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Carole Ferrier Collection

Size 8 boxes

Contents Pamphlets, bulletins, newsletters, political ephemera, newspaper cuttings and political documents relating to protest politics and culture in Brisbane from the 1970s; debates and issues within the International Socialists and Socialist Action; and research work on Jean Devanny.

Date range 1963-2007

Biography Carole Ferrier (nee Westwood) was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire, England on 18 February 1946. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours from the University of London externally after moving to New Zealand. She gained her PhD from the University of Auckland. Ferrier arrived in Australia in January 1973 from New Zealand to teach English at the University of Queensland. In the 1970s and 1980s she was an active participant in the radical activities in Brisbanes and was arrested over 30 times. Her prominent opposition to the Bjelke-Petersen government brought her to the attention of the Special Branch of the Queensland Police Force, and she was the subject of ongoing surveillance and harassment. Ferrier was a member of the International Socialists and a founding member of Socialist Action and the Queensland Coalition for Democratic Rights. She was involved in Brisbane community radio station 4ZZZ during its early years, and she played a leading role over many years in campaigns for civil liberties and the rights of women, Aborigines and workers. In 1975, she was a founding editor of the feminist journal ‘Hecate: A women's Interdisciplinary Journal’. She has presented papers at over 70 conferences, published more than a hundred journal articles and book chapters, and written a biography on Jean Devanny.


Notes Unrestricted access

The collection was rehoused in 2019 and box numbers were reallocated. Refer to the chart at the end of this listing to convert old box numbers to new numbers.

Where appropriate, publications have been removed and catalogued separately or discarded
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Nuruderi’s [Budjah (Nurunderi) Davidson] Aboriginal art expo, “Eternal stories series” with photograph of artwork from the exhibition and an inscription to Carole Ferrier from Leonard

Handwritten notes, back to back on various flyers, [possibly an article draft]

Pamphlet for book launch of “Law in Disorder”, [1977]

Pamphlet for ‘No Words, no power Queensland Tour’ of Geoff Goodfellow, 1997

Pamphlet for book launch of “These things shall be”, 1988

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Folder 3
Leaflet by DRAC (Democratic Rights Activist Club) to picket against the Drugs Misuse Bill, 18 Aug 19??

Folder 4
‘Black Women’s Action’, 1987

Liberal and National Parties of Australia, Policy statement Aboriginal Affairs, undated


‘Committee to Defend Black Rights Newsletter’, December 1985

ATSILS, Submission proposal for one year training course for Aboriginal paralegals at Queensland University, undated, [handwritten annotations]

Photocopy of ‘Draft treaty as requested by Aboriginal National Coalition on 21 July 1987 for the consideration of the Aboriginal Sovereign People for comment and input’ [Treaty ’88], 1987 [with markings]


FAUSA 1981, Report of working party on Aboriginal Education, FAUSA, South Melbourne

Article by Abschol, ‘The Aboriginal and Island Affairs Act of 1965’, undated

Article, ‘A Proposal to Replace the Aboriginal Affairs Act of Queensland’, [undated]

Pamphlets, leaflets and newspaper cuttings related to Aboriginals in Australia.

Folder 5

Newspaper cuttings, mainly on policing and Indigenous issues, 1975 to 1992

Folder 6

Photocopy of article by Cochran, Judith, [197-?] ‘Some images of Women in east African fiction’, 16 leaves

Photocopy of article by Biggs, A [198-?], ‘AIDS Five years on: Is the Grim Reaper starting to bore Australians?’, [6 leaves]

Photocopy of a paper [possibly presented at the Conference on Black Literatures, University of Queensland], which begins “In the 1982 Australian film “We of the Never-Never”…. ” [26 leaves], [1988]

Folder 7
Media release by Pauline Hanson, 14 Jun 1996

Newspaper cuttings on Pauline Hanson, 1998

Folder 8
‘The Socialist Experience’, no 1, undated, [includes notes on verso of cover]

‘Cocabolas Funny picture Book’ [with letter inside front cover from Pamela Brown to Carole Ferrier]

Untitled book of poetry with poems by Fred Fletcher, K Leftwich, Gregory T Johnson, Janice Johnson, Pauline Nawia, Ron Day, and Alice Tabuai

Folder 9
Political pamphlets and leaflets, newspaper cuttings relating to civil rights in Queensland, abortion, the ‘Joh era’, Queensland Police Special Branch, cleaning bans at University of Queensland, International Socialists, and unions.

