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Harry Oakman Collection

Size
22 boxes, 1 parcel, 22 plans, 12 maps, 2 posters

Contents
Correspondence, reports, drafts of books and articles, newspaper cuttings, photographs, plans, maps, posters and recorded interviews pertaining to Harry Oakman's career as a landscape architect.

Date range
1922 to 2002

Biography
One of Australia’s foremost gardening experts, Harry Oakman was the director of Brisbane City Council’s Department of Parks from 1946 to 1963. During this time he was responsible for extensive tree planting programs across the city and for the design and revitalization of many parks, including the Brisbane Botanical Gardens and New Farm Park. In 1963, he became Director of Landscape Architecture for the city of Canberra and had a major impact on the development of Australia’s capital. He retired to Brisbane in 1973 and died there in 2002.

Notes
Open access, except Box 1 Folder 5 is restricted. Application for access to restricted material may be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration. Collection includes some nineteenth-century material: Brisbane Botanical Gardens Reports 1861 – 1894, older city surveys and maps.

Box 1
Two audio cassettes containing four interviews with Harry Oakman and Malcolm Bunzli concerning Harry Oakman’s professional life:

- Tape 1: 1939-1946, 1946-1962

Folder 1
Report by Harry Oakman, Director of Landscape, National Capital Development Commission. Typed itinerary for overseas study tour. Canberra, no date.

Folder 2
Newspaper cuttings (no date)

Folder 3
Newspaper cuttings [1958-1973]
[Folder titles as supplied by Harry Oakman]

Folder 4 “The Record”
Correspondence outgoing, [1947-1970]
Correspondence incoming, [1948-1982]
Various typescripts.

Folder 5
[Access to material in this folder is restricted. Application for access to restricted material can be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration.]
Personal correspondence

Folder 6
Parks & HO Staff,
Park Superintendent Reports [1947-1962]

Folder 7
NCDC (National Capital Development Commission) [1963-1972]

Folder 8
BCC Parks
Alienation & Reports [1950-1972]

Folder 9
O.S. Trip
Reports, typescripts, photographs, [1951-1972]

Folder 10
Telephone Extensions Brisbane City Council

Folder 11
Trees
Photographs of trees (1930-1940)
Newspaper cuttings, photographs and pictures of trees from magazines.
Folder 12
No title
Assorted typescripts, reports, newspaper cuttings, drawings [1960-1982]

Folder 13
Street Trees
Reports, typescripts, information sheets [1949-1975]

Folder 14
Trees
Cuttings from journals, various loose typescripts [1948-1978]

Box 2
Album 1
Bound volume of newspaper cuttings (Sept. 1946-Oct. 1956)

Album 2

Box 3
[Titles as supplied by Harry Oakman]

Item 1

Folder 2
Press cuttings Newcastle (1940-1948)

Album 3
Bound volume: Department of Parks press book from Nov. ’61 to 63

Album 4
Bound volume of reports, and cuttings from newspapers and journals (1947–1984)
Box 4

Folder 1

Folder 2
Oxford’s slides (1981-1995)

Folder 3
Final: Introduction, index to common names, index to plant descriptions, tree charts, recommended references. Drafts for What flowers when.

Folder 4

Folder 5
Loose cuttings, contracts and correspondence concerning published works, Gardening in Queensland, Tropical and subtropical gardening, Trees of Australia and Shrubs for tropical and subtropical gardens. (1957-1998)

Folder 6
Articles
Cuttings from journals, typescript drafts, handwritten (1949-1986)

Folder 7

Folder 8
Typescript pages Our forests and photocopy of pages from Trees by K. Herbert.

Folder 9
Designs and tracings.

Folder 10
Folder 11
Landscapes - folder of coloured landscape designs for parks and private residences.

Folder 12
Plans Brisbane - folder of coloured landscape designs for parks.

Folder 13
Assorted typescript pages relating to landscape gardening, design requirements and garden features.

Box 5
Folder 1
Overseas trip, 1966.

