

UQFL 156

Daisy Marchisotti Collection

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| Size | 33 boxes, 1 parcel |
| Contents | Correspondence, newspaper cuttings, articles, cards, photographs, publications, typescripts, manuscripts, booklets, notebooks, diaries, theatre programmes, agendas, constitutions, minutes, reports, receipts, accounts, legislation, research material, notes, press statements, propaganda, submissions, tapes, posters, plans, family history, map, Aboriginal flag. |
| Date range | 1905 to 1985 [bulk 1961 to 1982] |
| Biography | Daisy Marchisotti (1904-1987) worked as a stenographer. In the 1940s her interest in the left-wing movement developed and she became an activist. Marchisotti became a member of the Communist Party of Australia, and in the 1950s left a better-paying job to work for the CPA. In 1964, she was part of the women's delegation for the CPA, to the Soviet Union. Marchisotti also worked for Aboriginal corporations and edited the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders newsletter. She wrote articles on the CPA, Aboriginal affairs and racism. |
| Notes | Unrestricted access. This collection may contain culturally sensitive words or descriptions, some of which might not normally be used in certain public or community contexts. |

Box 1

Folders labelled:

- Home receipts
- Personal 1181 to (correspondence incoming)
- CPA Receipts (also has large label "Seminar on Aboriginal Rights, Willard House Saturday July 13th 1968" but folder contains receipts only)
- Pensions Social Welfare
- Branch (contains: Christmas 1982 cards, CPA membership card and receipts, voting delegate card for CPA State Conference, 1980)
- Union election material
- *Tribune* articles 1980 (Typescripts and clippings of articles written for the *Tribune* and *Impact* re: land rights, aborigines, mention of FCAATSI in at least 1 article)
- D.M. Articles and letters to press etc to 1979 other than *Tribune* and *Impact*. (Racism, equal pay, consumer affairs, etc)
- 1975 1979 *Tribune* articles, *Impact* articles submitted and published or not (wider range of topics)

Box 2

Folders labelled:

- Old Personal articles (handwritten/typed articles on Dying, Racism, Qld Aborigines Act (FCAATSI), Aboriginal Advancement Movement (FCAATSI))
- Research - Aborigines
- Land Rights - Chapter 8 - Research material. Aurukun and TSI
- Research material (some was used). (Notes taken from various books re Aborigines; Article: FCAATSI in retrospect)
- Quotes from Racism files
- Chapter 9 (Racism, Land rights, Chapter - My Life as a Communist)

Envelope labelled: "Daisy - Here is the material for the Aboriginal A L - Please use in any manner if required. Bill S." (Details from a Royal Comm. in 1905 in WA; full account of Royal Comm. 1927; History of the NT by Ernestine Hill, 1951).

Box 3

Folders labelled:

- Overs and bits Re: Land Rights (Typescript pages - numbered and appear to be from a book she was writing)
- Land Rights Qld - Booklet. (Orders, notes, etc relating to "Land rights: the black struggle" by D Marchisotti)
- Institute of Aboriginal Studies file
- Grant Application (Australia Council)
- Racism pamphlet, 1975 and Racism notes 1976-7
- NO LABEL (Booklet (CPA) - "White racism retards struggle for social change" (2 copies) and paste-up copy for printing)
- Women (newspaper clippings relating to women)
- Women and labour book (1979)
- DM cards and photos not in albums (contains 2 photos of children daughters of Cora and Kevin Gilbert, June 1976).
- Notes on Com. Theory. Notes for writing
- Solar Systems (articles on solar energy)
- Ecology 1982 -

Box 4

Loose Items: 3 Christmas cards

Folders labelled:

- The Acts and Regs 1971 - 1979
- Commonwealth Land Rights Legislation
- Trustees (Correspondence written on other side). (Bequest of Mrs Brice)
- Commonwealth Games Demo's Sep-Oct 1982 (Newspaper clippings; correspondence; receipt for fine)
- 1980 Info and 1981 (land rights; Acts; IWGIA: corresp with politicians, etc)
- Info 1979 (as above)
- Queries - to be classified and filed later
- 1976 info
- 1978 info
- 1977 info

