

As a warning this presentation will be discussing and showing people who have passed and discussing assisted dying and death from AIDS

TRACING OUR MEMORIES



RESULTS OF
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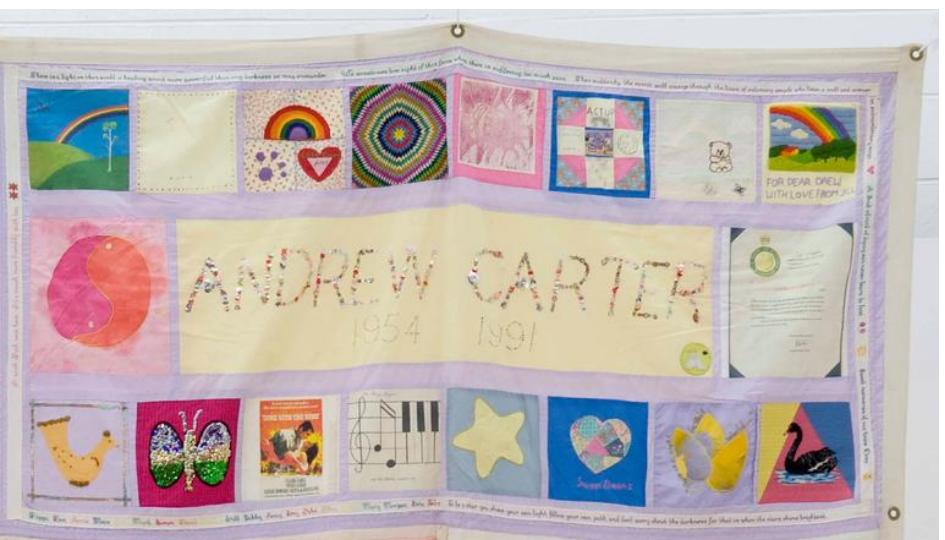
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Why a Memory Audit?

- ▶ Memory has always been a core part of the response to HIV and AIDS
- ▶ We are at a crucial moment in the response where there is a lot of vulnerability to our material history
- ▶ There is a lot of genuine interest in connecting to those who have come before us
- ▶ The strategies and forms of activism, community building, organising and expression of the past are important resources for those organising in the present and future



Quilt panel, part of Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt
in memory of 'Andrew Carter' 1991



David McDiarmid
Don't forget to remember, 1994

Notes on terminology

► DISCOVERABILITY

In an archival or cultural collections context, discoverability refers to the ease with which researchers, communities, and the public can find, identify, and access relevant materials.

► MEMORY INSTITUTION

A memory institution is a cultural organisation—such as a library, archive, museum, or gallery—whose role is to collect, preserve, and provide access to society's documentary, artistic, and cultural heritage.

► CUSTODIANSHIP

Custodianship refers to the responsibility of a person or institution to hold, care for, and manage cultural or historical materials on behalf of others.

Goals of the project

► **GOAL ONE**

Identify what is the state of the material history of people with HIV in Australia with a particular focus on access and discoverability

► **GOAL TWO**

Improve or establish relationships with custodians of major collection holders with the goal of improving access and discoverability of objects

► **GOAL THREE**

Help guide our members in preserving their own history and give guidance that allows them to best decide which memory institution may be best suited to their preservation needs

The Tracing our Memories Database



Tracing our Memories

This database has been developed as part of the 2025 NAPWHA memory audit 'Tracing our Memories'.

This database aims to bring together a comprehensive list of the historical materials of people with HIV in Australia currently held in Australian archives, libraries, museums and art galleries. All information below is accurate, to the best of our ability, at the time of publication. However, it should not be used in place of direct engagement with either the materials in question, or the institutions that house them.

If there is something you would like to see added to the database, or if you have any questions about either the project or any of the materials listed below, please contact Beau@napwha.org.au

⚠ Please be aware that this database contains images, voices and names of deceased persons

This database is an ongoing body of work. Sometimes important information isn't available so fields may be left blank; we are progressively filling these in with further research. All materials belong to their various copyright holders. Images and information below is used as a guide only.

Please note that some items may reflect outdated, offensive and possibly harmful views and opinions.

AIM

Comprehensive online database of all materials publically held in Australia

SCOPE

Material created by, for or representing people with HIV that are held in Australia or accessible online

Detailed Catalogues (for a deep dive, scroll down if you want to browse)

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-  Institutions
-  Key Events (Early draft)

