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Connie Healy Papers

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14 boxes, 1 parcel

Contents


Personal papers of Murray Norris, notebooks of Ursula Southwell, and papers concerning George Eaton, Jim Crawford and other prominent figures in labour movement and radical culture circles. Oral history recordings, photographs and other research material relating to the Young Communist League, Eureka Youth League, leftwing bookshops in Brisbane and leftwing political activism. Some records of the Communist Party of Australia. Photographs, pamphlets and other material relating to the 1948 Queensland rail strike. Research material on the post-WW2 peace movement. Articles and speeches by Connie Healy and others are included in the collection as well as some personal correspondence and research material related to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Date range
ca 1930 to 2010

Biography
Constance (Connie) Healy grew up in Brisbane. She worked for the Waterside Workers’ Federation, and, from the 1930s, became heavily involved with the Unity/New Theatre and the Communist Party of Australia. After World War 2, which claimed the life of her first husband, she married prominent Queensland union leader, Mick Healy. Her interest in theatre and her involvement in political activity continued throughout the postwar decades. She was particularly active in the struggle for justice for Aboriginal people. In 2000 Connie Healy’s masters thesis on the history of Brisbane working class and radical theatre was published as Defiance: Political Theatre in Brisbane 1930-1962. She has been a regular contributor to the Queensland Journal of Labour History and in 2009 was awarded life membership of the Brisbane Labour History Association.

Notes
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Typescript essay, re: Easter Conference on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, 5 p [no author, no date]

‘Consultation with Queensland Aborigines’, undated, 4 p


‘Report from Bamaga’, undated, 24 p

‘The Aboriginal and Island Affairs Act of 1965’, undated, 6 p

Folder 2

3 articles from German newspapers on the Australian aboriginal rights struggle, 1960s

Proposal for a thesis on the changing socio-economic role of women in Aboriginal society, 8 Sep 1967, 3 p [incomplete]


Extract from The South Australian Farmer, ‘South Australia leads in Aboriginal affairs’, 22 Nov 1967, 1 p

Copy of article in Sydney Morning Herald by Bruce Maxwell, ‘Following the Freedom Riders’, 16 Jun 1965, 2 p

Ex-Services Human Rights Association (Qld.), ‘Apartheid on the Barrier Reef’, 11 Feb 1969, 4 p

Gogo Chu Nzeribe, ‘Trade Union Development in Africa’, Dec 1959, 4 p


‘Statement by the Minister for Social Services and Minister in Charge of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. W.C. Wentworth in Canberra on Friday, 12 Apr 1968’, 1 p

‘Address by Dr. H.C. Coombs, Chairman of the Commonwealth Council for Aboriginal Affairs, at the Conference of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, at Canberra, 12 April, 1968’, 5 p


Jerry Zubrzycki, ‘The place of ethnic minorities in the Australian occupational structure’, May 1968, 15 p

Lorna Lippmann, ‘Education for Better Race Relations’, [late 1960s?], 10 p

Denis Walker, ‘Black is Beautiful’, undated, 1 p and Denis Walker, ‘Black and White ‘liberals’ in Aboriginal Advancement’, undated, 1 p

Aborigines Kangaroo Club, Brisbane, *Newsletter*, No 2 (Oct 1971)


Letter from the Minister of the Interior to P. Carroll, Secretary, North Australian Workers’ Union, re: employment of prisoners on forestry project at Berrimah, 16 Jul 1970, 2 p

Notes on Douglas Lockwood’s articles in the *Courier Mail* surveying the condition of Aborigines in the Northern Territory, undated, 8 p

Petition from Banks Islanders (Torres Strait) to State Parliament, re: mineral rights on the island, undated, 2 p


Cecil Holmes, ‘Continuing Assimilation and the Aboriginal,’ *The Australian*, 20 May 1968, 1p [newspaper cutting]


**Folder 3**

Council for Aboriginal Rights (Victoria) documents:

E.W. Russell, ‘Victoria’s Aboriginal Settlements: Framlingham Today, undated, 2 p

‘Aboriginal People’s Claim: Establishment of a National Aboriginal Trust Office,’ 30 Jul 1969, 1 p

‘Statement on Black Power’, Sep 1969, 1 p

‘Victorian Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs’, 11 Mar 1968, 1 p

‘Copy of Bulletin received from the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders,’ 11 Mar 1968, 1 p

Announcement of Annual General Meeting, 18 Sep 1969, 1 p


Lorna Lippmann, ‘The Aborigines of India’, address given to the Council for Aboriginal Rights (Victoria), Annual General Meeting, 14 Oct 1966, 5 p

‘Sordid Australian Racialism: the Queensland Act’, [1972?], 4 p


Ruth Kaplan, address delivered to the 16th Annual Conference of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Brisbane, Easter 1973, 6 p

‘Report from the Honorary Secretary, Federal Council for Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders on his visit to Queensland and N.S.W. from December 1965 to 26 January 1966,’ 15 Jul 1966, 7 p
‘Report by J. McGinness of trip to Northern Territory and Visit to the Gurinji people at Wattie Creek—May 10-June 24, 1969’, 3 p


Lorna Lippmann, ‘Part-Aboriginal Communities in Australia’, undated, 7 p

‘Housing Report’, undated, 2 p

‘Information from Equal Wages for Aborigines Committee Newsletter, April 1966’, 2 p

‘News from the Semi-Annual Executive Meeting of the Federal Council for Advancement of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders’, Nov 1965, 4 p


Diane E. Barwick, ‘Submission to the Minister: Future Policy for Lake Tyers Station’, 27 Nov 1964, 4 p

‘Copy of Press Statement and Letter Sent to Editors of the Age, Sun and Herald 18th July 1969’, 30 Jul 1969, 1 p [re: constitution of the Aboriginal Advisory Council to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs]


‘Aboriginal Infant Health,’ April 1970, 2 p

John Campbell, ‘Intolerance’, undated, 1 p


Evelyn Scott, ‘Social Discrimination,’ paper presented to the Easter Conference at Townsville 1971, 6 May 1971, 4 p

‘Summary of the 8th Annual Conference of the Federal Council for Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders’, 5 May 1965, 6 p

Northern Territory Council for Aboriginal Rights, Newsletter, 28 Oct 1966, 2 p

Evelyn Scott, ‘Land Rights’, address given at La Trobe University during Aborigines’ Activities Week Sep 1971, 5 p


‘Secretary’s Report on the 9th FCAA Annual Conference held in Canberra, Easter 1966,’ 16 Jun 1966, 8 p

‘An Introduction to the Aborigines’ Progressive Association,’ undated 2 p [2 copies]

‘Constitution of the Aborigines’ Progressive Association,’ undated 3 p
Personal papers of Murray Norris