Box 5

Folders labelled:

- Aurukun, Mornington Island dispute
- Mornington Is. Brisbane press cuttings
- Doomadgee, Hopevale, Lockhart River
- Edward and Mitchell River Missions
- Palm Island
- Weipa
- Other Qld reserves 1) Bamaga, 2) Cherbourg, 3) Mapoon, 4) Yarrabah, 5) Camoweal, Mt Isa, 6) Lockhart river (Iron Range), 7) Hopevale, 8) Moona Moona (?)
- John Tomlinson (corresp and articles by JT on NT)
- Aurukun - Act, Booklet and Publicity
- Aurukun - Cuttings and material used for book
- Aurukun - Brisbane Press cuttings and Trib. cuttings
- Aurukun - Hansard and Interstate press cuttings

Box 6

Folders labelled:

- Land rights - general 1) Govt policies NT, 2) Criticisms of above, 3) - Lands to aborigines - SA and NT, 4) Maralinga, 5) Roper river, 6) Groote Eylandt - Cultural festival, 7) Lake Nash, 8) Larrapeak (?), 9) Utopia, 10) Borroloola
- Yirrkala (Gove)

- Land Rights cuttings (Qld)
- NQ Land council and NQ message sticks
- Land rights and churches -Church aid WCC, etc
- Land rights and uranium - NT
- Gurindji Strike

Box 7

Folders labelled:

- Racism (Newspaper articles on)
- Current cuttings (poverty)
- Racism Aust (Police and violence etc)
- Racism - Churches

Envelope labelled:-Racism - overseas - Africa, England, etc

Folders labelled:

- WA - Land rights, Mining and c
- Land Rights NSW
- Racism 1978 -

Box 8

Loose Items:-Newspaper articles on racism; claim forms for unemployment benefit.

Folders Labelled:

- 1968 - Land Rights and Restrictions of Rights
- Aboriginal Treaty material
- FCAATSI, cuttings and conf. reports 1968
- 1968 - 9 cuttings - C'wealth Policies

Loose Items:-Vote 1 Aboriginal Land Rights sticker

Folders labelled:

- 1968 - State Govt. policy and settlements, Missions - conditions, cases, etc
- Info on monopolies threatening land rights

Box 9

Folders labelled:

- Police, the law etc
- Black moratorium and Aboriginal embassy

- Reserve facilities - water, roads, airstrip, jetties
- 1969 - 1972 Black Power
- Hill End Hostel 1973 (clippings on Aboriginal hostels)
- NACC
- TSI - NG border

Box 10

Folders labelled:

- The act and legislation (Hansard and newspaper clippings)
- Aboriginal organisations
- Aboriginal policies, views on, elections
- Bonner cuttings
- 1978 C'wealth Parl. papers, statistics, etc from N. Bonner, etc
- Aboriginal spokesmen
- QCAATI press cuttings

Box 11

Folders labelled:

- Aboriginal industries
- Student surveys 1968
- 1968 - Jobs, wages, conditions, etc (Aboriginal)
- 1968 - education, scholarships, etc (Aboriginal)
- Health Qld
- 1968 - Health
- Housing 1968
- Miscellaneous (Opal etc)

Box 12

Folders labelled:

- PNG and Islands - Pacific - 1981 -
- Photos 1973 - (contains cartoons and photos from papers; a few original photos and negatives)
- Photos approx. 1967-71
- Used photos and others (Newsletters - monthly bulletin of the Qld Council for the

Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders -affiliated with FCAATSI)

- Left overs, etc (articles (typescript) - NACC, QCAATI, etc)
- Publicity committee minutes, reports
- Social service booklets
- Social service forms, pamphlets
- Addresses (politicians, organisations, etc - for sending petitions etc)

Box 13

Folders labelled:

- Newsletter (1 copy each) to Dec 1975 (QCAATI)
- Old Hansard cuttings 1965- (miscellaneous topics)
- KSB (Keep Sandgate Beautiful)
- Accounts and receipts
- Education kit
- Old Acts and Bills pre 1971

Box 14

Folders labelled:

- Propaganda 1980-
- Propaganda 1975 - (folder is split in two)
- Propaganda 1974-

Box 15

Folders labelled:

- Extra copies of propaganda
- Cavanagh Press Statements 1973-4 (Folder split)
- Bryant Press Statements

Envelope labelled: Cuttings re Qld Press Ban preventing publication of Qld Parliamentary Debate in other states, Sept 1979.