Folder 2
Typescript drafts of articles and assorted loose handwritten papers. (1958-1975)

Folder 3
Typescript copies of articles published in Truth (1961-1963)

Folder 4

Folder 5
Reader’s Digest. Correspondence concerning reproduction rights for use in Encyclopaedia Britannica

Folder 6
Tropical and subtropical gardening revisions and additions.

Folder 7
Notes for Tropical and subtropical gardens.

Folder 8
Folder 9

Folder 10
Shrubs – Canberra shrubs stock sheets, natives. (1963-1970)

Folder 11
Typescript pages concerning trees.
Rough drafts for book.

Folder 12
Drafts for *What tree?*

Box 6
Folder 1
Typescript papers, plans and reports concerning Jabiru, Moreton, Latoka. (1973-1982)

Folder 2

Folder 3
Brisbane Botanic Garden. Press articles.

Box 7
*Australian Garden story*, vol. 8 no. 4 January/February 1997.
*Best of the spoilers*, 1988
*Spoilers*, vol. 22, 1979
*The real 25th edition of Spoilers*, vol. 26, December 1983
Address book.
Landscape projects folder B.C.C.
M.U.C.C.C. garden club.
Landscape projects folder – H. Oakman.
Box 8
Photographs of floral displays in Brisbane Parks 1950-1960

Folder 1
Brisbane Botanic Gardens Photographs history

Maintenance construction and supervision work carried out for the Municipal Council Ku-ring-gai, from 1928 to 1939.

Folder 2
Assorted photographs of parks and buildings.

Report: A statement of landscape objectives in Canberra. (2 copies)
Report: Australian National University check list of woody plants on ANU site.

Box 9
North Q. Brisbane
Cartoons and music
The climate, soils, plant ecology, arboricultural activities and vegetative development Weapons Research Project areas north west arid interior, South Australia by R.H. Patterson, 1961
A ramble on some of the peoples of the world and their garden plants by R.H. Patterson, 1963.
Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne, Tasmania, Perth photographs, maps, brochures
Snowy Mountains story. Snowy Mountains Authority, 1961

Box 10
Item 1
General Plan of the Brisbane Water Works, 1866.

Item 2
Plan of site for St. John’s Cathedral, Lands & Survey Offices, 1898

Item 3
Census district map of North Brisbane and South Brisbane.
Item 4
Photograph of Office Bearers, Victoria Park Golf Club

Item 5
Photograph of Gympie Road, Chermside.

Item 6
Photograph, Forestry Commission of N.S.W.

Item 7
Framed Fellowship award, Institute of Park Administration of Victoria, 1959

Item 8
Framed Fellowship award, American Institute of Park Executives, Inc., 1952

Item 9
Framed certificate for election as an Associate of the Institute of Landscape Architects, 1947

Box 11
Landscape Institute members pack
Papers on gardening, and typewritten French language pages
Address book

Folder 1
Clippings, postcards, Christmas cards, cuttings from journal and newspapers

Folder 2
Oakman assorted proofs
Box 12

Folder 1
Parks – general

Photograph album – Wagga 1922, Pennant Hills, Tahiti
Survey of land for Executive Gardens, Brisbane, 1906
Survey for Parliament House, Brisbane, 1874
Survey for Botanical Gardens, Brisbane, 1854.

Folder 2

 Submission to parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts, Statement no. 1, History of the Commission, National Capital Development commission, 1966

*Symphony on a city*, by Leo Butler, [1957?]
Map of *Historical France*, 1989
Assorted handwritten pages in folder ABC

Folder 3

Drawings, plans and garden designs

Folder 4

Publishers catalogues and acquisitions lists from the Mr Coot-tha Botanic Garden Library.