Folder 4
Letter from Murray Norris to Chris Sheil, Dept. of History, University of Wollongong, 7 Jun 1982, 1 p
Letter from Murray Norris to Chris Sheil, Dept. of History, University of Wollongong, 14 Sep 1982, 1 p
‘Summary of a Talk by Murray Norris at Brisbane University’, 7 Jun 1951, 6 p
‘Short Summary of a Talk by Murray Norris at Brisbane University’, 7 Jun 1951, 6 p [handwritten notes on the back]
Letter from Murray Norris to the Manager, Workers Club, Darwin, Northern Territory, 1 Aug 1982, 2 p
Murray Norris, two poems: ‘The Baptism of Donny’ and ‘Donny the Dog Catcher’, undated, 1 p
Anonymous poem, ‘The Mild Colonial Boy’ [satirical poem on Hawke], undated, 1 p [on Unemployed Workers Union letterhead]

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Alby Graham, ‘Funeral Oration for Mr Murray Norris’, 19 May 1986, 4 p

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3 exercise books with notes by Murray Norris on his life
Blue notebook with quotations, speech notes, household accounts, handwritten by Norris
Black notebook with driver's license, addresses, quotations

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Murray Norris, poem: ‘The Baptism of Donny’, undated, 1 p
Poem: ‘Oh, Harry was a bolshie…’, undated, 1 p
W. B. Yeats, ‘The Rose Tree’, undated, 1 p [handwritten]
Small yellow sheet with poems and quotations
Notes taken at a meeting, 24 Apr 1951, 4 p
‘Statement of Income and Expenditure, Stadium, 1949-50’, 1 p
‘The Stevedoring Industry Bill’, undated, 12 p
Typescripts for speeches on union matters, undated, 23 p

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Envelope with poems written by Murray Norris [handwritten index on envelope]

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3 photographs: 1) Murray Norris in 1946; 2) First Aboriginal Strike Committee, 1946, North Australian Workers' Union (N.A.W.U.); and 3) 3 members of the Aboriginal Strike Committee ‘Brothers After All’, undated, 2 p


Poem: ‘Don’t Quit’, undated, 1 p

Promotional flyer: ‘Hartley’s Creek Rainforest Wildlife Zoo and Crocodile Research Farm’, undated, 1 p

Map of Sydney, undated, 1 p

Maritime Unionists Socialist Activities Association, Vol 2, No 5 (20 Feb 1985)
Newspaper cutting: ‘Midnight on the Ocean’ remembered [re: nonsense poem], Courier-Mail, undated, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Going home—to Australia’, letters to the editor, Cairns Post, 16 May 1985, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Still wet’, letter to the editor, Cairns Post, undated, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Welfare’, letter to the editor, Cairns Post, 15 Oct 1985, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘American salaries highest in the world’, Cairns Post, 21 Sep 1985, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Qld moving with zeal, states Rydges’, Cairns Post, 18 Sep 1985, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: Patrick Cook, ‘Not the News’, undated, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Tree loss poses serious threat—UN’, Cairns Post, 23 Sep 1982, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Crean questions logic of lower youth wage rates’, Cairns Post, 25 Sep 1985, 1 p

Newspaper cutting: ‘Leard advertisement misleading, illogical’, Cairns Post, 25 Sep 1985, 1 p

Newspaper cutting on the case of Justice Lionel Murphy, undated, 1 p

Letter from J. Cairns, Minister for Overseas Trade, to Murray Norris, re: proposed Australian Industry Development Corporation legislation, 24 Jan 1974, 1 p


Letter from Connie and Mick Healy to Murray Norris, 5 Jun 1985, 2 p

Envelope containing printed union agreement and 1 page of poetry

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Poem: ‘Ode to a Hypocrite’, undated, 1 p
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Envelope with papers labelled ‘Ideas for a Trust Fund for the education of Aboriginal Children, from the assets of Murray Norris’
Pink notebook with notes on Murray Norris’s life, poems, and some newspaper cuttings
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Small green notebook with poems and notes
Small grey and green notebook with notes
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Norris, Murray. [1984], ‘My life on walkabout’, typescript, 134 p
Letter from Murray Norris to Mick [Healy], Connie [Healy], Ted and Eva [Bacon] to accompany autobiography, 27 Nov 1984

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Norris, Murray. [undated], ‘My life on walkabout’, typescript, incomplete
Writing pad with handwritten notes and poems, ca 1970?

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Norris, Murray. [undated], ‘My life on walkabout’, carbon copy of typescript, 134 p

Playscripts
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J.M. Synge, ‘The Tinker’s Wedding’

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Jim Crawford playscripts:
- ‘A Pageant’ [with program from first performance, 29 Oct 1960]
- ‘A Little Bird Told Me’ [one act play for children, 1964, unknown if ever performed]
- ‘Under the Bunya’ [a musical play in one act, presented Nov 1963]
- ‘Bushland Picnic’ [presented at Youth Carnival in Sydney in Mar 1952]
- ‘Worker’s Paper (People’s Paper)’ [one-act play presented at Queensland Guardian Festival, 20 Mar 1953, with Festival program]

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Joan Clarke and John Meredith, ‘The Wild Colonial Boy’ [presented by Brisbane New Theatre]

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Jim Crawford, ‘The Governor’s Stables’ [original and several revised copies, revised 1955 and 1971], [presented by Brisbane New Theatre]

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Excerpts of ‘Reedy River’ used in presentation to members of Chinese Classical Opera in 4BH Studio, 2 Dec 1956, [presented by Brisbane New Theatre]
Instructions for performers in the above mentioned presentation

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Folder 3
‘Cannibal Carnival’ [written by British playwright, presented by Unity Theatre]

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Nance Macmillan, ‘The Land of Morning Calm (aka Christmas Bridge) [produced by Brisbane New Theatre, 20, 21, 23 Jun 1952] [script incomplete, 1st page missing]

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Plays/sketches written by Jim Crawford but not presented by Brisbane New Theatre. (Introductions written by Pam Crawford, wife of Jim Crawford who supplied the plays and material to Connie Healy):

- ‘The Cattle King, or, Our Bettahs’
- ‘The Jackeroo (Skit)’
- ‘The New Chum Sketch’
- ‘The Cruise of the ‘Tryer’”
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- ‘The Cavern and the Tavern (Play)’
- ‘The Ice Age Delinquents or The True-Blue Conservative (one-act play)’
- ‘The Color of His Money’

Folder 6
Playscripts (not presented by Brisbane New Theatre):