Box 16

Folders labelled:

- Ecology 1979 - Dec 1981
- Motor Accident (Details of car accident involving Mrs Marchisotti 2-1-79)

- CPA Branch & cuttings 1960s - 70s
- Branch cuttings, etc (Misc)
- Personal 1978 - 1981 (Corresp - misc, much relating to her various activities with CPA etc)

Box 17

Folders labelled:

- Ecology - fauna - 1974-9 [ie Animals, fish, insects, etc]
- Ecology - Pollution, chemicals 1974-9
- Ecology - Conservation [lands, sea shores, sea, rivers, floods, etc] 1974-9
- Cuttings PNG 1973 -; also W Irian, New Hebrides, etc, Maori (Many on Bougainville Copper)
- Racism 1976-77 (other than Qld)
- Racism cuttings to about 1979

Box 18

Folders labelled:

- PNG to 1969
- New Guinea 1970
- Ecology to Dec 1974

Box 19

Folders labelled:

- Biographicals, Articles on art, films, sport, etc 1968-1981
- Cuttings - Aborigines 1967
- 1962-4 Political cuttings Qld and other states
- Clippings 1961-1966 Qld

Box 20

Folders labelled:

- Materials for Book - contains typescripts of articles & clippings
- Special cuttings etc for book, excerpts from racism file
- Manuscript of [the Restless Spirit] - copy (a)
- Manuscript of [the Restless Spirit] - copy (b)
- Alteration to manuscript and additional pages possibly relating to manuscript.

Loose Items:-Letter from Jacaranda Wiley re non-publication of book

-Tasmanian Wilderness Society brochure

Envelope labelled: -International minority groups orgs; newspaper cuttings - misc but mainly land rights [1982]

Folders labelled:-Misc cuttings 1982 - uranium, land rights, racism, ecology, etc

Loose Items:-Handwritten notes (2 sheets of paper)

Notebooks labelled:

- Sept 67 to May 68 Publicity Committee
- Wilderness Congress and World Environment Week Conference 5-13 June, 1980
- Pressed flowers (many of the flowers are missing)
- 1961-1962 Publicity Committee
- World Environment Week conference June 5-13, 1980
- Referendum campaign Oct 66 - July 67 meetings and publicity
- Notes on 1965 Act & Regs; QCAATI meetings and publicity committee June 66 - Oct 66
- General meetings Nov 65 - May 66
- Publicity Committee June 1964 - July 1965
- Notes on FCAA Meeting Sept 1965
- Sandgate Art Show notes 1965
- Notes on Land Rights 1966 - 1967
- Untitled - contains notes on Readings 1966
Note: some contain notes in shorthand

Box 21

Folders labelled:

- FCAATSI Conference reports 1961-1977
- Aboriginal Culture - cuttings
- Qld Land Rights - cuttings
- Land Rights other states - cuttings
- J McGinness Reports; Misc. Corresp; FCAATSI Conference agendas and constitutions, reports, decisions and notes, Exec. & AGM minutes; Freedom Ride
- Health; Helsinki Youth Festival; FCAATSI Reports; Housing; Welfare (letters, typescripts)

Box 22

Folders labelled:

- Land Rights (typescript articles and letters)
- Land Rights (typescript articles and letters)
- Land Rights (typescript articles and letters)
- Land Rights - Gurindji (typescript articles and letters)

Box 23

Folders labelled:

- QCAATI (1) (Constitution, articles, corresp.)
- QCAATI (2) (mainly corresp.)
- Racism & Discrimination (articles and corresp.)

