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Tony Riddell collection

Size
2 boxes

Contents
Letters, cards and postcards, handwritten and typed, including Gwen Harwood’s last letter to Tony Riddell (29 November 1995). Includes 4 letters from other correspondents to Gwen Harwood. Also accompanied by a handwritten libretto by Harwood, entitled *Lenz: opera in one act, after Buchner* and an audiotape recording of its performance by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

Biography
Gwen Harwood (nee Foster) is one of Australia’s best-known poets. She began corresponding with Tony (Thomas) Riddell in 1943 when he was stationed on war service in Darwin. Some of the letters Harwood wrote to Riddell in 1943 were edited by Alison Hoddinott and published as *Blessed City* in 1990. Gwen Harwood wrote to Tony Riddell more often than to any other person and all but the last of her volumes of poetry are dedicated to him. He kept every letter and postcard she wrote. Much of their correspondence was published in Greg Kratzmann’s *A Steady Storm of Correspondence: selected letters of Gwen Harwood, 1943-1995* (UQP, 2001). This collection contains Harwood’s last letter to Riddell (29 November 1995), possibly the last letter she wrote to anyone.

Notes
Restricted access

Box 1
153 postcards, from Gwen Harwood to Tony Riddell, arranged chronologically, 1956-1989

Box 2

Folder 1 (Period 1985-1989)
Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell
- Card depicting game played on lawn (nd)
- Card 7 Feb 85
- Letter (aerogramme) typed 4 July 85
- Letter (aerogramme) 11 July 85
- Letter (aerogramme) 6 Aug 85
- Letter 2 Apr 87
- Letter (aerogramme) 22 June 87
- Letter 16 July 87
- Card 10 Aug 89
- Letter 14 June 90
- Letter 29 June 90
- Card 11 Feb 91
- Card 20 Feb 91
- Letter (aerogramme) 19 June 89
- Letter (aerogramme) 22 June 89
Incoming correspondence
Letter Sen John Watson to Gwen Harwood congratulating her on conferral of Honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of Tasmania 9 Sept 87

