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Fellowship of Australian Writers (Queensland Section) Collection

Size 17 boxes, 1 parcel

Contents Minutes, reports, receipts, conference reports, accounts, correspondence, financial and administrative records, newsletters and bulletins of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, Queensland Section (FAW(Q)), and some records of the Fellowship’s Redcliffe branch and national and interstate bodies. Papers, typescripts, handwritten manuscripts, newspaper cuttings and personal ephemera of FAW(Q) founding member Constance Gittins. Copies of bulletins produced by the Realist Writers’ Group Brisbane.

Date range 1917 to 2006

Biography The Queensland Section of the Fellowship of Australian Writers had its genesis in the Queensland Authors and Artists Association (QAAA), formed in Brisbane in 1921. Founding members included A.H. Davis (aka Steele Rudd), local literary identity Constance Gittins and Dr Francis Cumbrae Stewart, later appointed Professor of Law at the University of Queensland. In 1928 Davis, Mary Gilmore, John le Gay Brereton and others met in Sydney to form a national body that would foster and promote Australian writing. The new group was launched as the Fellowship of Australian Writers and the QAAA became its Queensland branch, formally adopting the title Fellowship of Australian Writers, Queensland Section, in November 1958. Over the years the FAW(Q) attracted both established and aspiring writers and played a significant role in literary events such as the Warana Writers’ Festival. It worked fraternally with other local organisations, most notably the Realist Writers’ Group and the Brisbane Writers’ Group which amalgamated with it in 1970. An affiliated writers’ fellowship was formed in Redcliffe in February 1964.

Notes Open access, except access is restricted to some material in Boxes 10 and 17. Application for access to restricted material may be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration.

Box 1
Folder 1 QAAA committee minutes, Nov 1951 to Oct 1955

Folder 2 FAW(Q) committee minutes, correspondence, reports and bulletins, Nov 1960 to Nov 1962
Folder 3
FAW(Q) and FAW Redcliffe branch committee minutes, general meeting reports and annual reports, Dec 1962 to Dec 1966

Folder 4
FAW Redcliffe branch committee minutes, general meeting reports, annual reports and correspondence, Jan 1967 to Nov 1969

Folder 5
FAW(Q) committee and general meeting minutes, general meeting reports and financial reports, Nov 1974 to Nov 1977. Includes transcript of a speech by author William Golding, delivered at a Fellowship meeting in Brisbane on 18 Mar 1975.

Folder 6
FAW(Q) committee and general meeting minutes, Feb 1978 to Nov 1982

Folder 7
FAW(Q) committee correspondence and meeting agendas and minutes, 1987

Folder 8
FAW(Q) committee meeting agendas and minutes, general meeting minutes and President’s Report, 1988

Folder 9
FAW(Q) committee meeting minutes, general meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, financial reports and President’s Report, 1989

Minute book, FAW(Q) committee meeting agenda and minutes, general meeting minutes, membership list, Secretary’s and President’s reports and financial reports, Sep 1988 to Nov 1989.

Minute Book, QAAA - FAW(Q) committee minutes, Apr 1958 to Jun 1966

Box 2
Folder 1
FAW(Q) committee meeting agendas and minutes, financial reports, correspondence and President’s Report, Jan to Oct 1990
Folder 2
FAW(Q) committee meeting agendas and minutes, general meeting minutes, financial reports and correspondence, Nov 1990 to Oct 1992

Folder 3
FAW(Q) correspondence relating to the R. Carson Gold Memorial Award, 1992

Folder 4
Papers relating to manuscripts of FAW(Q) founding member, Constance Gittins
Redcliffe branch newsletters, 1969 to 1970
Typed notes on Fellowship general business
Seminar and workshop reports
Undated meeting agendas and minutes
Membership application forms
Entry forms for ‘$1000 Short Story Competition’
Constitution and Rules of the Queensland branch

Folder 5
FAW(Q) President’s Annual Reports, 1974 to 1976, 1978 to 1981, and a financial report dated 18 Apr 1993

Folder 6
Notes and correspondence relating to a proposed new Constitution for the Fellowship and copies of Constitutions from different periods, 1992

Folder 7
Applications for membership, resignation letters, nominations for office, membership and journal subscription lists and associated correspondence, 1991 to 1992

‘Roll Book’, 1921 to 1965,
‘Register of Service’
Chronological list of office bearers, 1921 to 1953
Box 3

Income and expenditure journal, 1988 to 1992;
Cash receipt books, 1971 and 1989
Commonwealth Savings Bank Depositor's Pass Book
Phonograph record, 'With Someone Who is You', performed by Bonnie Barnett

Folder 1

Incoming FAW(Q) correspondence, 1963 to 1993, 47 letters. Includes letter dated 11 Nov 1971 from Geoff Goulet from the Right to Read Committee relating to police action against Brisbane bookseller Bill Sutton for selling *Portnoy's Complaint*.