Box 24

Loose Items:-Aboriginal Art - Where to see it in Sydney (brochure)

Publications:-"The situation of Australian Aborigines", a factual report compiled by Amnesty International

Loose Items:

- 2 maps of Cherbourg
- 3 photocopied articles from "Legal Service Bulletin"
- Set of handwritten notes taken from the 2nd Fox Report
- ALP (Qld Branch) 26th Labor-in-Politics Convention Aboriginal Welfare
- "The Romance of Place Names" from Australian Women's Weekly - May 13, 1964
- Joh Must Go! - Civil Liberties Campaign Group and Trade Union Civil Liberties Committee

Folder labelled: -C.A.N.P. Leaflets & Corresp. (Reports, constitution, flyers etc).

Loose Item:-Photocopied articles from "Search" Vol 9, No 1-2, Jan-Feb 1978 p 19-38. Re: Science in China

Folder labelled:-CANP - Uranium Cuttings

Loose Item:-Aust. National Advisory Committee International Women's Year - Letter & Guidelines for applications for govt. assistance.

Folders labelled:

- 1964 TLC Report Wages
- BWIU Rpt Weipa & T.Is. K.L. and Fred T. (Report Weipa Bauxite Field & Thursday Island - BWIU and AEU)

- Submissions and Rpt Spec. Committee Re: 1939-46 Act and 1965 Act. (Submission presented to the Select Committee appointed to examine the Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Acts 1939 to 1946, from QCAATI; ATSIAL (Cairns) Submissions to the Qld Govt Committee investigating proposals for alterations in the aboriginals preservation and protection acts, and into aboriginal welfare, Dec 1963; Legislation for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia, Feb 1966 (New and Revised edition), FCAATSI: Qld 1964 Report of Special Committee enquiring into legislation for the promotion of the well-being of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Qld - presented to parliament.
- Misc. Rpts - 1. Wattie Creek [Abschol] 1969, (2. 3rd rpt standing committee on integration [N.T.]), 3. Consultative committee on Aboriginal education, 4. Wages and employment [FCAATSI], 5. Tragedy of Weipa - F. Stevens, ANU.
- Aboriginal Child Health QIMR Drs Jose and Welsh Reports 1968 – 1971

Box 25

Folder labelled:-"The legal and economic status of aboriginal workers in Qld", Frances H. Lovejoy (first draft)

Loose Items:

- "Queensland Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders Acts", Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (Ltd)
- Photocopied Article from "Search", Vol 10, No 6, June 1979 "Blood from Stones and Bones - Aboriginal Australians and Australian Prehistory", D.J. Mulvaney (2 copies)
- "The Forgotten American - the President's Message to the Congress on Goals and Programs for the American Indian. March 6, 1968", Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, Monday, March 11, 1968 p 438-448. (Photocopy)
- "The Aboriginal Householder", C.D. Rowley, Reprinted from Quadrant Nov-Dec 1967.
- "Weipa - The Politics of Pauperization", Frank Stevens, an extract from The Australian Quarterly Vol 41. No 3 Sept 1969
- Photograph album (personal - people and places - many are labelled).
- Letter from Amnesty International re tax deductions
- Article from Courier Mail, Tuesday, March 23, 1982 on climate
- Article from Courier Mail, Tuesday, March 30, 1982 on solar system.
- Rescue the Rainforests - Stop logging Windsor (brochure)
- 2nd World Wilderness Congress, 9-13 June, 1980, Cairns, Calendar of Associated Events
- Articles relating to Aboriginal Protest at Commonwealth Games, 1982.
- Photocopy of Mat Foley's speech at ANZAAS
- Photocopied article: "Political Economy of Queensland"

Folders labelled:

- Aboriginal Commonwealth Bills [before they became Acts]
- Wilderness leaflets

Loose Item:-The Shell Pastel Book as required for use in all schools - pictures on 1st three pages.

Folders labelled:

- Alan (typescript and handwritten notes from conversations with Alan [Leary?])
- Poetry - mine and others - mostly unpublished etc (handwritten poems, typewritten songs etc)
- Auditor's report, accounts and balance sheet and treasurer's statements and reports from 1953 to 31 Dec 1956 (copy).