- ‘The Boatswain’s Mate’ [incomplete]
- Glyn Griffiths, ‘My Hills, My Home’
- ‘Tension City’
- Lionel Shave, ‘That’s Murder’
- Oriel Gray, ‘My Life is My Affair’ [winner of the Wagga Wagga Literary and Dramatic Society’s One Act Play Competition in 1946]
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Skits/Sketches written by others:
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Scripts of plays presented by Brisbane New Theatre:
- George Bernard Shaw, ‘The Dark Lady of the Sonnets’ [presented 1953]
- Oriel Gray, ‘Lawson’ [presented 1950]
- Richard Benyon, ‘The Shifting Heart’ [presented 1962]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Uneasy Stages’ [public reading 1949]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Miner’s Right’ [presented 1948]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Welcome Home’ [presented 1948]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Rocket Range’ [presented 1948]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Frame-Up’ [production considered 1949, but not produced]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Refugee’ [one-act play presented with Jim Crawford’s ‘Melodrama’ 1949]
• Jim Crawford, ‘The Man Eating Clock’
• Lawrence Collinson, ‘No Sugar for George’

Box 4

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Songs and Music in possession of Syd Davis, producer of Student/Unity/New Theatre in Brisbane:
• ‘Home isn’t home for you, feller-me-lad!’ (French traditional)
• ‘Moscow in May’ (Music: Dmitri Pokrass)
• ‘The Good Times are just round the Corner’ (East-German modern folksong)
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• ‘La Carmognole’ (French)
• ‘Le Chant de Depart’ (Music: E. Mehul)

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Songs and Music in possession of Syd Davis, producer of Student/Unity/New Theatre in Brisbane: songs published by the Communist Arts Group, 191 St. Paul’s Terrace, Brisbane
• ‘The Partisans’ (Russian)
• ‘Five White Swans’
• ‘Solidarity For Ever!’
• ‘United Front’
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Poems by John Manifold in possession of Syd Davis, producer of Student/Unity/New Theatre in Brisbane:
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• ‘Dancer in Firelight’
• ‘Our Man Formerly of Havana’

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‘Brisbane Saga’, script for Brisbane Centenary Celebrations 1959 presented at the Brisbane City Hall. Cutting from newspaper (Sunday-Mail, 19 Jul 1959 showing Ted Kelk, a member of Brisbane New Theatre).

Folder 6
Brisbane New Theatre: Outward Correspondence 1954

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 Scripts of plays written by Jim Crawford under various pen names, not produced by Brisbane New Theatre:

- ‘To Wit to Woo’ (a comedy in three acts) [by Mopoke, pseudonym for Jim Crawford]
- ‘The Avenging Ghost of Campbell Town’ (a radio feature) [by John Woolley, pseudonym for Jim Crawford]
- Jim Crawford, ‘Greased Lightning’ [by John Woolley, pseudonym for James Crawford]
- ‘The Celebrated Mr Barrington – a Radio Feature’ [by John Woolley, pseudonym for James Crawford]

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Brisbane New Theatre Collection:

- List of plays by Jim Crawford
- List of Skits, Sketches etc. by Jim Crawford
- List of Newspaper reviews and notices of plays by Jim Crawford

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Sydney New Theatre: Newspaper cuttings from 1960 to 1981/82
Incomplete photocopy of New Theatre publication ‘Against the Stream’, by Angela Hillel

Folder 10
Scripts of miscellaneous list of plays by various Australian playwrights associated with New Theatre in Australia [these plays were not presented by Brisbane New Theatre]:

- ‘War on the Waterfront’ by Betty Roland [printed in Communist Review, Feb 1939]
- ‘Black Diamonds’ by Frank Hardy [2 copies, last page missing in 2nd copy]
- ‘Jack’s Back’ by Nance Macmillan [incomplete copy of script]
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Newspaper cuttings, brochures, programs relating to the New Theatre (Australia):

- *Telegraph* newspaper cutting 3 Aug 1954 [re: ‘Reedy River’ production]
- *Courier-Mail* newspaper cutting 19 Jul 1954 [re: ‘Reedy River’ production]
- Advertising brochure for Brisbane production ‘Reedy River’
- Flyer advertising Brisbane New Theatre production of ‘Reedy River’ [2 copies]
- Sydney New Theatre advertisement for Diaphon record of ‘Reedy River’
- *Sunday-Mail* newspaper cutting 15 Aug 1954 [re: Australian drama]
- Words of Australian folk songs: *Plains of Emu, Black Velvet Band, Anti-transportation Song, Bold Jack Donohoe* [6 copies]
- Notes on Acting
- Program for ‘Had We But Worl Enough’ by Oriel Grey, Melbourne New Theatre production, 1950
- Program for ‘Peace on Earth’ by A. Maltz and G. Sklar, Melbourne New Theatre production 1950
- Program for Nindethana Theatre (Aboriginal theatre): ‘Jack Charles is up and fighting’ by Bill Reed. Program of poems, songs, sketches etc. which included Jim Crawford’s sketch ‘Cattle King’
- Program of Brisbane Eureka Youth League concert ‘ Reveille: a musical revue’ held at the Albert Hall, Brisbane, 6 Jul 1944
- Program of 3rd International Women Playwright’s Conference 1-10 Jul 1994 held in Adelaide to which Nance Wills (Macmillan) and Mona Brand were invited

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Clarice Brown, ‘The Eureka Youth League’, 1989, 1 p
Ron Brown, ‘Brisbane in the 1930s by a Young Communist Worker’, undated, 6 p
Ron Brown, article on communist theory, undated, 2 p
Union of Australian Women: Poem by Bert Rowe, ‘The U.A.W. as It Was’, and a tribute to Lil Rowe by U.A.W., 1994, 3 p
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Newspaper cuttings re: Sydney New Theatre plays, mainly since 1962
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Photographs: Brisbane New Theatre production of ‘Reedy River’
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- Photograph of Bob Burns as ‘Swaggie’ in ‘Reedy River’ [original is 16 x 11 cm; 14 copies 13 x 9 cm and smaller ]
- Photograph of (left to right) Stan Arthur, Les (Lulla) Davis, Dave Dickie, Martin Von Senden in ‘Reedy River’ [7 copies 8 x 12 cm; 2 copies 16 x 25cm and original is 11 x 16 cm]
- Photograph of Val Fraser as schoolteacher in ‘Reedy River’ [2 copies 12 x 9 cm; 2 copies 16 x 12 cm; 1 copy 25 x 18 cm]
- Photograph of 8 players in ‘Reedy River’ [8 copies 9 x 12 cm; 1 copy 18 x 25 cm]