The Tracing our Memories Database

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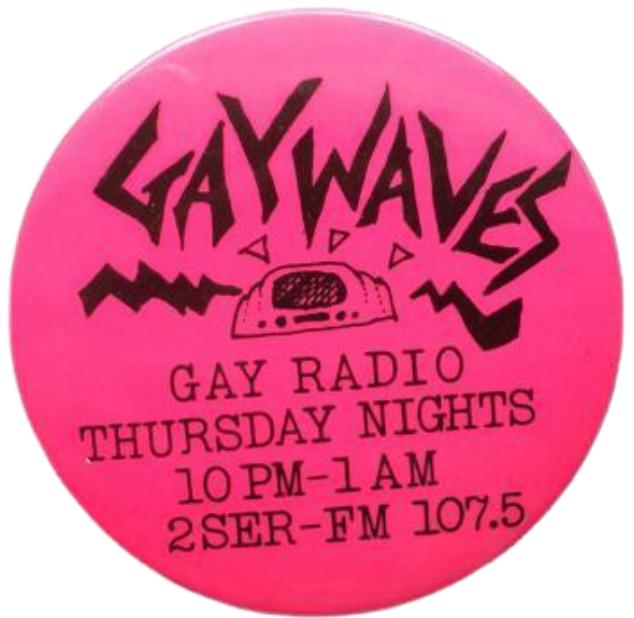
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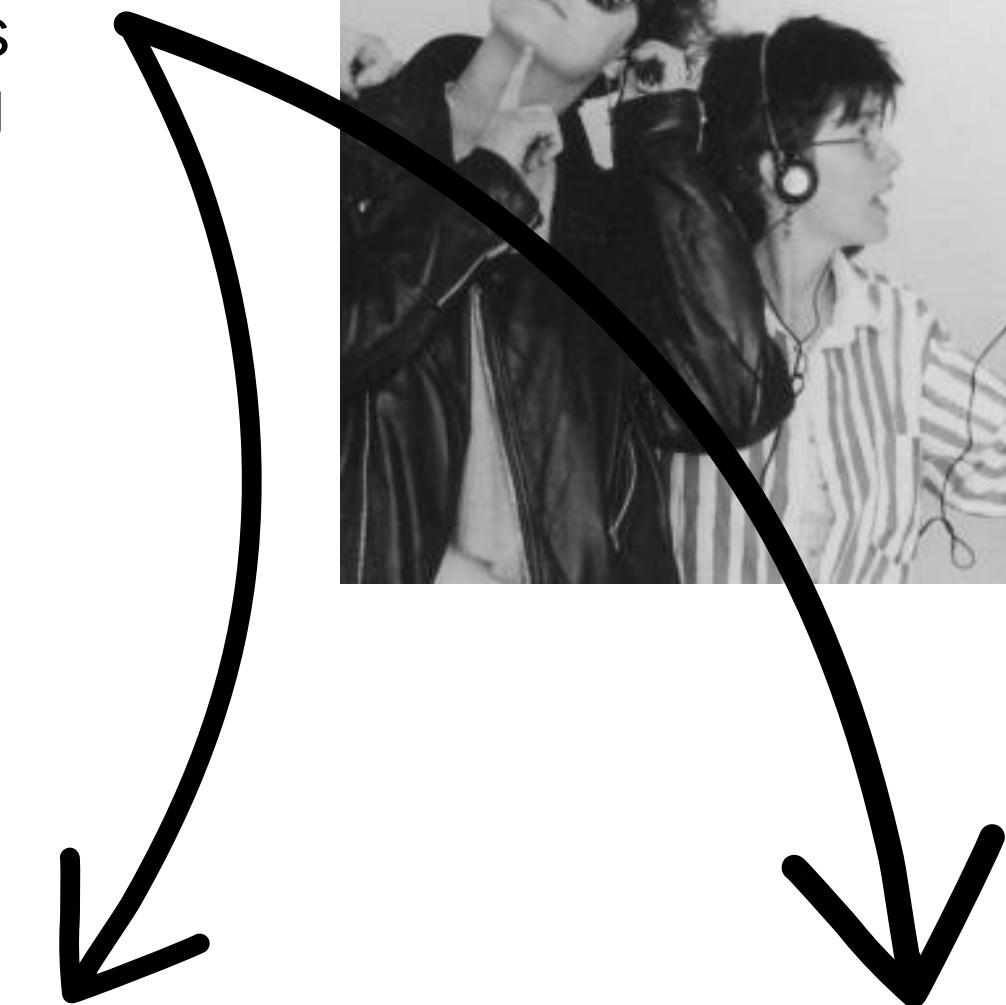
1971 - Photograph by Les Allen
Gostalgia: local history from Gosford Library collection

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Talkabout, no. 129,
October-November 2003
Positive Life NSW

Gaywaves Radio Collection held by the Australian Queer Archives which at currently has 91 identified episodes covering relevant content including

