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Irene McCawley Photographs

Size
1 album [in the order and with the numbering supplied by McCawley]

Contents
Photographs and photographic negatives

Date range
1939 – 2002

Biography
Irene ‘Rena’ Deborah McCawley (nee Collas) was born on 22 June 1916 in Petrograd (now St Petersburg) in Russia, to a Russian mother (Nadezhda) and a British father (Laurence Collas). The family fled to Riga in Latvia in 1918 and migrated to Australia in September 1927. Her father Laurence Collas established a photography business in Stanthorpe, Queensland, and from a young age Irene assisted him. In ca. 1939 she married Leo McCawley. The couple had two sons. McCawley took up photography again in the 1940s. After WWII she worked for *The Courier Mail* for a while, and then set up her photography business *Cameo Photos* at 46 Martha St in Camp Hill, Brisbane. In the 1960s she worked as a photographer in the foyer of Her Majesty’s Theatre. In the 1970s she documented women’s liberation demonstrations in Brisbane. In the early 1990s, she travelled the world after her husband’s death and moved to Canberra. She remained active into old age and in September 2016 a retrospective exhibition of her work was held at Canberra Artworks, in Phillip, Canberra. Irene McCawley died aged 101 on 21 February 2018.

Notes
Unrestricted access

**Album 1**
Photographs, captioned. Supplied captions in square brackets.


4. Molly Turner Shaw [seated on Norm’s Seat, a bench named after Norman Rahnsleben, 1987

5. Buddhist Temple, Brisbane, 2002

6. *Calendula*, a country cottage at Glen Aplin, Qld, Oct 1996

7. Pt Lookout, Stradbroke Is, [1995]

8. Frenchman’s Beach on Stradbroke Island, 1995
9. Jack Jones and his Maureen, long time inhabitants of Pt. Lookout, nd
10. Amity Pt Stradbroke Island, c1960s
11. The novice skaters, Brisbane, nd
12. The Roma St produce markets were moved – now a large park, c1978
13. [Photograph of monument in Cooktown], nd
14. On Stradbroke Is – house being transported from the mainland, c1970s
15. [Truck], nd
16. Street fair, Brisbane, 1992
17. Stradbroke Isld, Qld, nd
18. [Brisbane Subway Band], nd
19. [Mural on toilet block], nd
20. Xanthorrhoeas on the Darlington Range, Qld, 1992
22. [Bob Hawke] before he became PM, nd
23. House, Brisbane, nd
24. A remnant of gone by days on the range above Canungra, Qld, nd
25. Stradbroke Island, Amity Pt with Estelle and Hector Bertossi, 1999
26. [Denis Murphy and Gough Whitlam], c1975
27. [Nurse and patient], nd
28. [Boy and girl], nd
29. St George – Dragon festival, 1967
30. Wedding on a cattle station in Qld, nd
31. Norma Nord at a roadside stall in Brisbane, nd
32. Carl Hare with his pencil portraits, Brisbane, [1966?]
33. Marcia Langton in front of St John’s Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane’, c1970
Colour and black & white negatives, various formats

1. Group of nurse students at Brisbane Royal Hospital, Bowen Hills, 1 negative, 1942
2. Celebration of the birthday of Professor Colin Mackerras, Brisbane, 12 negatives, 1992
4. The fisherman's friend, Worm Lady' at Pt Lookout, Qld, 2 negatives, 1956
5. Australian soldiers in transport, 4 negatives, 1942
6. Brisbane – Roma St – transformation, 12 negatives, c1960s
7. Photographic travelling exhibition ‘Women by women’, Brisbane, 10 negatives, c1970
8. Family living on Stradbroke Is, Qld, Includes photographs of children taken at Centenary Pool, Spring Hill. 8 negatives, 1969
9. Greek dancers at Kelvin Grove College. Barbara Robson, ALP for Moreton campaign, 3 negatives, nd
10. Albert Robinson and his wife Eva [Bacon], prominent Communist in Brisbane, 3 negatives, nd
11. Women’s House, Sydney, 4 negatives, 1971
12. Daly – wedding of Barbara Bacon, (daughter of Ted Robinson & Eva Bacon), 5 negatives, nd
13. Baxendell's farm, street theatre, goats and kid, 5 negatives, 1976
14. Ernie Lane at his Currumbin cottag, 1 negative, 1945
15. The captain of the Mirama, Stradbroke Island, Qld, 3 negatives, 1939
16. Marcia Langton, taken when she was a student, Brisbane, 3 negatives and one print from negative, c1970
17. Brisbane under construction, 1 negative, 1972
18. Brisbane in the 50s, backyard party and Hills Hoist, 8 negatives, c1950s
19. Anti-uranium demo, Brisbane, 15 negatives, nd
20. Feminist rally, Brisbane, May 1979, 12 negatives, 1979
21. Women’s lib demo, Brisbane, with Margaret Roadknight, 3 negatives, [1970s?]
6 strips of ‘120’ medium format black and white negatives

1. No. 3843. Elvis Presley at the cinema. 16 images of theatre patrons posing with Elvis Presley cut-out figure, 5 Dec 1963

2. No. 6676. Fashion parade Brisbane. 16 images, 1 Nov 1966

3. No. 3695. 5 images of theatre patrons, 28 Aug 1963

4. No. 3715. Ethnic festival, Brisbane. 16 images, 7 Oct 1963

5. No. 6425. V Her Majesty’s Theatre, Brisbane, foyer. 16 images of theatre patrons in foyer, 12 May 1966

6. No. 6425A. Wintergarden Theatre Brisbane 1964. 6 images of entrance to Wintergarden Theatre for premiere of *The man who came in from the cold*, Brisbane and 7 images of young man in graduation dress, 1964