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Scrapbook (with original photographs and newspaper cuttings) compiled by Ossie Nash. Ossie (also known as Oswald Nash) was born in Ipswich on 7 December 1909 to Joseph Ernest Nash and Mary Jane, nee Stanley. He married Olive Mary Perrett on 6 December 1933 and they had three children, Terrence, Dianne and Pamela. Nash was an artist, draughtsman, soldier, producer, actor, set designer as well as a member of the Brisbane New Theatre. He later founded the Ipswich Black Diamonds, an Ipswich theatre group. Dianne Adams (Nash’s daughter) gave this scrapbook to Connie. It includes newspaper cuttings and photographs for productions performed by the Brisbane New Theatre in Ipswich and the Black Diamonds from around 1958 to 1962

Folder 16
Postcard with photograph of May Day procession May 5, 1941, which appeared in the Brisbane Telegraph
Photocopy of photograph of participants at the National Conference held at Blackall House, Newcastle which appeared in the Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners’ Advocate, 3 Apr 1961.
Photographs from Ted Kelk collection [24 in all, most unidentified and of what appears to be actors from stage productions, 1 from the Newcastle Conference, 2 of a wedding]
Laminated copy of reproduction of photograph of Indrani and Jan Molvig, Nov 1959

Box 5
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Howard Fast, 30 Pieces of Silver: A Play in Three Acts (London: The Bodley Head, 1954) [photocopy] [performed by Brisbane New Theatre]
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- George S. Beeby, *The Point O' View: A Drama in Four Acts*, from *Concerning Ordinary People: Six Plays* (Sydney: Gordon & Gotch, 1923), pp74-155

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• Colin Bingham, ‘The Opportunists’, 26 Oct 1931
  o ‘The Opportunists: Mr Colin Bingham’s Play’, Telegraph, 26 Oct 1931
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• Dan Totheroh, ‘The Great Dark’, 1934
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- ‘Report to Unity Theatre Players on their responsibilities’, Courier Mail, 2 Aug 1938
- Various newspaper reports, 1953-1954
- Bulletin of the Federation of Bush Music Groups, Brisbane, No.1, 1960
- New Theatre Club, Constitution and Rules, adopted 17 May 1949, amendments to 23 Sep 1954
- Letter, G Peterson, attaching a list of Australian plays in library of Sydney New Theatre, 12 Feb 1954
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- List of productions by Sydney New Theatre
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- New Theatre National Conference, 1960, various newspaper cuttings

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• QUT Links, Bob Anderson, actor in New Theatre, receipt of QUT honorary doctorate

• Excerpt from ‘Butcher’s Hook’, Mona Brand, performed by New Theatre Brisbane Contact Group, 1955

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• Telegraph, 8 Aug 1939, WEA & Unity theatre performance of ‘The Insect Play’ in the Princess Theatre

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<td>Janet Henderson discusses her association with the Unity/ New Theatre</td>
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<td>Tape 15</td>
<td>Stan Arthur interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>15 Jun 1992</td>
<td>Stan Arthur discusses his association with the Unity/ New Theatre</td>
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<td>Tape 16</td>
<td>Pat Hall &amp; Betty Brennan interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>19 Jun 1992</td>
<td>Pat Hall and Betty Brennan discuss their association with the Unity/ New Theatre</td>
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<td>Tape 17</td>
<td>John Bellamy interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>28 Jul 1992</td>
<td>Member of Brisbane New Theatre in 1950s. Wrote music for songs in Jim Crawford’s 1959 musical <em>Billets or Badges</em> re 1912 Tram Strike. Formed Brisbane Peoples’ Chorus.</td>
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<td>Tape 18</td>
<td>Patsy Robertson interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>1 Sep 1992</td>
<td>Active member of Brisbane New Theatre and later of Sydney New Theatre. Acted in a number of plays.</td>
<td>00:13:26</td>
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<td>Tape 19</td>
<td>Florence Buckley interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>14 Jun 1998</td>
<td>Involved in Unity and New Theatre. Discusses plays by Clifford Odets, Jim Crawford, Laurie Collinson, Mona Brand, Oriel Gray and others.</td>
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<td>Tape 20</td>
<td>Pat Hall, Connie Healy, Julian Meyrick and Peter Houghton interviewed by Michael Cathcart, ABC RN Arts Today</td>
<td>Jun 2000</td>
<td>Pat Hall and Connie Healy recall Unity and New Theatre Brisbane productions of Clifford Odets’ <em>Waiting for Lefty</em> and Jim Crawford’s <em>Billets or Badges</em>. Julian Meyrick and Peter Houghton discuss Peter’s new play <em>The Front</em> on Patrick’s waterfront dispute, Melbourne Workers’ Theatre, history of Australian political theatre.</td>
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<td>Tape 21</td>
<td>Brian Laver interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>21 Mar 2002</td>
<td>Radical and Socialist bookshops in Brisbane: Red &amp; Black Bookshop, City; Emma’s Bookshop, West End; Maria Luisa Books, New Farm. Student politics/radicalism 1960s, Socialist movement, Society for Democratic Action (SDA).</td>
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<td>Tape 23</td>
<td>Jim McIlroy interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>29 Sep 2002</td>
<td>Resistance Bookshop, Turbot St then New Farm then Fortitude Valley. Democratic Socialist Party (DSP), Socialist Alliance, paper <em>Green Left Weekly</em> (was <em>Direct Action</em>)</td>
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<td>Tape 27</td>
<td>Jean Leary interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>2 Dec 2002</td>
<td>Re participation in Eureka Youth League (EYL) activities in South East Queensland in the 1940s and 1950s.</td>
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<td>Tape 28</td>
<td>Owen Ryan interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>18 Mar 2003</td>
<td>Re participation in Eureka Youth League (EYL) activities in South East Queensland in the 1940s and 1950s</td>
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<td>Tape 29</td>
<td>Loraine Mabardi interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>15 Apr 2003</td>
<td>Re participation in Eureka Youth League (EYL) activities in South East Queensland in the 1940s and 1950s</td>
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<td>Tape 29</td>
<td>Gus Leary interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>15 Apr 2003</td>
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<td>Tape 30</td>
<td>Flo and Stan Irvine interviewed by Connie Healy</td>
<td>1 Feb 2006</td>
<td>About their involvement with and history of the Combined Unions Choir, established in Brisbane in 1988. Flo was a nurse and Stan a carpenter.</td>
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**Box 8**

**Folder 1**

Draft article by Connie Healy, ‘A Tribute to a Workers’ Choir’, Aug 2006

Notes of a conversation with Marianne Ehrhardt, member of the Combined Union Choir and the choir’s official historian

Ephemera relating to the Combined Union Choir’s show ‘Fair Play Cabaret’, 2006

**Folder 2**

Connie Healy, ‘Women in Radical Theatre in Brisbane’, talk presented at a conference on ‘Women in Radical Brisbane’, 7 May 2005, organised by the Brisbane History Group

Emails from Carole Ferrier, Mar-Apr 2005, concerning the ‘Women in Radical Brisbane’ conference


Program for ‘Some More Rough Reds’, part of the 9th National Labour History Conference, Sydney, 30 Jun-2 July 2005

Text of talk by Mark Gregory, ‘Union Songs in Australia: History in Song and Song in History’, nd

**Folder 3**

Photograph of New Theatre performance of ‘The Painter’ by Nance Macmillan, with Gwen McKay prominent in the photograph

Two photographs of ‘John Reid & Nephews’ and ‘John Mills Himself’ buildings, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, where Unity Theatre rehearsed

Last updated: 15/11/2019 © University of Queensland
Newspaper cuttings relating to Princess Theatre and All Saints Hall, Brisbane

Copy of advertisement in The Organiser, 8 Dec 1938, concerning a protest meeting and a Unity Theatre performance of ‘Waiting for Lefty’.


