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Robert Michell collection

**Size** 4 boxes

**Contents** Papers relating to the Queensland Folk Federation and folk festivals: correspondence; posters; newspaper clippings; song lyrics; record lists; business correspondence of Queensland Folk Festival; minutes of meetings; miscellaneous folk festival programmes; audio tapes of oral history interviews and performances.

**Notes** Open access

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**Box 1**

**Words of songs**

Variety of format - typewritten copies, clippings from newspapers, roneoed sheets, handwritten pages

Mainly words of songs, although a number of newspaper clippings have some music as well as words ie

- Arthur McBride and the Sergeant
- Ballad of Edgar Cooke
- The bold grenadier
- Caledonia
- The Canberra blues
- Cutting a monkey
- Farewell to Greta
- The girls of Tasmania
- The land where the crow flies backwards
- The ward? of Australia
- The wild colonial boy (2 copies from 2 different sources) - words very little music
glossary of words

Photocopy of a number of Australian songs eg Dying stockman and another of Christmas carols (St John's Cathedral, Brisbane)

**Posters of festivals**

1. Wagga folk. 6th annual Wagga Folk Festival 4-7 October 1974 (2 copies)
2. City Hall Brisbane - Folk concert. Four Capitals singers (organised by Trades
3. The Australian Folk Song Festival 11th-18th May (what year?), Carlton Melbourne
4. Pete Seeger, at Festival Hall
5. Four capitals folk song
6. Four capitals folk song
7. 6th Newcastle Folk Festival June 10-13, 1977
8. 2nd Moreton Bay Folk Festival, 9-11th June, 1973

Folk Concert and Festival programmes and pamphlets in Australia & New Zealand

1. New host city Ramblers (US group) - undated (Aust)
2. Taurewa Village New Year Traditional Folk Festival (undated) (NZ)
3. Port Jackson Folk Festival, Jan 1970
4. Port Phillip Folk Festival, Jan 1968
5. Pete Seeger – Melbourne, Sep 1963
6. 1963 (Aug) Folklore festival, Brisbane
7. [Your copy of youth and unions] Souvenir programme of concert tour - Four capitals Folk song
8. Corrected souvenir programme of Peter Seeger with a note on cover "Wendy -
errors in this one of no consequence now. But I thought for future reference these
corrections should be made - Peter"
9. Queensland Folklore Society presents a folk song festival - programme
   (undated)
10. Look East - Folk 1974 (list of English Folk Festivals in East Anglia)
11. 8th Australian National Folk Festival, Easter 1974 - Programmes

Information sheets

8th National Australian Folk Festival Information sheets no 2 - 12th April 1974 (3 copies)

Newsletters (1 folder)

Queensland Folk Federation Newsletters
1. 22/3/73 (2 copies)
2. 11/4/73 (2 copies)
3. 3/5/73
4. 17/5/73 (6 copies)
5. 31/5/73 (3 copies)
6. 28/6/73 (3 copies)
7. 12/7/73 (2 copies)
8. 26/7/73 (8 copies)
9. 17/8/73
10. 15/9/73
11. 18/10/73
12. 5/1/73 (2 copies)
14. 11/1/74
15. 14/2/74 (2 copies)
16. 28/3/74

May 1974
June 1974
July 1974
August 1974
September 1974
October 1974 (2 copies)
November 1974
December 1974
February 1975
March 1975
May - June 1975
August 1975
September 1975
October 1975
November - December 1975

January - February 1976
March - April 1976
May 1976
June 1976
July 1976
September 1976
December 1976

January 1977
February 1977
March 1977
May 1977
March 1978 (3 copies)
August 1978
Annual Report for 1977
Queensland Folk Federation Press Release re Second Moreton Bay Folk Festival (2 copies)

Correspondence

10 April 1974. Brisbane City Council, Department of Transport. Also contains rates for bus sticker advertising
12 October 1967. New Zealand Folklore Society (per S M Harris – honorary secretary) to R Mitchell. Re : Thanks for hospitality extended to chairman (Frank Tyfe) on recent Brisbane visit
9 June 1966. Ron G Edwards, Holloways Beach, ('Marco Polo' chronicle), North
Queensland to R Mitchell
Undated. Circular letter from Australian Language Research Centre, English Department, University of New South Wales (Robert D Eagleson, Secretary). Re: Work of recently formed centre