‘Civil Liberties 77-79: Perspectives’

Template for leaflet ‘fight the cuts’

List of names and phone numbers for Queensland Coalition for Democratic Rights

Letter from Police Complaints Tribunal to Carole Ferrier, 15 Jun 1983
Folder 10
Articles, stickers, correspondence, notes, leaflets, handwritten notes, newspaper cuttings relating to/from the Queensland Academics for Human rights, Communist Party of Australia, civil rights, strike laws, union rights, Queensland Electrical Trades Union, Queensland police, and Queensland Coalition for Democratic Rights.

Folder 11
Communique from the Canberra Conference on Namibia, Canberra 30 August to 1 September 1985

Correspondence, pamphlets, handwritten notes, newsletters relating to/from Socialist Action, and Trade Union Rights

Folder 12
Untitled photocopy marked ‘1970s’

Pamphlets, newspaper cuttings, photocopies of articles, and correspondence

Folder 13
‘National News’, no 51, Mar 1981 [handwritten notes on back page]

Correspondence and pamphlets relating to Ireland, c1981

Folder 14
Correspondence, pamphlets, newspaper clippings relating to/from the International Socialists Students, education cuts, ‘Razor Gang’, tuition fees, University of Queensland cleaners, and civil liberties, c1980s

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‘ANU Archives of Business and labour, List of Holdings’, October 1985 [handwritten annotations on cover]

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‘Draft prospectus for a rank and file industrial bulletin’, with handwritten notes, 5 p, undated

‘Women’s Rights newsletter’, c1970s [notes regarding semester events on last page]

International Socialists Women’s Caucus [c1976], Why is our Movement in Crisis? [with handwritten notes]

Flyer for funding appeal for film ‘For love or money’ (the women and work film), undated, 4 pages
Brochure for International Women’s Day March on March 11, undated, 4 pages

‘Sexism in the University’ written by Jean Curthoys, Anne Summers and Liz Fell, [1973?]

Pamphlets, flyers, newspaper cuttings relating to women’s liberation movement, c1970s

Folder 2
Newspaper cuttings, FM Broadcasting Licence submission, correspondence relating to 4ZZZ, c1975

Folder 3
Newsletters, pamphlets, flyers, reports, minutes, motions, newspapers/newspaper cuttings, articles relating to the political organisation Socialist Action, 1985-1991 [notes and annotations]

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Red Rag, newsletter of Socialist Action’s University of Queensland club, 1988-1989

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Papers relating to the political organisation International Socialists, 1977-1980

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Minutes and reports of Brisbane Branch of the International Socialists, 1980-1983

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Article about socialism, with handwritten note from Tom O’Lincoln, undated

Folder 2
Correspondence, notes, budgets, programs and other papers relating to the Point of Change conference, University of Queensland, 11-13 Jul 1996

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Internal documents of the International Socialists, mostly relating to positions adopted by the National Executive, 1981-1984

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Internal documents by and against the Interventionist Faction of the International Socialists, 1984

Folder 6
Documents relating to drafting a charter for the New Left Party, 1988

Folder 7
Internal documents of the International Socialists, mainly relating to factional disputes, 1984

Folder 8
Documents relating to the functions and operations of the Victoria Police Special Branch, 1983-1987

Folder 9
A.C.O.A. (Administrative and Clerical Officers Association) – Fraction report and an AGM flyer (to support the GERAFA (Government Employees Rank And File Activists) motions), c1978

Folder 10
Handwritten notes on various political topics, undated

Folder 11
Correspondence, mainly relating to disputes within the International Socialists in 1984 and 1985, and debates in 1988 about fusing the International Socialists and Socialist Action, 1977-1988

Folder 12
Mailing list and address labels of the Fightback Committee, 1985

Signed petitions concerning the sacking of SEQEB [South East Queensland Electricity Board] workers, 1985

Invitation list to opening screening of the documentary ‘Friends and Enemies’, c1988

Membership and mailing lists for the Democratic Rights Activist Club, University of Queensland, c1985