Folder 2 (Period 1977-1990)
Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell
Card - floral arrangement nd
Letter 1 Jan 77
Letter typed 14 Feb 77
Letter typed 27 Feb 77
Letter 9 Mar 77
Letter 14 Mar 77
Letter typed 24 Mar 77
Letter typed 31 Mar 77
Letter typed 16 Apr 77
Letter typed 22 Apr 77
Letter typed 28 Apr 77
Letter typed 5 May 77
Telegram 12 May 77
Letter typed 15 May 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 22 May 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 30 May 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 13 June 77
Letter (aerogramme) 18 June 77
Letter (aerogramme) 4 July 77
Letter (aerogramme) 11 July 77
Letter typed 15 July 77
Letter (aerogramme) 27 July 77
Letter (aerogramme) 4 Aug 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 18 Aug 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 25 Aug 77
Letter (aerogramme) 15 Sept 77
Letter (aerogramme) 23 Sept 77
Letter (aerogramme) 30 Sept 77
Letter (aerogramme) 6 Oct 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 Oct 77
Letter (aerogramme) 27 Oct 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 5 Nov 77
Letter (aerogramme) 17 Nov 77
Letter (aerogramme) typed 20 Nov 77
Letter (aerogramme) 6 Dec 77
Letter (aerogramme) 3 Jan 78
Letter (aerogramme) 14 Jan 78
Letter (aerogramme) 24 Jan 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 7 Feb 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 14 Feb 78
Letter typed 24 Feb 78
Letter (aerogramme) 2 Mar 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 8 Mar 78
Letter typed 22 Mar 78
Letter (aerogramme) 2 Apr 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 17 Apr 78
Letter 22 Apr 78 and copy of ‘Springtime, Oyster Cove’ (memorial poem for James McAuley)
Letter (aerogramme) typed 25 Apr 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 20 May 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 11 May 78
Letter (aerogramme) 1 June 78
Letter (aerogramme) 11 June 78
Letter (aerogramme) 14 June 78
Letter (aerogramme) 27 June 78
Letter (aerogramme) 7 July 78
Letter (aerogramme) 14 July 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 31 July 78
Letter (aerogramme) 3 Aug 78
Letter (aerogramme) 16 Aug 78
Letter (aerogramme) 29 Aug 78
Letter 14 Sept 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 7 Oct 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 29 Oct 78
Letter (aerogramme) 14 Nov 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 16 Nov 78
Letter (aerogramme) 26 Nov 78
Letter (aerogramme) 1 Dec 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 11 Dec 78
Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 Dec 78
Letter and newspaper cutting of ‘An Illumination’ 2 Jan 79
Letter (aerogramme) 4 Jan 79
Letter (aerogramme) 12 Jan 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 17 Jan 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 31 Jan 79
Letter (aerogramme) 6 Feb 79
Letter (aerogramme) 22 Feb 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 26 Feb 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 5 Mar 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 8 Mar 79
Letter (aerogramme) 16 Mar 79
Letter (aerogramme) 18 Mar 79
Letter (aerogramme) 23 Mar 79
Letter (aerogramme) 3 Apr 79
Letter (aerogramme) 5 Apr 79
Letter (aerogramme) 10 Apr 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 23 Apr 79
Letter (aerogramme) typed 10 May 79
Letter (aerogramme) 14 May 79
Letter (aerogramme) 21 May 80
Letter (aerogramme) 30 May 80
Letter 11 June 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 5 June 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 June 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 30 June 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 1 July 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 2 July 80
Letter typed 15 July 80
Letter 21 July 80
Letter typed 1 Aug 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 8 Aug 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 26 Aug 80
Letter (aerogramme) typed 2 Sept 80
Letter (aerogramme) 20 July 81
Letter typed 22 July 81
Letter (aerogramme) 28 July 81
Letter (aerogramme) 12 Aug 81
Letter (aerogramme) 4 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) 7 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) 12 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) 15 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) typed 24 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) 28 July 82
Letter (aerogramme) 11 Aug 82
Letter (aerogramme) 4 Aug 82
Letter (aerogramme) 12 Aug 82
Letter 5 July 83
Letter (aerogramme) typed 6 July 83
Letter (aerogramme) 12 July 83
Letter (aerogramme) 16 July 83
Letter (aerogramme) 28 July 83
Letter (aerogramme) 30 July 83
Letter (aerogramme) typed 1 Aug 83
Letter (aerogramme) typed 12 June 84
Letter (aerogramme) typed 16 June 84
Letter (aerogramme) 16 June 84
Letter (aerogramme) 18 June 84
Letter (aerogramme) typed 25 June 84
Letter (aerogramme) typed 27 June 84
Letter (aerogramme) typed 3 July 84
Letter (aerogramme) 10 July 84
Letter (aerogramme) 16 July 84
Letter 18 Apr 85
Letter (aerogramme) 25 July 85
Letter (aerogramme) 1 Aug 85
Letter (aerogramme) 16 June 87
Letter (aerogramme) typed 7 Aug 87
Letter 5 May 88
Letter 18 Dec 88
Letter 29 Dec 88
Letter 16 Jan 89
Envelope postmarked 27 Jan 89 and typed copy of ‘A Postcard’
Letter 20 Mar 89
Letter (aerogramme) 26 June 89
Letter (aerogramme) 29 June 89
Letter (aerogramme) 1 July 89
Letter (aerogramme) 7 July 89
Card - man and dog 23 Aug 89
Letter 3 Jan 90
Card - oriental print nd

Miscellaneous
Handwritten copy of ‘The Wasps’ (to Edwin Tanner) and magazine clipping for Russian liners m/s Shota Rustaveli and m/s Mikhail Lermontov

Folder 3 (Period 1991-1994)
Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell
Letter typed 17 Feb 91
Letter typed 3 Mar 91
Card 16 Mar 91
Letter (aerogramme) typed 6 June 91
Letter (aerogramme) typed 15 June 91
Letter (aerogramme) typed 20 June 91
Letter typed 31 Mar 92
Card 3 May 92
Letter (aerogramme) typed 6 June 94
Letter (aerogramme) typed 11 June 94
Letter typed 8 Aug 94

