UQFL33
Elizabeth Perkins Collection

Size
1 box

Contents
Correspondence, newspaper cuttings, written notes, flyers, posters and theatre programs may accompany play scripts

Date range
1972-1993

Biography
Elizabeth Perkins (1933-2004) was born in Brisbane on 8 April 1933. In 1953 she completed her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Queensland. She also completed a Bachelor of Education and a Licentiate of Speech and Drama. While working part-time at University of Queensland she commence her Master of Arts. In 1983 her completed her PhD thesis on Australian drama at the University of Queensland.

In 1953 she was employed as a resident teacher at the Presbyterian Ladies College in Warwick. By 1959, at the age of 26, she was deputy principal. In 1970 she took up a lecturer’s position at James Cook University and remained there until her retirement in 1996. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1985. Perkins compiled and edited some major works on Australian literature.

Elizabeth was involved with several North Queensland Theatre groups including the Townsville Little Theatre, the Tropic Line Theatre, and she was a member of the New Moon Theatre board. Elizabeth supported the drama, art, music and literature of North Queensland and was regarded as a significant contributor to the Townsville cultural scene. She became the founding member of many arts bodies. In 2002 she was awarded the Order of Australia for her services to the Arts.

Perkins was associated with Eunice Hanger; related material is held in the Hanger collection (UQFL333) and in the Hanger playscript collection


Notes
Unrestricted access except access to Folder 1 is restricted until 18 June 2038.

Box 1

Folder 1 [Material in this box is subject to restricted access until 18 June 2038]

Letters from various authors, 1972 to 1992 and undated
**Folder 2**  
*After Rumphorn*

Newspaper cutting, 8 Sep 1992


**Folder 3**  
*Anticlimax*


Newspaper cutting, 27 Oct, np.


**Folder 4**  
*Bushranger*

Piece of paper with handwritten notes folded to form envelope containing handwritten notes on heroin production from opium, 4p

Newspaper cuttings, 8 Sep 1983 to 1 Mar 1984

List of cast. Addressed to Eunice. 1p.


**Folder 5**  
*Crocodiles in orbit*

Newspaper cuttings, 17 Jun 1987 and undated


Folder 6
*The dancers*

Newspaper cuttings, 2 May 1985

Flyer for ‘The Dancers’. Civic Theatre, 28 Apr 1985


Folder 7
*The dark behind the stage*

Theatre program. Townsville Little Theatre. Perkins, E., *The dark behind the stage* and *Death of a Poet*.

Perkins, E. *The dark behind the stage*. Play script. 31p.

Folder 8
*Death of a Poet*

Newspaper cutting. ‘Double take for season’s end’. *Townsville District Bulletin* (?), 12 Dec 1989


Video script for video made by Parents of Children in Care Group, 20p.

Folder 9
*Dilly, Dilly come and be killed*

Musical score and words on half manilla folder. *Mrs Bond*

Perkins, E. *Dilly, Dilly come and be killed*. Playscript. 85p

Folder 10
*Dry Spell*


Folder 11
*Fame and fortune and many beautiful lovers*

Theatre Program. Perkins, E. *Fame and fortune and many beautiful lovers*. Presented for the first time at The Workshop, Black River, 10 July 1976.

Photocopy of theatre program. Perkins, E. *Fame and fortune and many beautiful lovers*. Presented for the first time at The Workshop, Black River, 10 July 1976.

**Folder 12**  
*Father's Day*


**Folder 13**  
*An image of herself*


Correspondence, 8 Oct 1984 to 14 Jan 1985


**Folder 14**  
*The Mango Eaters and Townsville Street*

Theatre Program. Perkins, E. *The Mango eaters* and *Townsville Street*. St Mary’s Primary School, West Townsville.


Sheet Music. *Mango Song*


**Folder 15**  
*Please listen to me*


**Folder 16**  
*The Pratincole*


**Folder 17**  
*Everything’s going round -- Slivovitz*

Photocopy of flyer. Townsville Little Theatre presents *Everything’s going round Slivovitz* and *Gorgon but not forgotten*. 

Photocopy of program (front and back cover?) Townsville Little Theatre presents Everything’s going round Slivovitz and Gorgon but not forgotten.

Theatre program. Photocopy. 1p.


Theatre Program (photocopy). Campbell, C, Gorgon but not forgotten, 1p.

History/overview of Townsville Little Theatre, 1p.


Program. ‘Responses: A programme of three short one-act plays by Elizabeth Perkins’. 1p

Perkins, E. Overview of the three plays that form ‘Responses’ : Everything’s going round, Slivovitz, Comforters and Yes, I understand, 1p.


Perkins, E. Comforters. Play script, 16p

**Folder 18**

*The sound proof ark*

Newspaper cuttings, ‘June 1983

Theatre Program. Perkins, E. The Sound-Proof Ark. St Mary’s Primary School, West Townsville. (2 copies)


Photocopy of music book. *The Sound-Proof Ark Songs*. Includes, ‘In the ark at night’, ‘One-and-two-and-three’, ‘What makes the noise?’, ‘There are some things we must get right’, ‘As we swim through the coral’, ‘We know the noise’, ‘That is quite easy to tell you’, ‘The solution is easy’, ‘We shall call it a day then’, ‘Farewell song’, ‘No more tears, three big cheers’, ‘Cantabile (In a singing style)’, 17p.

Photocopied page with notes on which composers tunes were adapted from


**Folder 19**  
*Sound-proof ark* (music and script)

Song verses. Hand written. 9p.

Song verses. Typed. Includes ‘one-two-and-three’, ‘What makes the noise?’, ‘There are some things we must get right’, ‘As we swim through the water’, ‘No more tears, three big cheers’, ‘Farewell song’; Additional verses for songs: ‘In the ark at night’, ‘There are some things we must get right’. 11p.

Sheet music, various song titles, 38p.

**Folder 20**  
*Sticking Point*


**Folder 21**  
*There is an angel in my desk*


Perkins, E. *There is an angel in my desk*. Play script. 15p.


Perkins, E. *There is an angel in my desk*. Play script. 15p.

Sheet music. 3p.

Perkins, E. *There is an angel in my desk*. Play script. 53p.

**Folder 22**  
*The twelve days of Christmas or bring on the cakes and ale*

Perkins, E. *The twelve days of Christmas or bring on the cakes and ale*. Play script. 13p.

**Folder 23**  
*Uncover the bright moon*

Facsimile. E. Perkins to R. Wissler, 21 Nov 1989, Townsville. Theatre program. Uncover the bright moon. Includes part of script (3p.).


**Folder 24**

*Yes, I understand*