Newspaper cutting featuring a photograph of a Unity Theatre performance of ‘Till the day I Die’ at the Princess Theatre.

Text of letter to the editor of The Telegraph, 28 Oct 1937, from Eva Julius re working class art and propaganda

Text of letter in The Advocate, 15 Nov 1937, from Eva Julius, appealing for actors for Unity Theatre productions

Newspaper cuttings concerning Unity Theatre performances, 1940s

Folder 4

Draft articles and research material relating to the history of Brisbane radical theatre and theatre venues, including All Saints Hall, the Princess Theatre, Centennial Hall, Bohemia Hall (later Ritz Theatre) and Albert Hall.

Folder 5


Drawings by Pamela Seeman (later Crawford) of costumes for ‘Bushland Picnic’, performed by Brisbane New Theatre in 1952

Folder 6


‘Reedy River’ Song Book as Presented by Sydney New Theatre

Score for ‘Calypso Isle: A Musical Play’ by Ralph de Boissiere
Folder 7
Miscellaneous material used in book *Defiance*:

- Newspaper cutting of article on Oriel Gray, *Good Weekend*, nd
- Letter to Kerrie, John and Anton from Grandad (Syd Davis), 8 Aug 1979
- Text of Len Fox’s review of production of ‘Sons of the South’, published *Tribune*, 20 Jun 1947
- Theatre programs of Unity Theatre and New Theatre:
  - ‘Squaring the Circle’
  - ‘Senora Carrar’s Rifles’
  - ‘Easter 1916’
  - ‘Emergency Drill’
  - ‘The Insect Play’
  - ‘Waiting for Lefty’
  - ‘Till the Day I Die’ and ‘Remember Pedrocito’ (2 copies)
  - ‘Reedy River’
  - ‘Fountains Beyond’

Folder 8
Handwritten notes on ‘The Tinker’s Wedding’


Excerpt of text from ‘Butcher’s Hook’

Newspaper cutting of article on the Observatory, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane

Drawings by Pamela Crawford of costumes for ‘Bushland Picnic’

Music and lyrics for ‘The Convict’s Wedding’, a song used in ‘The Wild Colonial Boy’

Lyrics for the songs ‘Reedy River’ and ‘Ballad of 1891’

Newspaper cuttings of articles relating to the play ‘The Governor’s Stables’

Box 9
Item 1
Item 2

Item 3
Bell's Three Nuns 50g pipe tobacco tin, 8 x 9 x 3 cm, with sticker “badges collected / swapped by Owen Ryan, delegate to Vienna Youth Festival 1959. Badges have been housed separately.

Folder 1
57 Badges and 1 button collected/swapped by Owen Ryan, delegate to Vienna Youth Festival 1959:

4 Vienna Youth Festival 1959 badges
1 button from railway workers uniform, Russia?
20 stick pin badges
33 badges

Folder 2
Photographs, newspaper cuttings and text relating to The Black Diamonds Theatre Group, Ipswich/Booval

Folder 3
Photographs and theatre ephemera used for a display on Brisbane Political Theatre, produced for the 8th National Labour History Conference, Brisbane, 2003. Other copies of the items are held elsewhere in the collection.

Photographs of the display at the 2003 Labour History Conference and of two Brisbane venues for Eureka Youth League meetings

Folder 4
Articles and talks by Connie Healy:

- Speech for the launch of Healy’s book *Defiance*, 9 May 2000
- Paper on ‘Political Theatre’ for Brisbane Labour History Association, 15 July 2000
- Transcript of part of interview by Michael Cathcart with Julian Merrick, c1998-99
Folder 5
Photographs of the Resistance Bookshop, Brisbane
Notes and a transcript of an interview with Jim McIlroy of the Democratic Socialist Party concerning the Resistance Bookshop
Brochure, What is the DSP?: An Introduction to the Politics of the Democratic Socialist Party
Draft article by Healy, ‘Resistance Bookshop’, 11 Jun 2003
5 photographs of the radio station 4ZZZ studios, formerly the Communist Party headquarters, 291 St Paul’s Tce, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, 2003

Folder 6
Research material on FOCO and the Eureka Youth League:
- Photocopied pages of Target, published by the Eureka Youth League, 1964-1968
- Research notes on Eureka Youth League, including notes on an interview with Alan Anderson
- Tribute to Audrey Blake
- Articles on Eureka Youth League by Audrey Blake

Folder 7
4 drafts of Healy’s article ‘Eureka Youth League’, 2003, written for the book Radical Brisbane. 1 draft contains corrections provided to Carole Ferrier, co-editor of Radical Brisbane
List of former Eureka Youth League members with contact details
Copies of letters sent by Connie Healy to former Eureka Youth League members, seeking information on the Eureka Youth League for use in the Radical Brisbane article
Research notes on the Eureka Youth League and photocopied newspaper cuttings of articles on Eureka Youth League
Correspondence, notes and photocopied newspaper articles concerning FOCO and the Eureka Youth League

Folder 8
Photographs (prints and photocopies) of Eureka Youth League members and events, including beachside camps at Caloundra, Labrador and Southport in Southeast Queensland, delegates en route to the 1949 ‘youth march’ on Canberra, an Eureka Youth League march in Queen Street, Brisbane, in 1953, and Eureka Youth League sporting teams. Photographs are accompanied by explanatory notes.
Pamphlet: Rob Brown (Eureka Youth League State President), A New Deal for Youth
Program for the 24th (and final) Annual State Conference of the Queensland Eureka Youth League, 23 July 1967
Newspaper cuttings of articles about Eureka Youth League camps
Box 10

Item 1
4 ballpoint pens bearing “Give peace a chance”

Folder 1
2 drafts of Healy’s article ‘The Young Communist League and the Radical Club’, written for the book *Radical Brisbane*
Letter to Clarice Brown from Connie Healy, 2 Feb 2003, requesting information about the Young Communist League
2 articles by Rob Brown about the Young Communist League in Brisbane in the 1930s