Loose Item:-Sketch book

Folder labelled:-Cookery recipes

Theatre Programmes:

- Kurri Kurri Eisteddford, King's Theatre May 8-12, 1928
- Lucia di Lammermoor, His Majesty's Theatre, May 26, 1928
- Rigoletto, His Majesty's Theatre, June 5, 1928
- Tosca, His Majesty's Theatre, June 8, 1928
- The Sleeping Princess, The Borovansky Ballet Company, His Majesty's Theatre, April 12, 1952
- Osipov, Balalaika Russian Orchestra, Her Majesty's Theatre, April 24, 1967
- Falstaff, Her Majesty's Theatre, April 25, 28, May 1, 3, 1980 Daily News Diary March 26th, 1940 to June 11, 1940 (typed)

Loose Items:

- Invitation to 20th National Congress of the CPA, June 12, 1964.
- Leaflet on Class Sizes
- Name card, CPA State Conference, 1982
- Objects of South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society Inc; Regulations ...
- Facsimile maps of Victorian towns/areas in the 1850's (Gisborne, Black Forest, Sunbury, Melbourne Railway Terminus, Dandenong, Storing Yard Allotments near the Melbourne Wharf, Prahran, Sandridge, River Yarra Yarra at the Queens Wharf and c)

Folder labelled:-Blurbs for books

Box 26

Booklets:

- Australian Woman's Charter 1946 - 1949 (includes letter to Mrs Marchesotti)
- Advance Australia Fair - handmade book illustrating contradiction to the words to Advance Australia Fair

Folders labelled:

- Private 61-74 (articles for newspapers By D.M.; drafts of booklets; CPA articles)
- Personal 1961-1973 (personal correspondence 1966-1973; Notes and corresp re Aboriginal movement)

Box 27

Folders labelled:

- Corresp and articles on Black Power; Corresp from Nev Bonner; Cairns, conference; Churches policies on social issues; Civil liberties; Conferences and seminars on aboriginal affairs; Community relations Commission; statistics
- Aboriginal advancement, organisations, reports, trust funds, etc
- Education, Ecology - correspondence and articles
- World Environment Week Conference June 5-13, Cairns - Cuttings

Box 28

Folders labelled:

- Corresp and articles re: Red Indians; Redcliffe Hospital; 1967 referendum; Social Welfare
- Corresp and articles on settlements and missions
- Corresp and articles on The Act

Box 29

Loose Item:-Nuclear-Free Pacific Week, March 1-8 (leaflet)

Folders labelled:

- Original ("The Number One Enemy", Daisy Marchisotti - drafts of this)
- [Amnesty International]

Loose Items:

- Letter from Western Australian Museum re Murchison River prehistory
- Letter from Tom re: subscription to Black News Service
- Stickers
 - Join the Fight for Civil Liberties, CPA (7 copies)
 - What do you do in case of a nuclear accident. Kiss your children
 - good-bye. Stop Uranium Mining
- Postcard to Angela Davis

Folder labelled: Articles on archaeology in WA

Loose Items:

- Postal charges 1982
- Standard letter size and thickness gauge

Publications:

- *The Seamen's Journal* v.19 no 11; v.27 no 8; v.28 no 1; v.29 no 4 (1964-1974)
- *The New Zealand Rationalist*. July-August 1962; Jan.-Feb. 1963
- *Australia China Society News Bulletin* (Vic). March 1973.
- *Discussion : a communist forum on Australian and International Affairs*. No.4, 1970.
- Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments. London : British and Foreign bible Society, [19??]
- *Communist Party of Australia Periodicals* [published during period of banning by govt of the CPA] June 1940 - ? 1943.
- *.Victory* - issued by the Political Rights Committee June 22 1942, August 1 1942.
- *.Communist News*. Published by the North West District (Vic) of the CPA
- *.The Guardian* - official organ of the Communist Party Vol 10 no.10 Nov 6 [1942?]

Box 30

Folders labelled:

- Corresp. and articles T-Z - tribal councils; trade unions; VAW; voting rights; Wages; White Aust. Policy
- Corresp and articles Social Welfare - Mrs Hansen Case; Nancy Young; Richard Martin Case; Kevin Gilbert Case; Brisbane 3 Welfare Cases
- Personal correspondence 1974 - 31/12/78

Box 31

Diaries:

- Diary for 1923
- Diary - contains entries for 1937, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1941, 1942, 1944
- Diary for 1924
- [Diary 1921, 1922] some written in shorthand.

