

## 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 will be acknowledged as sponsors of particular bound periodicals.

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](mailto: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](mailto:algarchives@hotmail.com), or write PO Box 124, Parkville, Vic 3052. Our website is at [www.alga.org.au](http://www.alga.org.au).



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Please indicate if you are agreeable to your donation being publicly acknowledged, eg. in ALGA's newsletter:

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If yes, please state if you are happy for your full name or only your initials to be used.

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In the case of donations over \$50, ALGA would like to acknowledge the donation as sponsoring the binding of a periodical. This would be in the form of a slip pasted inside the cover of a bound volume. Are you agreeable to this?

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