Folder 2
Photocopied pages of *Queensland Youth Voice*, Oct 1949
Program (original and copy) for the Youth Carnival for Peace and Friendship, Sydney, 15-23 Mar 1952
Bulletins, correspondence and ephemera relating to the Youth Carnival for Peace and Friendship, 1952
Invitation to a public farewell to Youth Peace Festival Berlin delegates, 1951
Program (copy) of the Youth Charter Conference, Brisbane, nd
Photocopied newspaper cuttings of articles relating to Union Youth Week, July-Aug 1964
Photocopied program for Eureka Youth League show ‘Reveille: A Musical Revue’, Brisbane, nd
*Commemorative Song Book, Eureka Youth League 60th Anniversary of its Inauguration, 27 Jan 2002*

Folder 3
Notes and transcripts of interviews with former Eureka Youth League members, conducted by Connie Healy in 2003. Interviewees:
- Lorraine Dyer
- Bill Fleming
- Janet Henderson
- Tin Cay Bay Group
- Gus Leary
- Jean Leary
- Loraine Mabardi (nee Sleeman)
- Brian Moynihan
- Wally Paterson
Folder 4
Documents concerning Mick Healy and the 1948 Rail Strike:

- Pamphlet (3 copies): Communist Party of Australia, *The Queensland Railway Strike February-April 1948*
- Queensland Railways Central Disputes Committee, *Report and Balance Sheet of the Queensland Railway Strike* (1949)
- Queensland Trades and Labor Council, Financial statement on the 1948 rail strike
- Letter to Mick Healy from Alec Macdonald, accepting Healy’s resignation from the TLC, 31 Jan 1952
- Text of poem by Henry Lawson, ‘As Ireland Wore the Green’
- Text of poem, ‘Hanlon’s Heroes’
- Queensland Trades and Labor Council invitation to the opening of a photograph exhibition commemorating of the 1948 rail strike
- Text of speech by Mick Healy on the Queensland labour movement during his term as Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, 9 Apr 1980
- Flier promoting a Trades and Labor Council function to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1948 Rail Strike, held 26 October 1998
- Text of speech by Mick Healy on the 1948 Rail Strike, delivered on 26 October 1988 at the Trades and Labor Council function commemorating the dispute
- Newspaper cutting of an article about the function, *The Courier-Mail*, 3 Oct 1988
- Newspaper cutting of an article by Ross Fitzgerald about the police batoning of Fred Paterson MP during a trade union march in Brisbane on 17 March 1948, *The Courier-Mail*, 16 Mar 1996
- 15 photographs showing events on 17 March (St Patrick’s Day) 1948, when police forcefully broke up a march of trade unionists in Brisbane, and on 19 March when workers marched and rallied again

Photocopied photographs of trade union marches and rallies during the 1948 Rail Strike
Photographs showing mounted infantry in the Hughenden district during the 1891 shearmen’s strike (print and photocopy), women marching towards the Victoria Bridge during the 1912 Tram Strike, Special Constables riding along Queen Street during the 1912 strike, and an unemployment camp at Victoria Point, 1935

Folder 5
Photocopied and original newspaper cuttings of contemporary articles about the 1948 Rail Strike, including an original copy of the *Brisbane Telegraph* of 17 March 1948, with the headline story of the confrontation between police and trade unionists earlier in the day

Folder 6
British passport of Owen Ryan, issued in Brisbane 1959. Ryan attended the 1959 Vienna Youth Festival as a delegate of the Eureka Youth League and possibly also the Mayne Railway Workshops
International Certificates of Vaccination for Owen Ryan, issued 1959
Official festival scarf issued to all delegates to the 1959 Vienna Youth Festival, 1959

Folder 7
Promotional ephemera for exhibitions, talks, book launches, conferences, walking tours and other events in Brisbane, 2003-2007

Folder 8
Newspaper cuttings of articles about Fred Paterson and reviews of a documentary about Paterson screened on ABC television in 1996

Folder 9
Papers concerning anti-war movement and cultural exchanges:
- Notes on documents contained in the folder, compiled by Connie Healy
- Notes on historical events at Brisbane City Hall
- Photocopied newspaper articles about the visit to Queensland in 1950 of the Dean of Canterbury, Dr Hewlett Johnson, and two photographs of Dr Johnson taken during the visit
- Documents relating to the Queensland Peace Conference, held in Brisbane from 30 September to 2 October 1949
- Photocopies newspaper cuttings and research notes concerning peace and anti-fascism events in Brisbane in the late 1930s and early 1940s
- *The Peace Issue*, newsletter of Just Peace Queensland, No. 18, Sep 2005
- Photographs of Paul Robeson in Brisbane, 1960, with explanatory notes by Connie Healy
- Photocopied article about Phil O’Brien from *The Satellite*, 18 Dec 1991
- 2 bank passbooks for the Australian Peace Committee
- Original letter in typescript to Nance Macmillan, Australian Peace Conference, from Paul Robeson, 27 Jun 1950, 2 leaves. The letter is on the letterhead of the ‘Council on African Affairs Inc’ and is personally signed by Robeson. It comprises a greeting and a message of solidarity from Robeson to the Australian Peace Conference.

**Folder 10**

Annual Report of the Belfast and District Trade Union Council, 1971

2 photocopies of a letter to Fred Whitby from D.B. Stevens, concerning the Marx Memorial Library in London, 6 Mar 1979

2 copies of a brochure promoting the Marx Memorial Library

Letters to Mick Healy from Andrew Rothstein and Betty Sinclair, 1978-1982, 43 leaves with 3 envelopes

Letter to Michael O’Riordan, Communist Party of Ireland, from Mick Healy, concerning the death of Betty Sinclair, 16 Jan 1982

*Irish Socialist*, No.216, January 1981, containing an article about Betty Sinclair on the occasion of her 70th birthday

Blank sheet of paper bearing the letterhead of the Belfast & District Trades' Union Council

**Folder 11**

Material relating to the boycott of Dutch shipping during the struggle for Indonesian independence:

- Text of talk by Mick Healy on the boycott of Dutch shipping, delivered at an International Socialists’ meeting on 7 August 1983
- 2 International Socialists’ fliers promoting their meeting on 7 August 1983
- 2 typescript copies of an article by Connie Healy, ‘Recollections of the ‘Black Armada’ in Brisbane’, c2005
- Transcript of an interview with Ted Roach, nd
- Email to Claudia Taranto from Connie Healy, 1 Oct 2002
- 5 photocopied articles and pamphlets relating to the Indonesian independence movement and support for it by the Australian labour movement
- Photocopied letter to Rubert Lockwood from Mick Healy, 9 Jul 1975
- Photocopied photograph of Mick Healy, Slamet, Molly Bondan and Bondan, 1945
- Photocopied and original newspaper cuttings relating to the Indonesian independence movement and Australian support for it, 1945-1998
Folder 12
Correspondence and associated material relating to a study visit to the Australia National University in 1987 by Birgit Scheps from the German Democratic Republic, accompanied by explanatory notes by Connie Healy, 1984-1989