Folder 2

Outgoing FAW(Q) correspondence, 1962 to 1968, 9 letters. Includes copy of undated letter from Dymphna Cusack as national President of the Fellowship, relating to controversy over the Commonwealth Literary Fund

Folder 3

Annual membership subscriptions and late subscriptions, 1993

Folder 4

FAW(Q) committee meeting agendas and minutes, Queensland branch balance sheets and term deposit documents, 1989 to 1993

Folder 5

Receipts and invoices, cancelled cheque, booking receipts and expense statements, 1992 to 1993

Folder 6

Invitations
Application form for 1971 Warana Writers’ Convention completed by Elizabeth Jolley
Completed Fellowship membership application
Typed notes by Treasurer J. Daniels about Brisbane Writers’ Group journal *Scope*
Typescript of 'The Genesis of the Warana Writers' Conventions' by Maida Simmons
Referendum paper on proposal to provide funds for a Cultural Centre in Fortitude Valley
Box 4

Framed and illustrated print of a poem 'From the Room of Two Windows' by E.J. Brady; with inscription 'Printed and produced by John Gartner's Hawthorn Press, specially as a favour for his friend E. J. Turner'.

Folder 1

FAW(Q) library's 'Acquisition Book', 'Library Catalogue' (2 books), shelf plan and memo regarding borrowing of books

Folder 2

Typed and handwritten poems by E. Bulcock, Harold C. Dickinson, Ernest Briggs, James Devaney and Lilian Wooster Greaves; 2 letters from Edna Carroll to 'Margaret', 1975
Correspondence between James Devaney and the editor of Scope, Margaret Connah, 1975, 5 letters
Newspaper cuttings relating to Ernest Briggs
3 posters respectively titled 'Literature', 'Drama' and 'Art'

Folder 3

Typescript of 'History of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, Redcliffe Branch, Queensland'
Typescript of 'History of the Dickens Fellowship, Brisbane' by Martha L. Young
4 copies of The School Paper published by the Education Department of Victoria (1967, 1969)

Box 5

Two handwritten manuscripts by Constance Gittins: 'Shade and Shine' (nd), comprising 20 poems, and 'M.S.S. Book No. 1' (1896), comprising 22 poems. There is also an account book detailing sales of Gittins' poems and articles from 1917 until 1927, an account book detailing gifts and sales of All Things Needful (1924), cuttings from newspaper titles annotated with verse titles, a certificate issued by Buckingham Palace to Gittins to accompany a medal commemorating the Royal Silver Jubilee on 6 May 1935, and a typescript of a speech 'The Unappeasable Mind' delivered by Ernest Briggs to the Fellowship in Brisbane on 18 April 1961.

Folder 1

Typescripts of articles, stories and an obituary by Constance Gittins, 1919 to 1931

Folder 2

Handwritten poems, commentary and transcriptions by Constance Gittins, and a newspaper cutting about the Westringia plant
Folder 3
Typescripts of poems for the ‘Window Column’ by Constance Gittins, often written under the pseudonym ‘Peter Pan’, 1924 to 1925

Folder 4
Manuscript of an early draft of ‘The Forked Stick’ by Jean Mary Scott, nd

Folder 5
Newspaper cuttings of poems and articles by Constance Gittins and her sister Gladys Jackson, 1927 to 1952

Box 6
Folder 1

Folder 2
Constitution of the Commonwealth Council of the Fellowship of Australian Writers, 1964
Bulletins of the Realist Writers’ Group Brisbane, 1965
Papers and meeting notices relating to plans to establish a United Cultural Council, 1964 to 1965
Australian Council for the Arts Interim Report to the Prime Minister (2 copies) and associated correspondence, 1973
Amnesty International notice of monthly meeting, 1973

Folder 3
Minutes and associated papers of FAW federal council, federal executive and federal council meetings, 1980 to 1982. The material is enclosed in the original folder which is inscribed with details of travel arrangements for federal conferences and contains a working draft of an amended federal constitution.