Folder 5

Assorted music

*First year technical drawing* by K.T. Row and A.W. Whitnall, Brisbane, Jacaranda Press, 1964
*Perspective drawing* by Ernest Norling, Laguna Beach, Calif. Watler T. Foster
Box 13
Landscape projects, Canberra H.O. 1963-1972
Plans, Canberra, National Capital Development Commission, 1963-1971
Photograph album, Sydney, 1937
Landscape design, no. 119, August 1977
Soil landscapes of Brisbane and South-eastern environs, G.G. Beckmann, Melbourne CSIRO, 1987
Moreton Island environmental impact study and strategic plan by A.A. Heath and Partners, 1976
Typewritten sheets in envelope entitled passing thoughts
B.C.C. displays at the RNA horticultural pavilion 1950-1963, City Hall decoration and civic receptions

Box 14
Photograph of Brisbane River, taken from Newstead Park.
B.C.C. Parks 1946-1963 photographs and designs
Reports, Brisbane Botanic Gardens 1861-1894

Box 15
Folder 1
Typescript pages of talks and speeches 1950-1991

Folder 2
Letters of app, B.C.C. Correspondence incoming and outgoing 1943-1980

National Trust Queensland journal, August 1992

Folder 3
Landscape Institute papers and correspondence, 1947-1998

Folder 4
Scenic Rim research
Folder 5
Biographical material on Harry Oakman including photographs, work history, and obituary.

*Landscape Australia*, no. 1: 1986
*Landscape Australia*, 4: 1983

Folder 6
Aust. Gardening book

Folder 7
In praise of Aust. trees

Folder 8
Papers relating to proposed changes to the Parliament House annex landscape

Folder 9
Assorted papers relating to published works

Box 16

Folder 1
Papers relating to the Australian Institute of landscape Architects, 1969-1998

Folder 2
Newspaper and magazine cuttings 1964-1971

Folder 3
B.C.C. VPO

Folder 4
Decorations stage floral floats

Folder 5
Papers relating to membership of the Samuel Johnson Club
Folder 6  
Misc NC’E private

Folder 7  
Loose papers relating to gardening

Folder 8  
Assorted newsletters and reports

Folder 9  
Assorted speeches and articles for newspapers

Item 10  

Folder 11  
Flowering time trees

Folder 12  
Papers relating to various plants

Box 17  
Soils: An Outline of Their Properties and Management. By Kevin Handreck. CSIRO Division of Soils: Melbourne 1977

“The Australian Book Scene 1980-81”. Australian Bookseller and Publisher (Special Edition). Supplement to vol 60 no 896, July 1980

Landscape Design: Journal of the Landscape Institute. No 210, May 1992

Photograph album “Memories of the Launch of Some Shrubs: Mt Coot-tha 29 May 1990”. Contains photographs from the book launch of Shrubs: for Tropical and Subtropical Gardens by Harry Oakman

Sketch book containing newspaper clippings of jokes and cartoons

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Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Library Periodicals List. Compiled by Brisbane City Council Library Service

Plant User. No 8, April 1992
Extracts from the *Queensland Agricultural Journal* containing the serialisation of “Guide to Soils and Plant Nutrition” by N.G. Cassidy. Parts 1-7

*Woden 1: Layout of First Neighbourhood of the Woden Area*. Relief map. National Capital Development Commission, Canberra City District

Aerial black & white photograph of traffic circle (unknown location). 4 August 1977.

Photographs (black & white) of trees.

Photograph taken from the top floor of Hotel Canberra in 1950s.


Correspondence from 1963 (incoming and outgoing) re: appointment of Harry Oakman to Chief Landscape Architect in Canberra.

Correspondence (incoming and outgoing) re: publication of *Tropical and Subtropical Gardening* and *What Flowers When* by Harry Oakman. Mainly from University of Queensland Press and Jacaranda Wiley Publishing

Newspaper clippings reviewing *Tropical and Subtropical Gardening* by Harry Oakman. 1975-1994

B/w photographs of the launch of *Tropical and Subtropical Gardening* held by Jacaranda Wiley Publishing

Newspaper clippings and correspondence (incoming) re: retirement of Harry Oakman from position as Director of National Capital Development Commission in Canberra in 1972

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (1970-1991): Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), occasional papers, newsletters, minutes and membership roll

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (1963-1995): Newsletters, correspondence, minutes, membership roll (February 1984), notice of meetings

Stage development plan of the Oxenford/Helensvale region

Information and design ideas re: landscaping and architecture (1969-1975). Contains information sheets, articles, newspaper clippings, b/w photographs and sketches

Memoranda, information and correspondence incoming and outgoing (1942-1962). Mainly from The Council of the City of Greater Newcastle.


