

COLLECTION POLICY WESTPRIDE ARCHIVES**GUIDING OBJECTIVE OF WESTPRIDE ARCHIVES**

The guiding objective of WestPride Archives is to recover, collect, preserve, organise, and make accessible materials created by and/or relevant to our communities, lives and experiences as Western Australians who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and more (LGBTQIA+), and with the broadening range of sexualities and gender and sex identities that are and have been emerging over time.

WHAT DOES WESTPRIDE ARCHIVES COLLECT

WestPride Archives is dedicated to collecting published and archival materials that reveal the lives and experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals, organisations and communities in Western Australia. Furthermore, WestPride Archives seeks to document the experiences of individuals and organisations who have strived for social, political, and cultural change for LGBTQIA+ people in Western Australia. We strive to collect information revealing the attitude of governments, the law and broader society towards LGBTQIA+ people in this State, including material antagonistic to LGBTQIA+ individuals, organisations and communities, as well as uncovering the experiences of everyday LGBTQIA+ people across WA.

WHAT TYPES OF MATERIAL ARE COLLECTED?

A/ Private papers - letters, diaries, journals, notes, unpublished writings and stories, manuscripts, etc.

B/ Archival records of organisations - minutes, annual reports, correspondence, files - records that document an organisation's activities, events, and transactions, including those of WestPride Archives and its predecessors.

C/ Photographs and moving image materials

D/ Ephemera - pamphlets, flyers, leaflets, handbills, invitations, cards, programmes. E/ Newsletters and WA LGBTQIA+ newspapers and other publications.

F/ Sound recordings and oral histories - records, audio cassettes, digital recordings (e.g. MP3s), and hardware for accessing such materials

G/ CDs, DVDs and digital files, and hardware for accessing such materials

H/ Books, manuscripts and/or book-lists of Western Australian LGBTQIA+ writers, collectors and influential individuals in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement and community. I/ Posters and Banners

J/ T-Shirts

K/ Works of art and/or lists of such works of Western Australian LGBTQIA+ artists, collectors and influential individuals in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement and community L/ Reports and research materials from official, academic, scientific or other inquiries and investigations relevant to LGBTQIA+ individuals, organisations and communities.

WHAT TYPES OF MATERIAL DON'T WE COLLECT

A/ Costumes and clothing - while we have a limited collection of T-shirts and other items, generally we don't collect clothing unless they are of an extraordinary nature. Donors of items such as performance costumes will be directed to an appropriate institution, such as the WA Museum and the Museum of Performing Arts.

B/ Non-Western Australian materials unless consistent with the Guiding Objective

C/ Certain sexually explicit material that it is illegal to possess in Australia.

D/ Furniture and other material objects for which a museum or gallery may be more appropriate

E/ Materials that are badly damaged, or subject to mould, lichen, vermin or other physical destruction, especially where preservation costs are foreseeably expensive, but subject to a firm assessment of the significance of the material in relation to the Guiding Objective.

HOW DOES WESTPRIDE ARCHIVES COLLECT

WestPride Archives may accept donations of materials from individuals and organisations through a Donation Agreement which transfers ownership to WestPride Archive. WestPride Archives may accept bequests of materials provided that the bequest clearly transfers ownership to WestPride Archives. Donated or bequested items can be published and/or archival.

WestPride Archives does not generally purchase material. But in exceptional circumstances if funds allow, subject to a firm assessment of the significance of the material in relation to the Guiding Objective and with agreement of the WestPride committee, it may endeavour to purchase rare and unique archives of outstanding significance.

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