Envelope labelled: Family History 12/7/82. These pages have all been revised. Some paragraphs have been omitted so keep these pages, in case they are needed. (contains typescript pages of book DM was writing)

Folders labelled:

- Bibliography
- Mainly personal notes (genealogy)

Loose Items:

- Photocopied book extract on writing paragraphs
- Misc. sheets of typescript pages possibly for book

Folder labelled:

- 1963-4 (folder of misc newspaper clippings and typescript pages - possibly for book)

Notebooks titled:

- About birds and nature 1919 Macedon.
- Publicity Committee June 1968 to Oct 14, 1968 (some in shorthand)

Envelope labelled: 1951 Equal Pay Case

Folders labelled:

- Personal references, certificates, educational papers
- Daisy's 1st book (typescripts and handwritten drafts)

Box 32

Folders labelled:

- 1961-62 (1961 - Publicity Committee notes (typescript), Misc clippings)
- Misc typescript and handwritten notes - mainly on aborigines
- Book - Rough Drafts and overs
- Daisy's Book - 2 copies - finished about the end of 1982

Loose item: Postcard of Tasmania

Box 33

Large envelope containing: -Speakers notes written by Daisy Marchisotti nee Irving, about her visit to the Soviet Union, June-August 1964 (includes photos, handwritten and typescript notes)

Tapes (some in Daisy's voice):

| No. | Side | Title | Date | Duration | Notes |
|-----|-------|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No. 1 1964-5, | 1970 | 1 hr., 02 min., 24 sec. | Side 2 beginning of recording |
| 2 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No 2 1965 ACT | 1970 | 1 hr., 01 min., 56 sec. | Beginning of Side 2 Daisy states "Speech continued on the 1965 Actcontinued from tape number one |

| No. | Side | Title | Date | Duration | Notes |
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| 3 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No. 3 Meeting 1965-6 | 1970 | 1 hr., 01 min., 56 sec. | |
| 4 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No 4 1966 - 13/3/67 | 1970 | 1 hr., 02 min., 33 sec. | Recording starts on side 2 and continues on side 1. |
| 5 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No. 5 1966-7 | 1970 | 32 min., 38 sec. | Daisy states, "This is 1967 continued "Notes for a General Meeting for April 1967. |
| 6 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No. 6 Land Rights 1966-67 | 1970 | 1 hr 02 min., 01 sec. | |
| 7 | 1 & 2 | QCAATI Notes No 7 April 1968 | 1970 | 32 min., 11 sec. | |
| 8 [2 copies] | 1 & 2 | Some aspects of the life of Daisy Marchisotti, nee Irving | 1970 | 1 hr 34 min., 17 sec. | Alan Leary discusses Daisy's life and reads from notes from Daisy's memoirs. |

Envelope Labelled: -Nancy Young (typescript notes and corresp)

Folders Labelled:

- Nancy Young chapter (typescript and handwritten notes)
- 1969 Nancy Young Case - Cuttings
- Nancy Young Case - typescript or handwritten notes

Notebook containing: -Misc notes possibly for book

Letter:-To Mr A Marchisotti from the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries re land rights

Parcel 34

Posters:

- Victory. To the People of Aurukun and Mornington Is. Includes picture of aboriginal flag. 64x42 cm
- Inalienable land rights for Aborigines (hand painted) 64x42cm
- No! To Minatome's Mine! Leave Qld's Uranium In the Ground! (hand drawn) 48x45cm

Material on Kelly Gang from the Kelly Museum - Hume Highway Benalla:

- Reward poster

- The Kelly Story [poster]
- Kelly Country - annotated map (2 copies)
- The Kelly Gang [poster]

Plans, blueprints and specifications for New Residence Station St, North Cote for Miss D Irving, Aug 1947.

Poster:Ningla A-Na. "We are hungry for our land". Support the struggle for black land rights. Send donations to the Black Resource Centre, P.O. Box 345, North Brisbane 4000 Qld 58x45cm

Flag:- Aboriginal Flag. 78x158cm