Box 11
Folder 1
Photocopied and original newspaper cuttings of articles relating to Flo Cluff, 1963-1984, accompanied by explanatory notes by Connie Healy

Folder 2
Miscellaneous material:
- Photocopied photographs of Far Right activist Jamael Salem (aka Jim Salem), with text circulated by Salem
- Text of a tribute to Geoff Wills by Keith Rice
- Photocopied and original newspaper cuttings of articles about Valerie Monas, Lee Buzacott, Mary Norris, Syd Davis, Brian Laver, Cathy and Betty Bloch, Mark Gracegirdle, and the dissolution of the Communist Party
- Text of an article by Martin Flanagan from The Age, 26 April 2004, about Ralph de Boissiere
- Text of an article from the Holocaust Encyclopedia about the German American Bund
- Text of a review by Connie Healy of Hilary Summy’s book Peace Angel
- Letter to Connie Healy from Neil Lloyd, c2004
- Letter to Connie Healy from Malcolm Broomhead, North Limited, 17 Apr 2000
- Correspondence between Connie Healy and Ross Fitzgerald, 1994-1995
- Letter to Connie Healy from Jean Bowden, 18 Sep 2000
- Letter to Connie Healy from Bronwen Myall, 14 Apr 2001
- Letter to Connie Healy and Mick Healy from Mabel Hanson, 26 Aug ?
- Letter to Connie Healy from Jim Soorley, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, 19 May 1997
- Email to Errol O’Neill from Connie Healy, 21 Jan 2006, accompanied by a letter to Patricia Jackson from Michael Gow, Queensland Theatre Company
- Standard letter to Connie Healy from Hal Alexander, c2005
- Cards to Connie Healy from Jean Bowden, Toby Dickie, Bill and Dora Hill, Clarrie Beckingham, Doreen Shanahan
- Invitation to the official naming of ‘Clarrie Beckingham Reserve’, Bridgeman Downs, Brisbane, 13 Aug 2005, with a photograph of the opening ceremony
- Text of article/paper by Peter Murphy, ‘Building up to Sydney’s First Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras’, nd
- Text of article/paper by Drew Cottle and Angela Keys, ‘The Harco ‘Stay-put’: Workers’ Control in One factory?’, nd
- Text of article/paper by Harry Black, ‘No Religion, Politics or Sex’, nd
- Photocopy of covers of two pamphlets: Why You Should be a Socialist (1938), and Sham or Shelter?, nd
- Text of parliamentary proceedings relating to the Industrial Arbitration Bill, 7 Oct 1915
- Correspondence between Connie Healy and Mary Edwards, Trades and Labor council of Queensland, relating to women’s labour history project, ‘From Lunchroom to Boardroom’, Feb 1992, accompanied by three laminated A4 posters from the project
- 10 photographs of 1991 May Day march in Brisbane and 1 photograph of Jacob’s Ladder steps, adjacent to the former site of Trades Hall building, Brisbane

Folder 3

Photocopied flier and map promoting Bareena Caravan Park, Point Lookout, Stradbroke Island, Queensland, nd

Booklet: Brisbane History Group, Bardon Heritage Tour (2005), with accompanying flier promoting a tour on 16 July 2005


Folder 4

Photographs with negatives of a wedding, believed to be the Poole family from Amity Point, Stradbroke Island, taken by Irene McCawley of Cameo Photographs, Camp Hill, Brisbane, c1970s.

Folder 5

Notes, photocopied newspaper cuttings, and typescript and published articles relating to the history of the Communist Party of Australia. Includes a typed account by Clarice Brown of her involvement with the Party, and a typed account by Win, Dick and Dave Surplus and Mick Healy of the history of the Party in Queensland. Also includes a letter to Rupert Lockwood from Mick Healy concerning matters pertaining to Australian support for Indonesian independence, 9 Jul 1975

Folder 6

4 newspaper cuttings of articles and a letter concerning the history of the Communist Party of Australia and the relevance of Marxism, 1991-1998
Folder 7
3 prints of a photograph showing women leading the Communist Party of Australia contingent in the Brisbane May Day procession, c1944
Photocopied photograph of Queensland Guardian picnic, Lone Pine, Brisbane, 1951, with names of subjects attached
Photocopied page of Guardian cartoons, c1952
Photocopied page from Guardian Festival Souvenir, showing photographs of nominees in the Guardian Festival Popular Girls contest, c1953
Photocopied programs of the Queensland Guardian Festival, 1953

Folder 8
Fliers, letters and photocopied newspaper cuttings of articles concerning the bombing of the Communist Party offices in Brisbane in April 1972

Folder 9
Minutes and financial records of the Brisbane North West branch of the Communist Party of Australia, 1965-1989

Folder 10

Folder 11
Minutes and other records of the Brisbane North West branch of the Communist Party of Australia, 1968-1983

Folder 12
Correspondence and reports from the Queensland State Committee of the Communist Party of Australia, 1986-1991
Minutes and a letter of the New Left Party, 1991
Summary of Socialist Study Circle meeting, Mar 1992
Tributes to Ted Bacon, 1996

Box 12
Some material in this box relates to Ursula Southwell and Eva Bacon, collected by Marge Croucher and passed to Jean Leary and Connie Healy after Marge’s death.
Items 1-12 [unnumbered]
12 notebooks of Ursula Southwell, used as diaries and for notes on historical and contemporary topics, 1978-1988

Tape 1
Audiocassette labeled ‘New Theatre, Syd Davis and Reedy River…received from Jean Leary’, containing recording of ‘New Theatres, their past and present’, ABC Radio "Arts National" program, 1989 (00:47:53)

Folder 1
Publicity fliers and programs for the Guardian Fair and People’s Market, 1953-1960s

Folder 2
Recipes for jam and marmalade, and publicity fliers, reports and organising records for the Guardian Fair and People’s Market, 1953-1964

Folder 3
Notes, correspondence and a brochure relating to the National Inquiry Concerning the Human Rights of People with Mental Illness, 1991
Photocopied pamphlet, The Parable of the Water Tank, nd
Cartoon concerning Marx’s labour theory of value, nd

Folder 4
Reports, correspondence and other records of the National Committee and the National Congress of the Communist Party of Australia, 1972-1992

Folder 5
Newspaper cuttings of articles concerning the history of communism
Newspaper cutting of article, ‘The Twelve Great Myths of Australian History’, source and date unknown