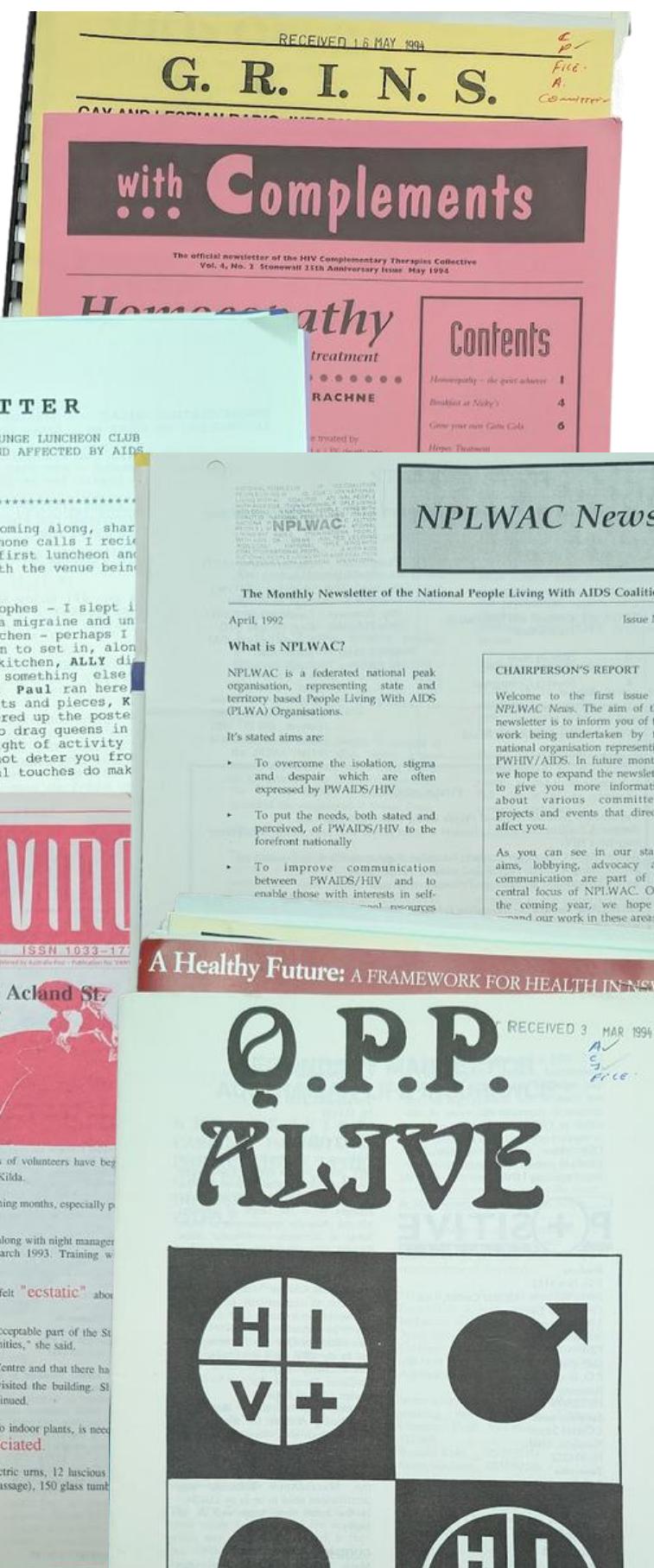
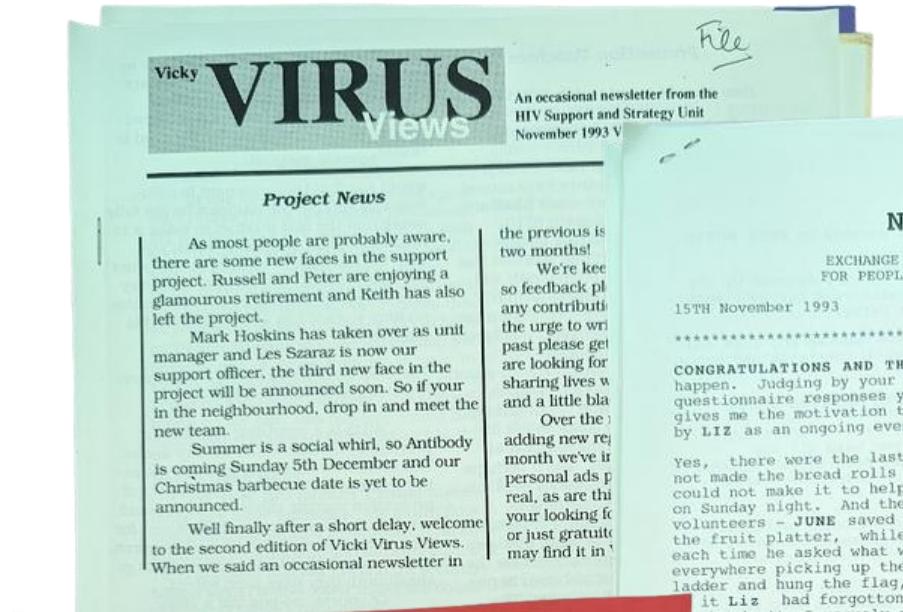
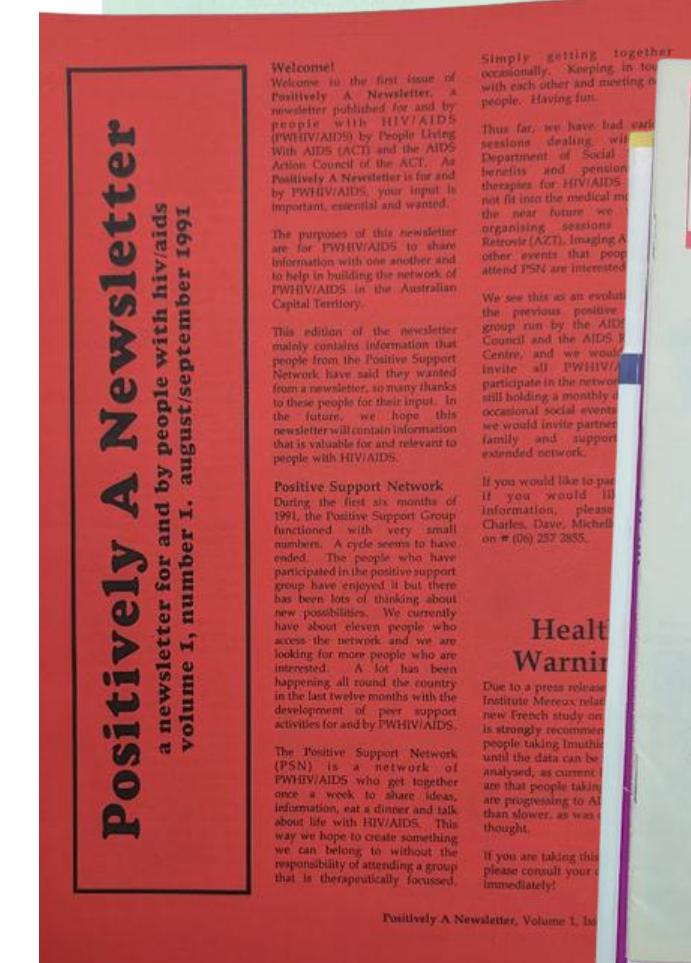