Queensland: Fight to Live, Live to Fight, West End, Brisbane: Media Action Campaign, c1980 [with handwritten notes inserted]

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Newspaper cuttings, leaflets and bulletins concerning the struggle for civil liberties in Queensland, 1977-1978

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Newspaper cuttings, notes, leaflets and bulletins concerning Queensland civil liberties, human rights, trade unions, education funding, abortion, the ‘Razor Gang’, Joh Bjelke-Petersen, ‘University of Queensland Thought Police’, and political protests, 1977-1978
Folder 2
Leaflets, statements and newspaper cuttings concerning Brisbane May Day march, c1977

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Court Statement by Carole Ferrier about an incident that occurred in King George Square during a rally organised by the British Troops Out of Ireland Committee, 5 May 1981 [with handwritten notes]

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Correspondence, articles, leaflets and newspaper cuttings concerning Aboriginal land rights, 1986-1998

Folder 6
Brisbane Indigenous Media Association, application for a ‘S’ class Radio Broadcasting Licence, Brisbane, 1989

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Articles and notes concerning racial identity, 1980-1995

Folder 8
Articles, notes, leaflets, correspondence, and newspaper cuttings relating to Ireland’s resistance to British rule, 1978-1987

Folder 9
Correspondence, minutes and bulletins of Australian Aid for Ireland, Brisbane, 1988

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Newsletters, leaflets, notes, and journals of the women’s and gay liberation movements (international and Australian), women’s studies, 1973-1988

Folder 11
Women and Labour Conference minutes, papers, correspondence and bulletins, 1978-1984

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Research material and notes for article about Katherine Susannah Pritchard, 1963-198?

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Two research papers relating to Katherine Susannah Pritchard, 1989

Folder 3
Articles of literary criticism, 1967-1993 [some markings and notes]

Folder 4
Articles about Doris Lessing, 1988-1989
Folder 5
Documents relating to events at the University of Queensland, student union reform, Academic Staff Association communications, Academic Board communications, c1980s to 2002

Photocopy of letter to Ian Syson from Arena journal, 18 Jun 1991

Folder 6
Handwritten summaries of ABC programs recorded for use in women’s studies course material, 1998

Folder 7
Papers relating to Queensland politics and Brisbane branch of Socialist Action, 1988

Folder 8
Photocopy of handwritten recollection of Jean Devanny, 2 leaves, author unknown, undated

Photocopies of handwritten accounts of working life in the cane industry:
- ‘The Knife and the Shoulder Era’, 5 leaves, author unknown, undated
- ‘Crisis Time’, 6 leaves, author unknown, undated
- ‘Cane’, 2 leaves, author unknown, undated
- ‘SOS: the Eccentric Canecutter’, 6 leaves, author unknown, undated

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Centenary of Women’s Suffrage Taskforce meeting agendas, minutes, correspondence, event programmes, brochures, badge, booklets, 2005.

Folder 10
Leaflets, correspondence, relating to the University of Queensland, International Socialist Club, 1980 to 2005

Folder 11
Leaflets relating to International Socialists Ipswich election campaign, I.S. Club, Workers against nuclear energy film night, Malcolm Fraser, c1980s [handwritten notes on some pages]

Folder 12
Reports, minutes, agendas, discussion papers, correspondence, campaign leaflets, proposals, leaflets, opinions, resolutions relating to various political associations and groups including the International Socialists (state & National Executive (N.E.) branches), Socialist Women’s Action Group, Civil Liberties Co-ordinating Committee, Fraction Meetings, Trade Union Civil Liberties Committee. Topics of reports include:- abortion, workers’ & women’s rights & suffrage, sexual politics, rape, wage cuts, electioneering, nuclear power, uranium, right to demonstrate, capitalism, Marxism, industrial strikes, Aboriginal justice.

