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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:	Neil McGarvie
Title:	Papers of Neil McGarvie
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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

The collection consists of unpublished papers, nearly all written by Neil McGarvie.

The papers relate to Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education. Included is a historical outline of Indigenous education from 1965 to 1985 and of Presbyterian Missions in North Queensland, information on teacher preparation, a report on policy aspects of assimilation in secondary schools and material on teaching manual arts.

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Provenance

Neil McGarvie donated the collection to the Institute in May 2000.

Material separated from collection

Most of the donation consisted of printed material which has been added to the Library's book collection

Arrangement of collection

The original order of the papers retained.

Related material

For a complete listing of the McGarvie material held by the Institute see the [Mura® online catalogue](#). To access any audiovisual material contact the [Audiovisual Archives](#).

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

After leaving Victoria in the mid 1960s Neil J. McGarvie became a manual arts teacher, and later an advisory teacher, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander manual arts, with the Queensland Department of Education from, 1978 until about 1985. He was appointed the first Principal Education Officer of the Aboriginal and Islander Education Branch of the Queensland Department of Education in the late 1980s.

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DESCRIPTIONS

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- 1 'Teaching in the Cape and Gulf', a brochure about schools, accommodation, school activities, culture etc. for prospective teachers in the schools in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in North Queensland, 1980. Three copies
- 2 'Queensland Aboriginal & Islander education - time line' covering some events, with an emphasis on the Queensland Education Department, for the period 1967-85
- 3 Schematic diagram of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander education in Queensland, covering 1967 to 1985
- 4 'Retention by a policy of assimilation: report on policy aspects of secondary schooling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Queensland schools' Written for a MEd at James Cook University, 1986
- 5 'Manual arts resource sheets for upper primary and years 8, 9 & 10', prepared for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Schools, 1978-85
- 6 'Manual arts in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Schools in North Queensland', prepared for a seminar in Cairns in July 1977
- 7 'Manual arts and the teacher in the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Island Community schools: rationale, strategies for the subject area and for the teacher, personally', a paper used for a seminar in Cairns, July 1977
- 8a-c 'Introductory graphics worksheets for year 8 Aboriginal and Island Community Schools, 1979, accompanying 'Teacher's notes' (See also 13)
- 9 'The process of learning and teaching', prepared to assist teaching of Manual Arts in the secondary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community schools, 1984
- 10 'The Aboriginal/Torres Strait Island student and manual arts in Queensland secondary schools', 1985
- 11 'Individual Reading Project A/B: research project on the history of Presbyterian Mission establishment and development in North Queensland', submitted as fulfillment of the requirements in G.D.A.E - substitute alternative subjects for exemption from Aboriginal Studies units, Townsville CAE (now James Cook University) November 1977. Photocopy
- 12 'Secondary education for Aborigines in North Queensland', by M. Valadian and A.E. Randell. Comments on discussions with five Aboriginal communities on a 1996 visit to North Queensland Aboriginal Communities to consult on the provision of secondary education. The consultation was part of a review that resulted in the decision to establish Secondary Departments in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

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Communities. An extensive building program was subsequently initiated. The alternative was for students to continue to attend boarding school at places such as Charters Towers.

13 Three students' drawing models, made of timber, to accompany 'Introductory graphics worksheets for year 8 Aboriginal and Island Community Schools, 1979

14 Letter from McGarvie, including 'Resources donated by Neil McGarvie, May 2000' dated 17 May 2000

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