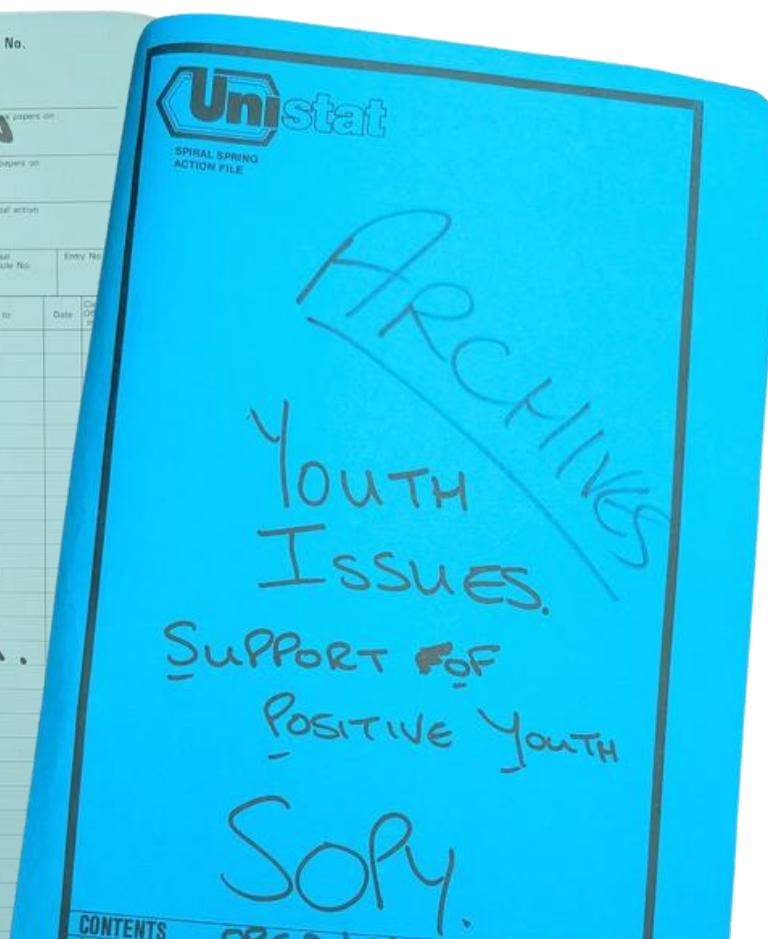
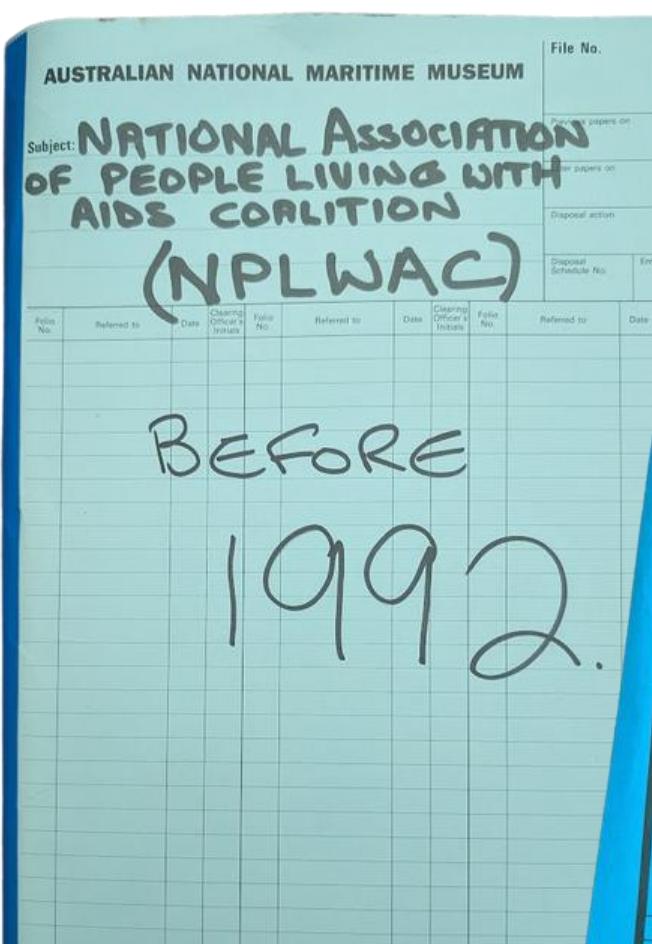