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Scrapbook, ‘CF’s Special Branch Files file’, includes newspaper cuttings, press releases and correspondence, 1989 to 1993

Folder 15
Correspondence between Terry Fisher & Company Solicitors and Queensland Police Freedom of Information Unit, 1993 to 1995

Redacted copy of Ferrier’s Police Special Branch file

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Correspondence and material relating to Special Branch Files, 1989 to 1994

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Photocopies of correspondence and released Special Branch files, with handwritten notes, 1975 to 1990

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Newspaper cuttings, photocopies of journal articles, leaflets and pamphlets relating to Maritime Union of Australia dispute, 1998

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Newspaper cuttings, handwritten notes, member lists, pamphlets, and leaflets relating to Aboriginal rights, land rights, and the Commonwealth Games, 1981 to 1983

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Newspaper cuttings, handwritten notes, leaflets and pamphlets relating to Queensland civil liberties and use of force by police, 1980s

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Letter from Carole Ferrier to Hughie re Radical Brisbane, 22 Jun 2004

Copy of b&w photograph of Australian Women Against Rape demonstration, 28 May 1976
Newspaper cuttings relating to Queensland police, 1989 to 1994

Folder 3
Photographs and letter from Roy Dalgarno for Point of Change, 1998
Folder 4
Invitation to premiere of film *Camille Claudel*, with handwritten note about the bus tour, 23 Aug 1990

Flier for Bus Tour of Historic Sites, Marxism Conference, 12 Jul 1996

Program for Combined Unions Choir presents ‘Workers on the Water’, 24 Oct 1999

Folder 5
Correspondence and drafts of *Angry Women: an anthology of Australian women’s writing*, 1983 to 1989

Folder 6
Letter to Carole Ferrier from Dorothy Jones regarding women’s study courses, with enclosed University of Wollongong course outline, 23 Feb 1975

Leaflet on seminar ‘Women and literature’ by Carole Ferrier in New Plymouth, N.Z on 22-23 July 1972

Students against extremism leaflet titled ‘Pink Fascists on campus: Ferral Carrier and the thought police attack free speech’, undated

Folder 7
Newspaper cuttings, printouts from the internet, and journal articles relating to Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, 2005

Folder 8
Durel, Patrick, ‘Redefining the textual condition: stakes and struggles in the literary field’, typescript, 16pp. Accompanied by handwritten letter from Patrick.

‘Women’s liberation 1965 Regatta Hotel, Coronation Drive’, typescript, 7pp

Stephenson, Peta, ‘Cross-cultural alliances: exploring Aboriginal/Asian literary and cultural production’, photocopied typescript

Stephenson, Peta, ‘Inter/Acting ‘others’: cross-cultural exchanges between Indigenous and ‘Asian’ Australians, photocopied typescript, 14 pp

Folder 9
Correspondence, fliers and cuttings relating to Geoff Goodfellow, 2002

Folder 10
Communists and the Labour Movement Conference programme and biographies of participants, 23 to 24 Aug [c1980s]

Folder 11
Agenda, School of English, Media Studies and Art History School Consultative Committee, 21 Oct 2005 and fliers for events
Folder 12
Newspaper cuttings relating to Manning Clark and communism, 1996 to 1998

Folder 13
Handwritten notes on Rosa Luxemburg, [1988]

Social Action Club Flier for talk by Carole Ferrier on Rosa Luxemburg, 22 Feb [1988]

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Letter from Professor Alan Rix, Chair, Humanities Tenure and Promotion Sub-committee, to Carole Ferrier, 17 Nov 1992

Folder 15
Petitions and correspondence, 1989 to 1994

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‘From Laurie Dockerty to Polly Perkins: Creating heroines in Australian Plays’ by Dorothy Hewett, typescript with handwritten annotations, 9pp, [undated]

Folder 2
‘Interview with Dorothy Hewett by Michael Denholm’, typescript with handwritten annotations, 16 Mar 1978

Folder 3
Dorothy Hewett, Bibliography, typescript with handwritten annotations [undated]

Photocopied journal article, Hewett, Dorothy, ‘Writer’s View’, Theatre Australia, September 1979, pp.15-16

Newspaper cuttings relating to Dorothy Hewett’s plays and reviews by Dorothy Hewett, 1972 to 1981

Folder 4
Letters to Carole Ferrier from Roberta Sykes, 8 letters, 1989 to 1991
Letter to John Frow from Tom Shapcott, 5 Oct 1989
Letters to John Frow from Margot Hilton, 2 letters, 1991
Letter to Margot Hilton from Carole Ferrier, 11 Jan 1992
Letter to Roberta Sykes from [Carole Ferrier], 11 Jan 1992
Facsimile to Carole Ferrier from Jeff Sipek, 7 Mar 1990
Photocopies of UQ college accommodation information
Memorandum to all staff and postgraduate students re writer in residence Roberta Sykes [undated]
Copy of Application form for Writer in Residence, Literature Board, Australia Council
Copy of program for Dr R Sykes as Visiting Writer to the University of Queensland English Department