Folder 4 (Period 1995)
Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell
Letter 9 Jan 95
Postcard - Stonehenge 12 Jan 95
Postcard - Dame Peggy Ashcroft 15 Jan 95
Postcard - Sharpham River 23 Jan 95
Postcard - Brighton Beach with Colliers ? Jan 95
Letter typed 31 Jan 95
Postcard - artwork by Albrecht Durer 3 Feb 95
Postcard - Cloud Study 8 Feb 95
Letter 19 Feb 95
Letter 23 Feb 95
Birthday card 26 Feb 95
Letter 31 Feb 95
Letter 3 Mar 95
Card - floral print 14 Mar 95
Postcard - Barges on the Stour at Flatford Lock 19 Mar 95
Card - girl with kitten and puppies 19 Mar 95
Card - young boy and girl 22 Mar 95
Letter 25 Mar 95
Letter 27 Mar 95
Card - decorative ceiling 5 Apr 95
Postcard - Irises 18 Apr 95
Postcard - Irises and Bridge 20 Apr 95
Card - leaded-glass window 22 Apr 95
Card - Frank Memorial window 28 Apr 95
Card - pansies 15 May 95
Card - Ulbster Cross 25 May 95
Letter typed 27 May 95
Letter 2 June 95
Photograph of shoreline 8 June 95  
Letter 11 June 95  
Letter 26 May 95  
Postcard - Margaret Standart Watson Memorial window 6 July 95  
Letter 11 July 95  
Letter 15 July 95  
Letter 16 July 95  
Letter 18 July 95  
Letter 19 July 95  
Letter 22 July 95  
Card - 2 young girls 27 July 95  
Copy of ‘Herongate’ (To Graeme Hetherington) (nd)  
Letter 1 Aug 95  
Letter 2 Aug 95  
Letter 3 Aug 95  
Letter 6 Aug 95  
Letter 8 Aug 95  
Card - Thomas Cromwell 9 Aug 95  
Card - Henry Clay Frick 11 Aug 95  
Letter 12 Aug 95  
Letter 14 Aug 95  
Letter 19 Aug 95  
Letter 23 Aug 95  
Card - Sir Thomas More 24 Aug 95  
Letter 28 Aug 95  
Letter 30 Aug 95  
Card - The Harbor of Dieppe 1 Sept 95  
Postcard - Irises 10 Sept 95  
Letter 10 Sept 95  
Card - Rembrant Harmensz self-portrait 18 Sept 95  
Card - Boobook Owl with newspaper cutting of birth announcements 20 Sept 95  
Postcard - Stockholm Royal Palace 25 Sept 95  
Postcard - The Astronomical Clock, Hampton Court 24 Sept 95  
Letter with printed excerpt about ABC television program 27 Sept 95  
Letter 2 Oct 95  
Letter 8 Oct 95  
Card - Queen Elizabeth I 12 Oct 95  
Letter 17 Oct 95  
Photograph postcard - Queen Victoria Shopping Arcade 13 Oct 95  
Postcard - Cloudy Bay Lagoon 18 Oct 95  
Letter 24 Oct 95  
Letter 25 Oct 95  
Letter 29 Oct 95  
Postcard - Young Couple Walking 30 Oct 95  
Letter 31 Oct 95  
Letter 5 Nov 95  
Letter 18 Nov 95  
Letter 12 Nov 95  
Letter 14 Nov 95  
Letter 29 Nov 95
Incoming correspondence
   Letter from Rosemary Dobson to Gwen Harwood 17 July 95
   Letter from Rosemary Dobson to Gwen Harwood 23 July 95
   Letter typed from Betty Roberts to Gwen Harwood 24 Sept 95

Miscellaneous
   Poster of C&M Garden Guide with handwritten notes on back making reference to the subject matter of certain letters

Folder 5 (Period 1989-1995)

Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell
   Card 6 Dec 89
   Postcard - Mudgee, NSW nd
   Birthday card - parrot 26 Feb 91
   Postcard - The Mermaid Theatre ?? 92
   Letter 1 Jan 92
   Postcard - Still Life with Basket of Flowers 8 Mar 92
   Postcard - Brisbane City Hall 19 May 92
   Card - floral print 11 June 92
   Postcard - Traveller Looking over the Sea of Fog 5 July 92
   Postcard - The Tower of London 5 July 92
   Postcard - The King’s Privy Garden 7 July 92
   Postcard - A Morning Walk by the River 10 July 92
   Postcard - Napoli di notte 12 Aug 92
   Postcard - Positano vista dal mare 13 Aug 92
   Postcard - Flowers in Art 12 Sept 92
   Postcard - Brisbane at Sunrise 25 Sept 92
   Postcard - Brisbane City Hall 29 Nov 92
   Postcard - Portrait of Maddalena Doni 2 Dec 92
   Postcard - Medusa 30 Dec 92
   Letter 2 Jan 93
   Postcard - Cornflowers and Cherries 23 Feb 93
   Postcard - Navona Square, Rome 28 Feb 93
   Card with floral print 31 May 93
   Card - Magnolia and Irises 19 June 93
   Postcard - Flowers in Art 5 July 93
   Card - Grapevine 5 Aug 93
   Postcard - Four Trees 10 Aug 93
   Postcard - Bertrand Russell 24 Aug 93
   Postcard - The Anastasis 2 Nov 93
   Postcard - Roman Forum 30 Nov 93
   Card - Glossodia Major 4 Dec 93
   Birthday card - Blue Irises ? Feb 93
   Postcard - Obazine 20 Dec 93
   Postcard – Flowers in Art 30 Dec 93
   Postcard – Barnard castle, Durham 6 Jan 94
   Postcard – Toys of a Prince 11 Jan 94
   Postcard – Grasmere and Silver How, Westmoreland 25 Jan 94
   Postcard – The Hole of Horcum, Saltersgate 27 Jan 94
   Postcard – Buttermere, Cumberland 9 Feb 94
   Postcard – Welton Dale, Brough, Yorkshire 14 Feb 94
   Postcard – Swallowslip, Haxham, Northumberland 21 Feb 94
Birthday card – floral still life ? Feb 94
Postcard – Endcliffe Woods, Sheffield 28 Feb 94
Letter 8 May 94
Postcard – *Rosa Gallica Versicolor* 18 May 94
Letter 24 May 94
Postcard – *Geneva* 15 Aug 94
Postcard – St. Ives, Huntingdon 22 Aug 94
Postcard – *In Our Garden* 26 Aug 94
Postcard – *Sung Trade Jar* 13 Sept 94
Postcard – Darwin – Big Croc Country 14 Sept 94
Card – Mrs. Beeton’s Every-Day Cookery and Housekeeping 30 Sept 94
Postcard – Statue of Cangrande 11 Oct 94
Postcard – Melbourne, Victoria 17 Oct 94
Postcard – *Dedham Vale* 4 Nov 94
Postcard – *Hampstead Heath* 19 Nov 94
Postcard – *Hampstead Heath: Branch Hill Pond* 23 Nov 94
Postcard – *David Remfry* 28 Nov 94
Postcard – *Golding Constable’s Kitchen Garden* 28 Dec 94
Postcard – *Landscape* 5 Jan 95
Postcard – Bourton on the Water 26 Jan 96

**Miscellaneous**

Envelope postmarked 19 Feb 95

**Also in Box**

1 bound volume (22 cm x 15 cm) containing handwritten libretto entitled: *Lenz: opera in one act, after Buchner*. Libretto by Gwen Harwood, music by Larry Sitsky (no music included). Pages of this volume have also been used as a daybook by Tony Riddell. He has handwritten a number of poems by various poets.

Audiotape of the performance of *Lenz* by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Christopher Lyndon Gee and recorded by the ABC. This recording was later used by the BBC to broadcast the opera over BBC3 on 9 July 1983. A small newspaper clipping giving details of the BBC3 broadcast is enclosed in the audiotape case.