Catalogues and lists of recorded folk and blues music

Folkways Records - list of Pete Seeger recordings
Booklet. Fret measurements for stringed instruments. 1972 (2 copies)
Kiwi Record catalogue 1966-67

Press cuttings (2 folders)
Topics of interest to folk club
Reviews of books, recordings, festivals and concerts

News items about personalities (eg Burl Ives) and activities (grants to Australian National Folk Trust)
Many local (Brisbane and Queensland) items from New Zealand and Australian magazines and newspapers

Miscellaneous

"Notes on New Zealand folklore" - leaflets published by New Zealand Folk lore society
Copy of Fokal published by Coonban Folk Club, Brisbane - 1st ed? - pre 1966

Semper Floreat Second Term Review. 4 August 1964. (3 copies)

Notes for the Folklore Society of Queensland by Ernest Briggs - 6 July 1964. His comments on the first folk concert given by the Society at City Hall.

Box 2

1. Queensland Folk Federation

Correspondence : Field workers in Folklore (1 folder). Folklore conference. Letters etc re organising the above conference mainly dated 1973 (includes letter from Wendy Lowenstein)
Copies of thank-you letters sent to media in Queensland for helping to publicize 8th Australian National Folk Festival

2. Correspondence general
Letter from English Folk Dance and Song Society thanking Mitchell for donation and subscription.
Two lists of references of books of songs
Various other letters, most dated 1975-76
Photocopy of balance sheet (1974-75) of QFF
Queensland Folk Federation Broadsheet Reports (for 1974)
Statement of earnings of National Folk Trust Fund (employee: ABC) 1974
Summary list of some tapes held by QFF on R. Mitchell
Copy of constitution

3. QFF 'old' correspondence

General enquiries (1 folder)

Box 3

Queensland Folk Federation

Includes several pamphlets (eg English Folk Dance and Song Society), miscellaneous material.
QFF Miscellaneous
More QFF correspondence
Newsletters (QFF)
Photocopies of newspaper cuttings (eg of Margaret Roadnight, Bob Hudson)
Copy of constitution

NSW Folk Federation: Port Jackson Festival Committee (1 folder)

Newsletters, minutes and notification of meetings (held in 1970), reports of chairman, treasurer, trustees, balance sheets
Correspondence from members of NSWFF to Mitchell

Lloyd, A L. (1 folder). See also box 3 for folder of more A L Lloyd publicity

Press clippings - mainly 1970
Publicity sheets and small posters
2 black and white photos of Lloyd (at a party?) - no identification
Drafts for publicity sheets

Correspondence from Mitchell to Lloyd. 13 Dec 1970. (Copy)
Correspondence from People's bookshop, Valley re Lloyd's visit
Reply from Lloyd to Mitchell (Thank you note for making stay in Qld a pleasant one)

Bill and correspondence etc - expenditure on publicity for Lloyd
Pen carbon book of correspondence from Mitchell, various people
Moreton Bay Folk Festival (MBFF)

Constitution, newsletters. 1976. (1 folder)
8th Australian Folk Festival Information sheet no 2 (several copies)
QFF Newsletter Nov 1977
Copy of letter sent to Justice Department. 2 July 1968. Re: recognition as an approved organisation

Circulars etc (1 folder)

Draft of programme
Notes for public meeting (20 March 1968)
Poster of Moreton Bay Folk Festival (1969 - Easter Sunday) - handmade poster

3: Moreton Bay Festival Research File

Plan of stage
Suggested outline of concert program
Photocopy of various pages (pp 166-167; 610-614 (re Captain Logan)) of Genesis of Queensland