A speech by Paul Young at the inaugural meeting of the People Living With AIDS (NSW)

Report on ACT UP Melbourne protest outside the Old Treasury Building on Monday June 24 1990

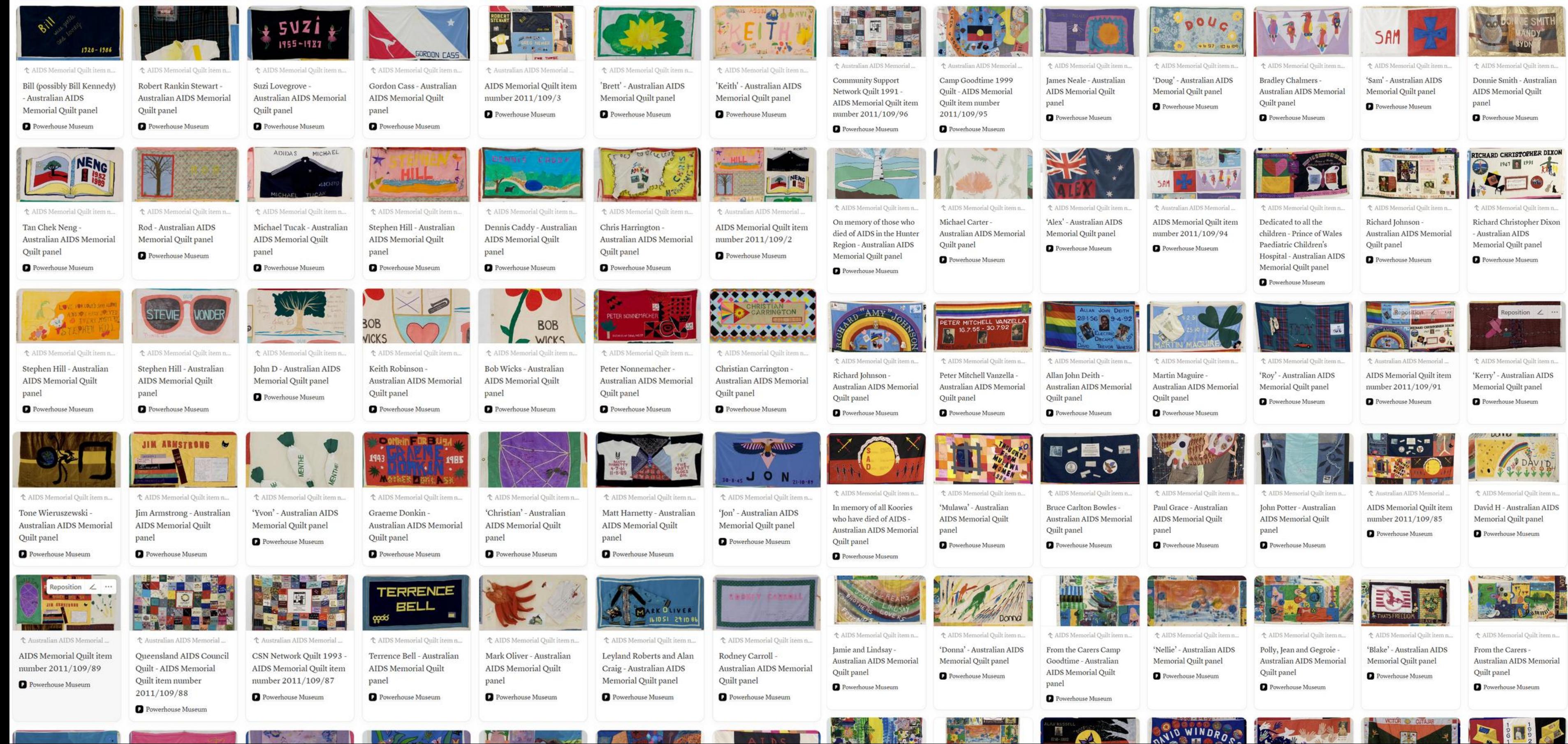
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Records of Positive Life NSW as held at the State Library of NSW which includes 7.82 metres of textual material (46 boxes) and 1 videorecording



Or the Powerhouse Museum AIDS Memorial Quilt Collection with over 700 individually described panels

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Promoting Discoverability

DISCOVERABILITY

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Catalogue

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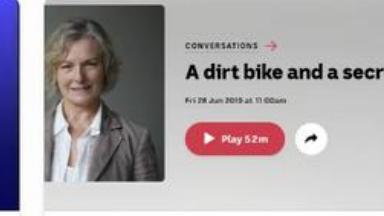
2nd National Positive Women's Conference Poster



4 Corners: AIDS



A dirt bike and a secret: Heather Ellis



Activism equals longevity: Interview with Vivienne Munro on Women living with HIV



Allan from the monologue 'Sadness'



Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt - Powerhouse Collection



Chrissy



Couchman Over Australia: Living With AIDS



Evidence by Arone Meeks



Graeme Flavel Collection



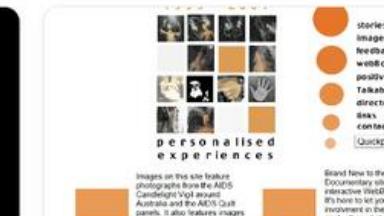
Graeme Flavel Oral History



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? A dinner with HIV Positive guests



