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Victorian Aboriginal Group Press Clippings Collection

MS 4122

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

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| Creator: | Victorian Aboriginal Group |
| Title: | Victorian Aboriginal Group Press Clippings Collection |
| Collection no: | MS 4122 |
| Date range: | 1952-1969 |
| Extent: | 4 folio boxes |
| Repository | Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies |

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The 1952-57 album was not suitable for photocopying.

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

This collection consists of newspaper clippings covering a wide range of issues on Aboriginal affairs. Papers from which clippings were taken came from all states. They include *The Age*, *The Australian*, *The Herald*, *The Sun*, *The Anglican* and *The Western Australian*. The source of the clipping was not always been noted.

The Victorian Aboriginal Group pasted most of the clippings into albums, in roughly chronological order, but some loose clippings have also been included. Photocopies of the contents of these albums have been made.

A small number of additional papers have been inserted into the albums, for example, in the 1952-57 album there is some correspondence regarding newspaper reports and there are four copies of the eighth *Annual report* of the National Association for the Advancement of the Native Race. In the 1967 album there are roneoed flyers for the St. Catherine's Opportunity Shop and for the National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee, part of the 23rd *Annual report* of the Victorian Division of the Save the Children's Fund (1966/67) and a publicity card for Lionel Rose.

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Provenance

Ian Spalding, the custodian of the press clippings for the Victorian Aboriginal Group, deposited the

clippings in the AIATSIS Library in 2000.

Material separated from collection

The following titles have been transferred to the Library's Serials Collections.

| Title | Held at |
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| Victorian Aboriginal Group's <i>Annual report</i> 1966 and 1967 | RS 21.3/5 |
| <i>Dawn: a magazine for Aboriginal people of N.S.W.</i> , March 1967 and December 1968 | S 25.2/2 |
| Report of the Aborigines Protection Board, South Australia, 1961/62 | RS 25.5/1 |
| <i>Annual report of the Director of Native Affairs, Queensland</i> , 1962/63 | RS 25.4/3 |

Related material

For a complete listing of works by and about Victorian Aboriginal Group held by the Library, and for other related material consult [Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue](#).

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Archivist's note

Photocopies of the contents of the albums have been made by the Library

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Victorian Aboriginal Group was a lobby group set up in 1931 to study and produce material supporting Australian Aboriginal people. It later amalgamated with the National Association for the Advancement of the Native Race. Its objects were 'to study the condition of the Aborigines throughout Australia, to promote their welfare, and to work towards their assimilation into the national community' (Victorian Aboriginal Group *Annual report 1967*, cover). The Group was an advocate for Aboriginal rights, including the right to education and full citizenship.

The Group remained active until 1971. Most of the remaining members were active in the Anthropological Society of Victoria, later the Archaeological and Anthropological Society of Victoria.

References:

1. Archaeological & Anthropological Society of Victoria web site. Viewed 15 April 2008 <<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~aasv/index.htm>>
2. Victorian Aboriginal Group. *Annual report*, 23rd, 1966

BOX LIST

| Box | Album | Item |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1952-57 | 1 |
| | 1956 | 2 |
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| 3 | 1967 | 8 |
| | 1968 | 9 |
| | 1969 | 10 |
| 4 | 1956 (Photocopies) | 11 |
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| | 1963 (Photocopies) | 13 |
| | 1964 (Photocopies) | 14 |
| | 1965 (Photocopies) | 15 |
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| | 1967 (Photocopies) | 17 |
| | 1968 (Photocopies) | 18a & 18b |

| Box | Album | Item |
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| | 1969 (Photocopies) | 19 |

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