Various handwritten notes and references

Photocopy of words of:
Enabalong Ball
The old keg of Rum
The hut that's upside down
Give me a hut (source: Ms Newitt of Bundaberg) (2 copies)
The old bullock dray
Click go the shears
Bill B...
The big gum shearer
The dying stockman
The old Palmer song
On the peg
Bold Jack Donahue
Bullocky-O
Gilliat Mug the cook (some bars of music)
John Mitchel
The Drover's dream
Australia's on the wallaby
One of the has-beens
The billy goat overland
Across the Western Plains
A gum tree canoe
The Bullockies Ball
Handwritten version of the _Convict's Lament_

Photocopies of several old proclamations and reward notices

**Box 4**

1. **Correspondence with Ron Edwards (1 folder)**


Copy of number of songs eg A shearer came to a blackleg shed; The broken down cane cutter

2. **Correspondence (miscellaneous)**

3. **Hobos, tramps etc (1 folder)**

Draft copies of a talk on hobos, bums, sundowners and swaggies

Copy of an article : Folk Festivals in Australia (1974)

Handwritten copies of various _songs_ about tramps etc
The big rock candy mountain
Pentland (Portland?) jail
All around the water tank
Wabash cannonball
Ramblin'
Mild mannered man
Hobo bill's fast ride
Talking blues / Benneville dam
Going down the road
The mysteries of a hobo's life
The dying hobo
Jay Gould's daughter
Halleluja I'm a bum (also a typewritten copy)
.... valley (typewritten)

4. **Record information (1 folder). See also Box 1**

List of titles printed
Correspondence with various other groups and recording companies
Lists of recordings
5. Council for the arts : application for festival grant

Correspondence and grant application

6. Collecting data
List of songs collected prior to 1962
Set of negatives

Publications


**Folk songs - Australian**


*Harry Kotter of Binalong, NSW*. Melbourne, 197?. 1 disk (12") mono M1627.K67 197?


*Highlights from the second Moreton Bay Folk Festival [Audio record] - Brisbane 1973* 1 disk (12") mono. M1627 M67 1973


*Australian bush songs* [Audio record] Sung by A L Lloyd. NY : [197?] M1840.A75 19??

*Australian bush songs*. Sydney, 1957 M1840.A76 1957

*Australian folk songs songster, no 1* Authentic Australian folksongs from Alex Hood's L P record 'The first hundred years?' Sydney 1964. M1840.A78 1964

Folk songs from Queensland [audio record] The Bandicoots and the Moreton Bay Bushwackers, Sydney 1959. 1 disk (10") mono M1840.B358 1959


As above - 1973 (with music) M1840.F39 L65 1973


**Non-Australian Music: LPs**

18th century ballads. Elton Hayes. M1740.H38 19??
A treasury of field recordings. M1629.T35T74 1960 v.1
A treasury of field recordings. M1629.T35T74 1960 v.2
Great folk songs of the world. Marian Henderson. M1627.H46 19?? v.1
Great folk songs of the world. Marian Henderson. M1627.H46 19?? v.2
International folk song competition. M1627.I66 1955
American folk music. M1629.A64 1952 v.1
American folk music. M1629.A64 1952 v.2
American folk music. M1629.A64 1952 v.3
The Weavers at Carnegie Hall. The Weavers. M1627.W43 195?
The best of the Weavers. The Weavers. 1627.W42 19??
Alex Campbell sings folk. Alex Campbell and others. M1627.C36 1963
Hootenanny tonight. M1629.H66 1959
Words, love, music. Sydney Carter. M1740.C375 19??
Song of a young country. Various. M1842.N482 197?
Songs of a sinner. Brother William with Claire Poole Singers. M2112.W63S6 196?
The barley mow. M1740.B37 19??
The present tense. Sydney Carter. M1740.C37 19??
Chansons populaires : Francaises-Canadiennes. M1678.C53 195?
Canadian Folk songs : World library of folk and primitive music. M1678.C36 19??

**Additions to listing of gramophone records**

The sentimental bloke / by C. J. Dennis; spoken by Peter O'Shaugnessy. PR8206.E5S6 19??

Australia's champion earbashers go talkabout / Bill Harney and Alan Marshall. PR8264.A71A6 19??

Tom Morey campaign songs. M1840.T66 1962