HIV/AIDS documentary



Ian Walker interviewed by Helena Cohen-Robertson in 2022



Images of Tracey Lee - In the Gostalgia: local history from Gosford Library collection



DISCOVERABILITY

Organisations, groups and clubs

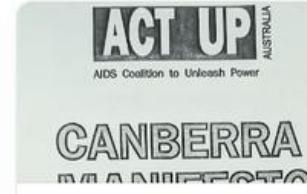
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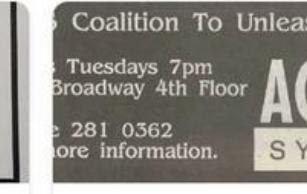
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Victoria
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ACT UP Sydney
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AIDS Council of Central Australia (ACCA)
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People

This database helps you identify materials by person. Not all people in this list are people with HIV.



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Allan Booth



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Andrew Carter



Arone Meeks



Barry McCluskey



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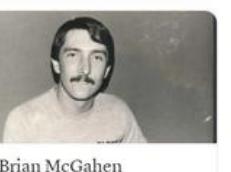
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Bill Whittaker



Brett Collings



Brian McGahen



Bridget Haire



Bruce Brown



Bruce Fenthams



C. Moore Hardy



David McDiarmid



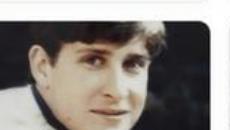
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Glen Goldsmith



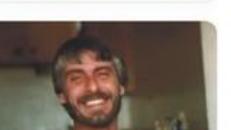
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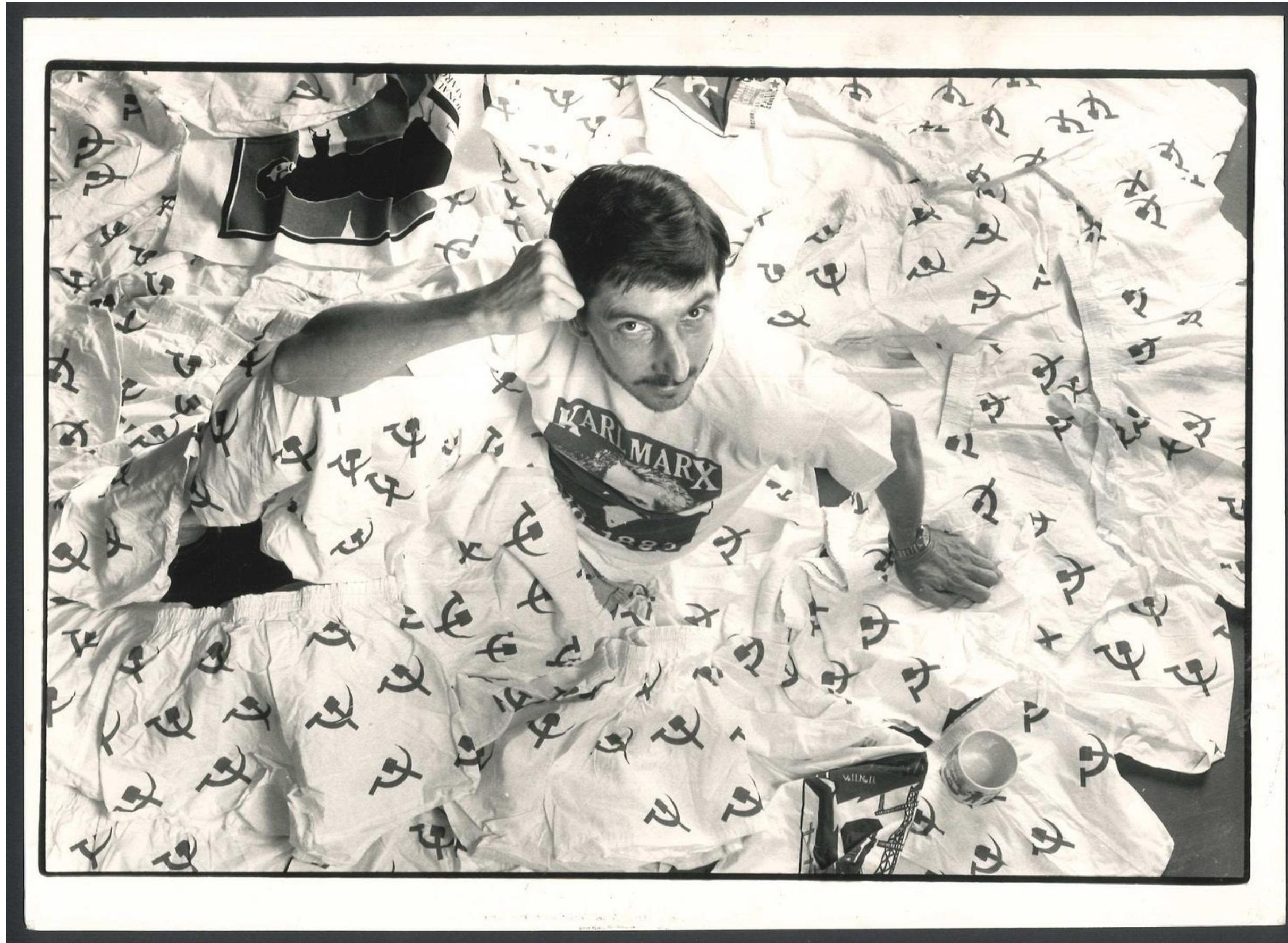


