

Why an Archive – and how you can contribute

The Archives are the memory of the gay and lesbian community. We aim to preserve records of Australian homosexual life, past and present, for use by future generations.

The Archives have been going since 1978. The collection of periodicals is probably the core of the Archives' collection. But we also seek records of gay and lesbian life outside of organised groups, through personal letters, photographs and other memorabilia, including from times before there was a gay movement. We also encourage those with recollections of pre-movement days to record these for posterity through the Archives' Oral History Project. Requests for confidentiality are strictly adhered to.

You can support the Archives financially by becoming a member (\$20 a year, \$5 concession, \$1 joining fee), or by making a donation. All donations to the Archives over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations of \$50 or more can be acknowledged as contributions to periodical binding or our accommodation.

For those with the time and interest, you can contribute as a volunteer. There is a range of tasks to suit people's different talents and levels of commitment. Work can be done in groups at working bees or at home individually. For example:

- ◆ liaising with groups around Australia to fill gaps in the periodicals collection – to contact our periodicals secretary, contact algarchives@hotmail.com
- ◆ listing and ordering parts of the collection that are of interest to you, eg. t-shirts, banners or posters, postcards, theses, venues, theatre programs.
- ◆ taking care of the collection of a group that has special significance to you – ordering and listing that group's papers, maybe interviewing some of the people who are involved in running the group
- ◆ photocopying and ordering press clippings
- ◆ liaising with other collectors of gay and lesbian material, and arranging swaps of duplicate material.
- ◆ helping with fund raising and organising events (open days, displays, dinners, conferences etc)
- ◆ helping us distribute ALGA publications to bookshops
- ◆ writing promotional material to help raise awareness of the Archives
- ◆ helping us solve the perennial problem of insufficient space.

The Archives live in the basement of VAC at 6 Claremont Street, South Yarra. We are open for visits by appointment. Email algarchives@hotmail.com, or write PO Box 124, Parkville, Vic 3052. Our website is at www.alga.org.au.

JOIN THE ARCHIVES

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Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

For new members: In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association. ALGA can send a copy of the rules on request.

\$1 joining fee (new members only) \$

\$20 (full membership per year) \$

or \$5 (student or pensioner concession) \$

Donation (tax deductible over \$2) \$

TOTAL \$ _____

Payment method (please tick method)

Cheque or money order payable to: Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Inc, or ALGA

Direct payment to ALGA's bank a/c: CBA, BSB 063 002, Account 1006 1383

Please indicate your surname if processing online and attach a copy of the teller or online receipt.

Date of payment:

Acknowledgement of online payments will follow ALGA's reconciliation with the bank statement

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATION:

I am agreeable I am not agreeable

to having my donation publicly acknowledged, eg. in ALGA's newsletter, website or annual report.

If able to be acknowledged, please indicate the preferred form of acknowledgement (full name? initials only?)

ALGA would like to acknowledge donations of \$50 or more in one of the following ways. If appropriate, please indicate your preference:

Sponsorship of the binding of a periodical. A slip pasted inside the cover of the relevant volume will acknowledge your contribution.

A contribution towards the improvement of ALGA's accommodation in the coming year, publicly acknowledged or not according to your wishes stated above.

Either of the above.

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Signature

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