Sykes, Roberta, ‘Staying Put’, *ALR*, July 1990, p.44

**Folder 5**

Letters to Carole Ferrier from Valerie Miner, 6 letters, 1987 to 1988
Letter to Bronwen Levy from Valerie Miner, 30 Aug 1987
Photocopy of blurbs and endorsements of Valerie Miner’s publications
Copy of Valerie Miner’s Curriculum Vitae
Printed copy of Valerie Miner’s bio
Printed copy of Valerie Miner’s Australia Itinerary

Two postcards to Carole Ferrier from Valerie Miner, one dated 31 May 1988

**Folder 6**

Letter to Carole Ferrier from Wanda Coleman [includes photocopy of article about Coleman’s poetry workshop], 16 Dec 1986
Letter to Carole Ferrier from Vera Bradley [includes typescript with handwritten annotations and copy of other correspondence], 24 Feb 1995
Letter to Carole Ferrier from Rosemary Cameron (Director, Brisbane Writers Festival), 22 Oct 2003
Letter to Carole Ferrier from John Hay (Vice Chancellor, The University of Queensland), 17 Feb 2004
Letter to Carole Ferrier from Ray Sprecht [includes copy of Leopold Conrad biographical information, Lyceym Club information and photocopy of Courier Mail newspaper cutting] 26 Sep 2007
Greeting card to Carole Ferrier from [Vee] Murdocoh, [4 Feb]
Letter to Jane Sunderland from Kylie Tennant [undated]

**Folder 7**

Letters to Harold White from Christina Stead, 6 letters, 1980 to 1981
Postcards to Harold White from Christina Stead, 2 postcards, 1982
Greeting card to Harold White from Christina Stead, 1981
Greeting card with pressed flower to Harold White from Chistina Stead, [undated]
Christmas card to Harold White form Christina Stead, [undated]

Notes [written by Harold white], [undated]

**Folder 8**

Chisholm, Anne ‘Christina Stead at 80 and Still Writing’ *The Sydney Bulletin*, Jul 22 1983, typescript with handwritten annotations
Stead, Christina, ‘Seven Poor Men of Sydney’ typescript with handwritten annotations, 5 p., [undated]

Folder 9
Order of service for funeral of Audrey May Evans, Dec 2000
Invitation to launch of special edition of Social Alternatives journal, 1 Sept 2005
Campus Review, May 13 to 19, 1998, pp. 4 to 5, 23 to 24
Bagworth, Pamela, ‘Desire in Disarray: Who’s Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?’, typescript, [undated]
Photocopy from Grassroots Murri Action Group
Photocopy of newspaper cutting ‘Apologies Not Enough, Say Grieving Relatives’ The Australian 14 to 15 Mar 1992, p.3
Photocopy of newspaper cutting ‘Black Vocalist Sings the Blues Over Colour Bar’, [undated]
Facsimile from Australian Socialist movement to Queensland AIDS Council, 22 Feb 1996
Letter to T Sherman (Electoral and Administrative Review Commission) from Kay Rinders (Staff Officer, Deputy Commissioner) [attached copy of paper to be delivered by Deputy Commissioner D L Blizzard], 11 Sept 1990
Copies of Public Submissions and Comments in Response to the ‘Review of the Public Assembly Law’. Responses from Moreton Shire Council, Gatton Shire Council and Brisbane residents, Aug 1990
Perrier, Phil ‘Advance Australia Fair’ booklet containing text and drawings by Phil Perrier [Brisbane working class poet and Queensland Aboriginal Activist]
Ross, Edgar Argent, ‘Edgar Argent Ross: His Life’, bound typescript, 1993

Folder 10
Letter from Pat Jourdan which was accompanied by a copy of The Bedsit (catalogued separately), 4 Oct 2002
Letter from Angela Costi which was accompanied by honey & salt (catalogued separately), 30 Aug 2007

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Photocopied letter from Mary Murnane to Patricia Hurd [Jean Devanny’s daughter] with amendment suggestions, 11 Nov 1979

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