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Peter

DISCOVERABILITY



Brian McGahen

Materials

Brian McGahen papers Personal Papers State Library of New South Wales

Brian McGahen - Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt ... AIDS Quilt Tribute Artworks Powerhouse Museum

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Gaywaves : 1985.09.26 Radio/Sound Recording V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

In memory of the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre and it's founders AIDS Quilt Tribute Powerhouse Museum

Papers of Richard Turner Personal Papers V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

C. Moore Hardy Photograph Collection Photographs V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA) City of Sydney Archives

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Don Baxter interviewed by James Waites (1993) Oral History National Library of Australia

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Mardi Gras officials with gay activist Brian McGahen, circa 1979 ... Photographs City of Sydney Archives

Craig Johnson and Brian McGahen in Star office, circa 1979-1980 ... Photographs City of Sydney Archives

Brian McGahen Banner Sydney Gay Mardi Gras Parade 1984 Photographs City of Sydney Archives

Mardi Gras Committee circa 1980 Photographs City of Sydney Archives

Stonewall Mardi Gras Committee circa 1980 Photographs City of Sydney Archives

Marchers with Brian McGahen banner Sydney Mardi Gras 1984 Photographs City of Sydney Archives

Michael Glynn Collection Photographs Organisational Papers Personal Papers V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

Papers of Barry ... Organisational Papers Ephemera Personal Papers Photographs V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

Elect Brian McGahen Independent for Flinders Ward Poster V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

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Brian McGahen Independent Sydney city Council Poster V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

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Elect Brian McGahen independent T Shirts V Australian Queer Archives (AQuA)

Social Work IV Thesis by Brian McGahen Manuscript Research Materials University of Sydney Library & Archive

STATE LIBRARY OF NSW
POWERHOUSE MUSEUM



Powerhouse Museum

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVES

GAYWAVES REPORT ON SYDNEY'S FIRST CANDLELIGHT AIDS VIGIL

TITLE: [Gaywaves report on Sydney's first Candlelight AIDS Vigil](#)

NFSA ID: 818924

YEAR: 1985

COURTESY: ZSER 107.3

REQUEST ACCESS

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NFSA Website

CITY OF SYDNEY ARCHIVES



Photograph - C Moore Hardy

AUSTRALIAN QUEER ARCHIVES

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY ARCHIVES



Shirt as photographed in the
Brett Collings collection SLNSW

DISCOVERABILITY

Health Equity Matters

Founding Date State Previous Names Active
November 17, 1985 National Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (...) Active

Description

Health Equity Matters is the national federation for Australia's leading HIV and LGBTIQA+ organisations. We are recognised both globally and nationally for the leadership, policy expertise, health promotion, coordination and support we provide.

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- Bill Whittaker interviewed by James Waites (2002) Oral History National Library of Australia
- David William Lamb interviewed by Stuart Reid Oral History National Library of Australia
- Don Baxter interviewed by James Waites (2007) Oral History National Library of Australia
- Don Baxter interviewed by James Waites (1993) Oral History National Library of Australia
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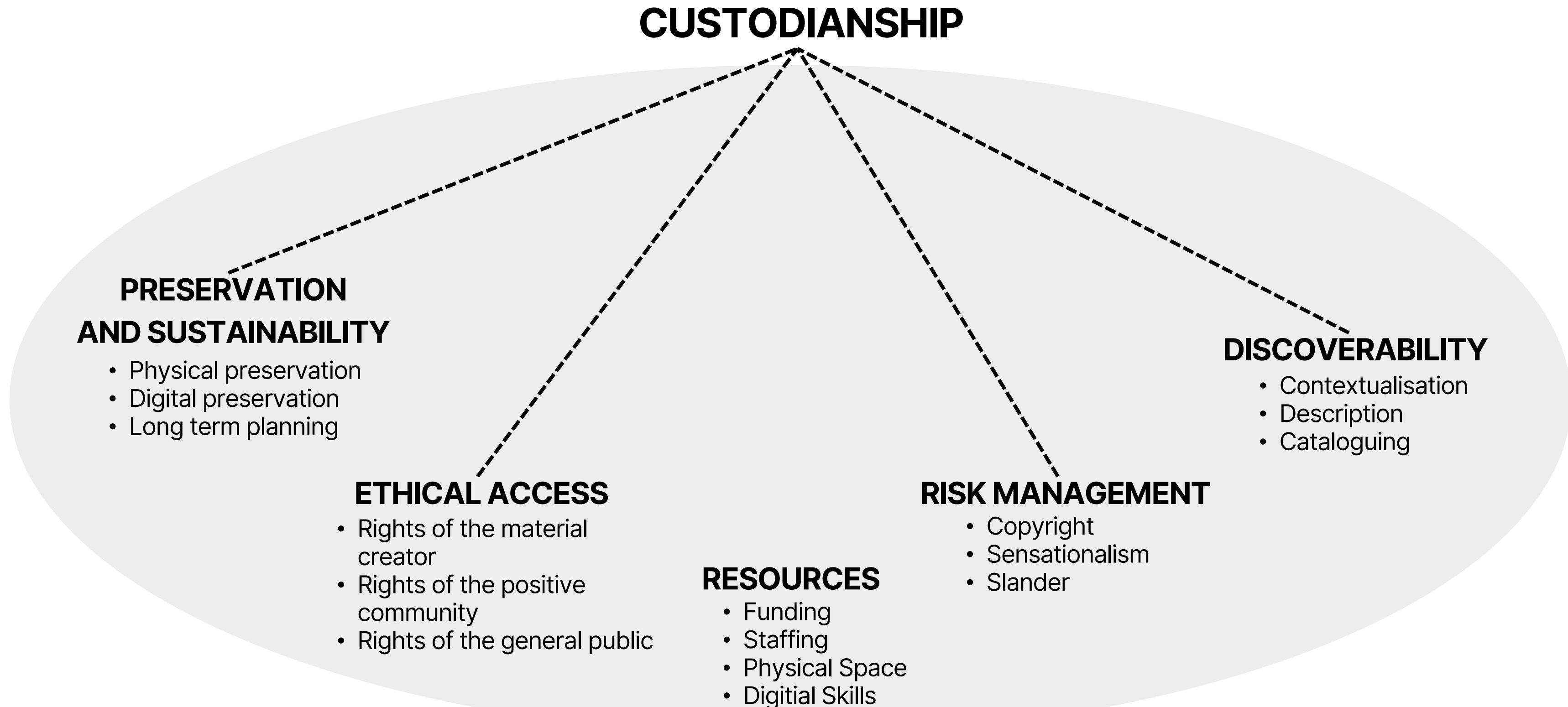
AUSTRALIAN QUEER ARCHIVES