Folder 4
Newspaper cuttings relating to Queensland and Australian literary events and personalities, 1961 to 1973
Folder 5
Flyers, programmes, press releases, newspaper cuttings, bulletins and blank forms relating to the FAW(Q) and its activities and interests, 1957 to 1985

Box 7
Folder 1
FAW(Q) Annual Reports and Balance Sheets, 1960 (5 copies), 1961 (4 copies)
2 copies of AQA Xmas Magazine, 1926
Souvenir pamphlet commemorating the unveiling of the Steele Rudd Memorial at Toowong Cemetery, 14 Oct 1956
Copy of 'Writer's World' bulletin, Dec 1963
Copy of Queensland Writing, 1957
Copy of ‘Quill: Organ of the Quil Club of Australia’, Apr 1964

Folder 2
Incomplete set of FAW(Q) newsletter Fellowship News, Jun 1965 to Aug 1974
Copies of Brisbane Writers’ Group publication Anthology, 1955 to 1962

Additional copies of Fellowship News, 1965 to 1967
Additional copies of Anthology, 1955 to 1960
2 copies of Queensland Writing (1964)

Box 8
FAW 'New South Wales Members’ Bi-monthly Bulletin’, Oct 1979
FAW(Q) bulletin Fellowship News, Aug 1965
‘Tentative Programme Warana Writers’ Weekend’, Sept 1973
Copies of Spectrum, volume 1 numbers 1-6, 1969 to 1970
Box 9
Parcel of ‘Reserved’ signs
2 FAW(Q) business stamps and 3 business stamps respectively bearing the words ‘secretary’, ‘president’ and ‘not negotiable’
Parcel of white and brown dress buttons
Badge inscribed with the words ‘Pat Price, Fellowship of Australian Writers’
Warana Spring Festival letterhead
Winding handle of unknown derivation

Box 10
[Access to material in this box is restricted. Application for access to restricted material may be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration.]
Receipt books, 2001 to 2005

Folder 1
Receipts for membership and other expenses, 2002

Folder 2
Receipts for membership and other expenses, 2001

Box 11
Folder 1
Accounts, 2003

Folder 2
Accounts, 2004

Folder 3
Accounts, 2005

Folder 4
Gaming Machine – Community Benefit Fund, 1996
Folder 5
Carson Gold Short Story Competition, 1996

Folder 6
Jupiter’s Casino – Community Benefit Fund, 1996

Folder 7
Literary Walk, 1996

Folder 8
Fun Day Grant (Unsuccessful), 1996

Folder 9
Committee Meetings, 1995 and Jan 1996

Box 12
Folder 1
Grants, Applications, and Acquittals

Folder 2
Correspondence and works from Bill Rosser

Folder 3
Grants, 1996

Folder 4
Federal Council of the Fellowship of Australian Writers Conference, 1994

Folder 5
Federal Council of the Fellowship of Australian Writers Conference, 1995

