gay Historical Tour of Melbourne, the publication of the first comprehensive listing of periodicals, a report on the progress of the photocopier fund and our fundraising activities over the past year, and a note of thanks to our interstate contacts, Michael Fenaughty and Chris Smith.

Our Treasurer, John Willis, submitted his Financial Report for the thirteen months ending 31 August, 1985 which shows a balance of \$1863.38. Of this amount \$1024 has been earmarked specifically for the photocopier fund.

RAFFLE & DINNER

Well, both the raffle and the dinner were a success. We had a full house to the dinner at the Laird Hotel which was great value at \$10. Everyone seemed to mix well and have a good time which is a true measure of success.

We were frantically selling raffle tickets right up to the time of the draw. The winner was S. Morton ticket No. 474.

The Archives was a winner too because we made a net profit of \$752.20.



"I danced with a boy who danced with a boy who danced with the Princess of Wales."

A.L.S.O. DONATION OF \$750 TO THE ARCHIVES

In September we made a submission to ALSO for a grant of funds to assist us in our work. Our submission was quite detailed and contained four options for consideration.

At the ALSO Annual General Meeting, held on 23 October, 1985, the President of ALSO announced that the Board had accepted our submission and decided to donate \$750 to the Archives.

This represents the most substantial donation yet received and will greatly assist us in our activities in the immediate future. We are enormously grateful to ALSO for their support and faith in the Archives.



"You realise, Deirdre, that sooner or later we'll have to tell her she's adopted."

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Well at last it's done! After lot's of talk and a couple of half-hearted attempts we have now compiled a comprehensive listing of our holdings of periodicals.

The list contains a brief bibliographical note on each periodical, plus its commencement date and details of which issues we hold.

In preparing this list we had two objectives in mind. First, to inform the gay community and other interested persons of the extent of our collection of periodicals, and second, to make known the gaps in our holdings in the hope that people will donate material not already held.

We are very interested in receiving criticism/comment about information contained in the list and about the way in which it is presented.

11th NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LESBIANS & HOMOSEXUAL MEN

Next year's conference will be in Sydney on the Anzac Day long week-end. The Archives plans to convene two workshops at the conference.

One workshop will deal with the work of the Archives over the past year and outline a plan of events for the ensuing year. We see this workshop as being important as it is one way in which we are accountable to our interstate supporters who are unable to take a more active part in our operations.

The second workshop will discuss various archival practices such as, the types of material which might be of archival value and how to house and access the various types of material.

Anyone who would like to make a contribution to either of these workshops is most welcome to contact our secretary, Mark Riley, for further information.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY AGAIN

On 20 October, 1985 a group of us who are interested in oral history met to discuss how to tackle this project.

We discussed interviewing techniques and drew up a list of names of people we know who we think would be valuable sources of information. We intend to contact prospective interviewees shortly and when we meet next we will map out a program for conducting interviews.

GREG RALPH TAKES LEAVE

Greg Ralph has been a volunteer at the Archives for almost three years. For the next twelve months though we'll have to get along without him.

Greg is currently studying for his Doctorate at the University of Melbourne's Department of Indian and Indonesian Studies. A recent scholarship has enabled him to continue his study in The Netherlands where he will be attached to the Werkgroep Europese Expansie (Centre for the Study of European Expansion) at Leiden University. Greg will carry out research in a number of Christian Mission archives which will form the basis for his thesis on Christian Missions in West Java in the late 19th century.



"How super to be in the Penguin Book of Homosexual Verse - are you indexed under subject or author?"

FUNDRAISING

Early next year we will be organising a mail out to supporters of the Archives asking for donations. The main purpose is to raise money to add to our photocopier fund. At present we have \$1024 but we expect that a suitable copier will cost around \$4000.

After the success of our raffle a few months ago we have plans to make this an annual event. Next year we'll have more than one prize and hopefully we'll raise even more funds than this year.

Proceeds from both these activities should see us get very close to our \$4000 target.

We'll let you know about other events as they are planned.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

A newspaper clipping afternoon was to have been held on 27 October, 1985 at the home of Mark and Mel, two of our hard working volunteers. However, due to the birth of more than a few kittens (and the great weather) it had to be cancelled. We hope to re-schedule this activity in the next few weeks so if you want to join in don't hesitate to contact us on a Thursday evening for further details.