Correspondence (incoming and outgoing) from Brisbane City Council re: zoning of property belonging to Mr and Mrs Oakman. 1975

Aerial photograph of land near the Brisbane River

Documents for transfer of land to Mr and Mrs Oakman (3 January 1963)

Correspondence (1975) with B.C.C re: zoning of land belonging to Mr and Mrs Oakman

Box 18

Folder 1
Assorted biographical material and photographs

*Stanley Tool Guide*. Published by Stanley Works (Great Britain) Ltd: Sheffield, England. 1951


*The Garden Wall*. Published by Concrete Masonry Association of Australia.

*Concrete Masonry Slope Paving Under Bridges*. Published by National Concrete Masonry Association: Chicago, Illinois. 1958

*Reinforced Concrete Masonry Retaining Walls*. Published by National Concrete Masonry Association: Chicago, Illinois. 1954

*Good Fences – their important part in Good Farming*. Published by Cyclone Company of Australia Ltd.

*Cyclone Quality Products for Farm, Home and Factory*. Published by Cyclone Company of Australia Ltd.


*Australian Native Plants: Nindethana Nursery* (Catalogue). Dripstone, NSW. 1954


Sketch Album. Contains sketches, charcoal drawings, watercolours and newspaper clippings.


Typed pages containing humourous anecdotes, limericks, jokes, poems and letters. Also some humourous clippings and cartoons from newspapers/magazines.

Box 19

Folder 1
Invitations to Functions

Folder 2
Botanical Names – Derivation, Meaning and Pronunciation
Folder 3
Published Articles by Oakman and others.

Folder 4
Newspaper cuttings, 1958 to 196*

Folder 5
Listings of Landscape Projects

Item 6
Building Sketches

Folder 7
Correspondence 1959 – 1972

Folder 8
Notes for diary and miscellaneous notes

Item 9
*Jacaranda Pocket Guides : Trees of Australia*. H. Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Brisbane. 1962 (x 2)

Item 10
*Gardening in Queensland*. H. Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Brisbane. 1958

Item 11

Item 12
Glass plates of various landscapes

Item 13
Australian Award in Park Administration 1973. Presented to H.O. Oakman from the Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation
Item 14
Photo Album – Works of Art

Item 15
Mini Photo Album – P.P. Storm

Item 16
Mini Photo Album – Art H.O.

Item 17
Priors Pocket
Mini Photo Album – Various Landscapes

Box 20
Newspaper cuttings, 1967 to 1968

*Colourful Trees for Landscapes and Gardens in Temperate and Subtropical Regions.* Harry Oakman. Published by Angus & Robertson Ltd. 1967

*Harry Oakman’s Shrubs: The complete guide to shrubs for tropical and subtropical gardens.* Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1995

*Harry Oakman’s What Flower’s When: The complete guide to flowering times in tropical and subtropical areas.* Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1995

*Shrubs for Tropical and Subtropical Gardens.* Harry Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press. 1990

*Tropical and Subtropical Gardening.* Harry Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1975

*Tropical and Subtropical Gardening (Second Edition).* Harry Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1975

Box 21
Unidentified Large Photograph (Canberra?)