Folder 6
Correspondence regarding Incorporation Application, 1996
Folder 7
Federal Council
Correspondence, Federal, 1987-1988
Minutes of the Federal Conference, 28 Feb to 1 Mar 1986
Correspondence, Agenda, and Reports, 1987 Federal Conference
Correspondence, Agenda, and Reports, 1988 Federal Conference
Correspondence and Reports, 1989 Federal Conference
Correspondence and Reports, 1990 Federal Conference
Curriculum Vitae of Clare Mendes for the position of Victorian Representative on The Young Writers Tour.
Correspondence, The Young Writers Tour, 1994-1995
Correspondence, Literature Board’s Grant to Dymocks, 18 Nov to 1 Dec 1994
Letter to J Hamilton from R Kelly, 5 Sep 1989
Letter to G Harwood from P Hamlyn, 3 Apr 1990
Letters from H Horton to Federal Presidents, 22 May 1986 to 16 Nov 1988, 14 letters
Letter (incomplete) to D Grant from person unknown, 15 Dec 1986
Letter to H Lindsay from L Moalem, 9 Dec 1986
Letter to D Grant from P Nelson, 9 Dec 1986
Letter to State Presidents from D Grant (Federal President), 15 April 1986
Letter from J Hamilton to M Bridgstock, 17 Dec 1988-16 Feb 1989, 3 letters
Letter from M Chandler to President of FAW-Q, 18 Feb 1989
Letter (Draft), to J Hamilton from person unknown, 23 Mar 1988
Letter to M.G.P. Howgate from The Treasurer of Federal Council, 12 July 1986
Letter (incomplete) to J Hamilton from FAW (Q), 3 Oct 1988
Letter to D Grant from I Templeman, Fremantle Arts Centre, 31 Oct 1986
Cover letter for Bulletin, signed J S H (J Hamilton), Feb 1987
Statement of Receipts and Payments, FAW (NSW) and FAW (Tas), 1986
President’s Report, 1987-1989
Position Paper, Symposium, 17 Nov 1986
Memo re: A National Policy for Literature, 9 Jul 1986 and 14 Aug 1986
Membership form for the National Book Council
Constitution of the Federal Council
Constitution, FAW (NT), 21 Feb 1986
Constitution, FAW (WA)
Grimm, D 1986, ‘If you can tell a yarn you can probably write it’, Centralian Advocate, 26 September, np
Notes for Federal Conference Submission by J Williams, nd
Information Sheet, FAW (NT), nd
List of branch offices across Australia, nd
Newsletter, FAW (ACT), 8 March 1989
State President’s Annual Report, FAW (WA) & (NT), 1986
Financial Statement, FAW (Q), 1986-1987
Seminar Notes, National Book Council, 23 Nov 1987
Report by D Grant re: Creative Writing Courses in WA, Feb 1987
List of Writing Courses in Victoria, Feb 1987
State Treasurer’s Report, FAW (V), 31 Dec 1986
Invoice to M Bridgstock from Griffith University, 28 Feb 1989

Box 13
Menu Options for 75th Anniversary Dinner
Summarised History of the FAW (Q), 1971-1982

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75th Anniversary

Folder 2
75th Anniversary

Folder 3
Carson Gold Short Story Competition Winners

Folder 4
Carson Gold Short Story Competition
Folder 5
Carson Gold Short Story Competition-Old Notes

Folder 6
Miscellaneous, 1997-1998

Folder 7
Minutes, 1997-1998; includes Minutes from Federal Conference 1998

Folder 8
Minutes and Planning, 2003-2004

Box 14
Receipt books from 17 Nov 1989 - 8 Jan 1997

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Folder 2
Minutes, 1981 and 1990-1992

Folder 3
Minutes, 1991-1993

Folder 4

Folder 5
Minutes, 1996-2000

Folder 6
Minutes, 2000-2002
Box 15
Guest Book from the 75th Anniversary, 13 Jul 1996

Folder 1
Correspondence, 1983-1984

Folder 2
Correspondence, 1989-1990

Folder 3
Correspondence, 1990-1991

Folder 4
Correspondence, 1992-1993

Folder 5
Correspondence, 1994-1998 continue

Folder 6
Correspondence 1994-1998

Folder 7
Correspondence, 1999-2006

Box 16
Carson Gold Deposit Book, 1996

Folder 1
Documentation, 1996-1997

Folder 2
Treasurer's Reports, 1996-2002
Folder 3  
Accounts, 1994-1995

Folder 4  
Accounts, Feb 1995-Jul 1996

Folder 5  

Folder 6  

Folder 7  
Accounts Jan 1999-Nov 1999

Folder 8  
Miscellaneous

Box 17

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Credit Listing Bank Book - Duplicate, nd
Credit Listing Bank Book – Triplicate, nd
Credit Listing Bank Book – Duplicate, 1994-1996
List of Attendance at Meetings Book, 1984-1993
Carson Gold Receipts, 1996
Receipt Book, 1993-1996
Correspondence Register, 8 Dec 1988-21 Aug 1990
Correspondence Register, 29 Aug 1990-15 Aug 1992
Correspondence Register, 15 Aug 1992-15 Nov 1992
Minutes, 18 Nov 1986-16 Aug 1988
Folder 1
Publication Active Voices, 2 Jun-1 Jul 2000

Folder 2
Treasurer’s Reports, 1991

Folder 3
Deposit Correspondence, Jan 1994

Folder 4
Request for Sponsorship, 1999

Folder 5
Correspondence and Life Members, 1992-1994

Folder 6

Parcel 1
FAW (Q) 75th Anniversary Plaque