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ONLINE AIDS EDUCATION POSTER COLLECTION

Assessing Access

ACCESS



Assessing Access

Australian response to AIDS oral history project [sound recording]

[Request](#) [Order a copy](#)

Bib ID: 1843975

Format: Audio

Access Conditions: **Access conditions set by each interviewee.**

Description: 1992 Mar. 18-2009

274 items.

Summary: The project consists of 82 interviews with a range of people including some of the key government figures who played a part in coordinating Australia's response to HIV/AIDS, community leaders, activists and representatives of the broader HIV-positive community.

Biography/History: The project recorded the social and political response in Australia to the AIDS crisis.

Notes:

- A project undertaken jointly by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations and the National Library of Australia.
- Transcripts made for all interviews.
- Each interview catalogued individually.
- Recorded from 1992-2009.
- Digital master available National Library of Australia

Related Material: Portraits of people interviewed for the Australian response to AIDS oral history project, 1993; located at: National Library of Australia Pictures collection PIC P530/32-52 LOC Cold store PIC PORT



Portrait of Professor David Cooper, Director HIV Medicine Unit, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, NSW, 1993



Portrait of Professor Peter Karmel, Chairperson, Australian National Council on AIDS from 1988 to 1992, 1993



Portrait of Ita Buttrose, Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS (NACAIDS) from 1984 to 1988, 1993

Our challenges

- ▶ Engage with the materials, and the institutions that hold them
- ▶ Planning for the downsizing, amalgamation and potential end of our organisations what that means for these materials and access arrangements
- ▶ Build relationships between our communities and these materials, histories and the public history resources around them

Who is missing (to my knowledge)

► **LARGE ORGANISATION ARCHIVES CURRENTLY NOT IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

- Community Support Network (CSN)
- ANKALI
- AIDS Council of South Australia (ACSA)
- ACON
- Thorne Harbour Health
- Bobby Goldsmith Foundation
- Living Positive Victoria
- Queensland Positive People
- WAAC
- Quilt Projects in a number of states

► **SMALLER INACTIVE GROUPS MISSING IN COLLECTIONS**

- Positive Asian Yum Cha Group
- Support of Positive Youth (SOPY)
- AZT Task Force
- Greg Nemer Foundation People Living with AIDS
- Body Positive
- HIV Complementary Therapies Collective of Sydney

► **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RESEARCH**

Some of the broadest and most comprehensive collections of stories, histories and interviews of positive people in Australia have been as a tool of research. After the initial projects are done, and especially after the researchers involved are no longer with us, these materials can be essentially untouchable.

What next for the project

► **CREATE A GUIDE TO MEET GOAL THREE**

GOAL THREE

Help guide our members in preserving their own history and give guidance that allows them to best decide which memory institution may be best suited to their preservation needs

► **CONTINUE TO BUILD THE DATABASE**

► **POTENTIAL TO OFFER DIGITAL ACCESS TO KEY MATERIALS SUCH AS PUBLICATIONS**

At their most useful, records can be activated ... in the present, so that community members can learn activist tactics and strategies and get inspiration to keep going. “We have been here before, we have survived this before, we have resisted before,” ... records assert, “here’s how.”

“So that Future Organizers Won’t Have to Reinvent the Wheel”:
Activating Digital Archives for Liberatory Uses

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2022 DIGITAL HUMANITIES CONFERENCE

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