Mini Photo Album – Art and Artefacts

Mini Photo Album – Overseas

Photo Collection in Box under various headings including: Landscape, Park Trees 48-50, BCC, Plants, H.O., Brisbane International Exhibition, Monday Trips, Brisbane, People, Canberra, Sydney, R.N.A., Prior’s Pocket, Landscape, Kenmore and Paradise Point.
Parcel 22
National Capital Development Commission. *Commemorative groups of English Oak Trees*
National Capital Development Commission. *Commemorative groves*
Two aerial photographs
Assorted water colour prints
National Capital Development Commission. *Commemorative groves – Capital Hill*
National Capital Development Commission. *Landscape designs*

Box 23
Item 1
Audiocassette
Side B: Interview – Harry Oakman 25.10.95, 1946-1962

Folder 2
Personal papers, incoming correspondence and photographs

Folder 3
Correspondence and accounts on various projects

Folder 4
Personal photographs

Folder 5
Papers relating to Harry Oakman’s residence at Kenmore

Folder 6
Certificates of qualification.

Plan 1
Colour drawing. Proposed playground at Cotter Reserve, Canberra, no date.
Plan 2

Plan 3
Planting plan (colour), Bunda Street Park, National Capital Development Commission, 7 Jan. 1969.

Plan 4
Site plan (black/white), detail, Lookout Black Mountain

Plan 5
Proposed layout (colour), South Brisbane Square, Brisbane City Council: Dept of Parks. 28 Oct. 1960.

Plan 6
Sketch plan (colour), Proposed development Albert Park [Zoo], Brisbane Plan no. G.12.27, 30 Mar. 1948.

Plan 7
National Capital Development Commission. Proposed treatment of open space. Block 4, Section 26, City 1968. L.137.68

Plan 8
National Capital Development Commission. Proposed alterations rose beds Parliamentary triangle. L.30/ 66

Plan 9
Street tree shadow Lat 35 degrees South. Noon alt of sun 31 degrees at the winter solstice 21 June.

Plan 10
National Capital Development Commission. Shadows cast at noon latitude 35 degrees south Azimuth and altitudes of the sun at noon.
Plan 11
Tree shadow. Plan of shadow cast by a tree 35 feet high and 20 feet in diameter at various times of the day on Mar 21 and Sept 23 at latitude 35 degrees south.

Plan 12
Longest and shortest shadows cast by street trees 25 feet 0 inches high, Lat 35 degrees S.

Plan 13
Plan of residence for H. & M. Oakman, Kenmore Rd., Fig Tree Pocket

Plan 14
Sketch of Oakman residence

Plan 15

Plan 16
Ass. plans, Canb. Drawing

Plan 17

Plan 18
View – Canb. Black Mt. – Cotter

Plan 19
Ainslie Ave

Plan 20

Plan 21
Detail lookout
Plan 22

View of Woden

Map 1

*Melbourne showing Central City area and adjacent parks and gardens* drawn and reproduced at the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, July 1956

Map 2

*Canberra Colleges and schools, employment centres* 1:30,000 April 1981 – (shelved rolled)

Map 3

*Canberra Colleges and schools, employment centres* 1:30,000 13/11/81 – (shelved rolled)

Map 4

*Moreton Bay and adjacent*. Scale 2 miles to an inch, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Oct 1973

Map 5

*Moreton district (general purpose map)*, scale 5 miles to an inch, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Brisbane Aug 1972

Map 6

*Brisbane and suburbs*, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Brisbane, Aug 1950

Map 7

*Atlas of Australian resources, vegetation regions*, 1:6,000,000 prepared and published by Department of National Development, Canberra Jan 1955

Map 8

*Plan of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney* compiled, drawn and printed at Department of Lands, Sydney, 1921.
Map 9
Tourist map of the A.C.T., scale 1:190,080, produced by Division of National Mapping, Canberra, Nov. 1962

Map 10
New South Wales

Map 11
Qld twenty chain series, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Feb 1970

Map 12
Map of the city of Greater Newcastle, compiled and published by H.E.C.Robinson (fragile)

Poster 1
Award to May Oakman

Poster 2
Canberra Jazz Club poster “Sweet Hearts on Parade”, Canberra’s 2\textsuperscript{nd} St. Valentines’ Jazz Festival 1990.