Folder 6
Letter to Ursula Southwell from Noreen, 19 Dec 1974
Letters and statements paying tribute to Ursula Southwell on the occasion of her death, 1995
9 typescripts of poems, author unknown
Folder 7
Research material, correspondence and article drafts relating to an Australian Dictionary of Biography entry on George Eaton, prepared by Connie Healy, 2001-2003
Research material, correspondence and draft article relating to an Australian Dictionary of Biography entry on Jim Crawford, prepared by Connie Healy, 2001-2003

Folder 8
Photocopied newspaper cuttings, photocopied photographs and other material concerning Connie Healy’s involvement in Brisbane labour movement activities, especially her participation in the Victory Girl contest in 1944.
Notes and articles in typescript about Communist Party and labour movement functions at Brisbane City Hall during WW2
Correspondence relating to the Museum of Brisbane’s ‘Taking to the Streets’ exhibition, 2005-2006
Photocopied photographs relating to anti-war and anti-fascism floats in Brisbane May Day processions, late 1930s
Typescript of talk on ‘Women in Radical Theatre in Brisbane’, delivered by Connie Healy at a Brisbane History Group conference on ‘Women in Radical Brisbane’, 7 May 2005
Letter to Trade Union Industrial Campaign Fund from Connie Healy, 27 Apr 1998, accompanied by newspaper cuttings about the fund and the 1998 dispute between the Maritime Union of Australia and Patrick Stevedores

Folder 9
Biographical notes about Waren Keats, compiled by Connie Healy
Greeting cards and an art exhibition catalogue featuring the art of Warren Keats
Typescript of an article by Keats: ‘Bluey Evans and the ‘Bucco Panno’: a 1951 Waterfront Incident’
Newspaper cutting of an article about the awarding of an Order of Australia to Keats, 1990s

Folder 10
Correspondence, typescript of a funeral oration and other material relating to the life and death of Murray Norris, 1984-1986

Folder 11
Correspondence, articles, newspaper cuttings and other material by and about Professor Frederick Rose, 1983-1988

Folder 12
Newspaper cuttings about Sir John (Jack) Egerton
Folder 13
Letters by and about Eva Bacon, 1993-1998

Folder 14
Newspaper cuttings of articles about Winston Churchill, WW2 and other topics

Box 13

Folder 1
Correspondence and reports relating to the submission and assessment of Connie Healy’s Master of Art’s thesis, 1994-1995
Correspondence and related documents concerning an application from Connie Healy for Arts Office funding to assist with the preparation and publication of a book based on her Master of Art’s thesis, 1997-1998

Folder 2
Correspondence and related documents concerning an application from Connie Healy for Arts Office funding to assist with the preparation and publication of a book based on her Master of Art’s thesis, 1997-1998
Correspondence and related documents concerning Connie Healy’s application for and administration of a Brisbane City Council Local History Grant to assist with the preparation and publication of a book based on her Master of Art’s thesis, 1998-2000
Correspondence and related documents concerning Connie Healy’s application for and administration of Search Foundation funding to assist with the publication of a book based on her Master of Art’s thesis, 1997-1998
Correspondence between Connie Healy and the University of Queensland Press and between Healy and the Currency Press concerning the possible publication of Healy’s manuscript on Brisbane radical theatre, 1995-2000
Correspondence and a copy of a publishing agreement between Connie Healy and Boombana Publications concerning the publication of Healy’s book, Defiance: Political Theatre in Brisbane, 1930-1962

Folder 3
Correspondence and associated documents produced in the course of Connie Healy’s research into the history of Brisbane radical theatre, 1992-2001

Folder 4
Correspondence and associated documents produced in the course of Connie Healy’s research into the history of Brisbane radical theatre, and relating to the launch of her book, Defiance, 1992-2001
Folder 5
Correspondence relating to the publication, launch and reception of *Defiance*, 1999-2000
Miscellaneous correspondence concerning Brisbane theatre, 2000-2001

Folder 6
Transcript of interview with Brian Laver, and research notes, newspaper cuttings and typescript articles concerning the history of the Red and Black Bookshop, Brisbane
Photocopies of two bulletins produced by the Self Management Group, Brisbane, concerning the politics and actions of Dennis Walker with respect to the Red and Black Bookshop, 1973

Folder 7
Photographs, photocopied newspaper cuttings and notes relating to radical bookshops in Brisbane

Folder 8
Photographs, photocopied newspaper cuttings, correspondence and typescript articles relating to radical bookshops in Brisbane and Healy’s chapter on the topic for the publication, *Radical Brisbane*

Folder 9
Transcript of an interview with Jim Sharp and Ross Gwyther, research notes and a typescript article concerning the East Wind and Independance bookshops in Brisbane

Folder 10
6 newsletters of the University of the Third Age Brisbane Inc, 2003-2005

Box 14
Item 1
Hard plastic display plate, with handmade wire for hanging attached to the back, showing a photograph of a man in uniform, with his name beneath in cursive Russian script [may be ‘Herman Shimov’ or ‘German Shimov’]

Folder 1

Newspaper cuttings and a commemorative booklet relating to the Rothbury Mine lockout of 1929-30 and the police shooting on 16 December 1929 of miner, Norman Brown.

A4 sepia print of an identified Australian landscape painting
Folder 2
Reports, meeting notices, minutes and auditors’ reports of the Brisbane History Group Inc, 2000-2006

Folder 3
3 letters to Norma Chalmers from Pete Thomas, nd
Letter to Pete Thomas from William H. Marsh, United Mine Workers of America, 26 Apr 1979

Folder 4
Transcribed excerpts from a letter to Connie Healy from Florence Buckley (nee Lovegrove), relating to Unity/New Theatre
Transcript of an interview with Florence Buckley about Unity/New Theatre, conducted by Connie Healy on 14 June 1998

Folder 5
Communist Party of Australia records, including:
- Certificate of Registration of Business Name for People’s Bookshop, Brisbane, 28 Jan 1964
- Sheet music for the national anthem of the Soviet Union (2 copies), published by the Australian Friends of the Soviet Union, nd
- Copy of Tribune Magazine, from Tribune, 3 Oct 1979
- Entry form for Tribune Art Exhibition, Oct 1969
- Order form for recordings of presentations at the Communists and the Labour Movement Conference, Aug 1980
- Communist Party of Australia minutes: State Executive (Qld) 12 July 1978; decisions of State Committee, 23 Jul 1978

Folder 6
Material relating to Alby Graham, including:
- A4 photocopy of a photograph of Graham, 1988
- Transcript of a speech by Graham, marking the fortieth anniversary of the 1948 railway strike
- Transcript of a speech by Connie Healy on the occasion of Graham’s 90th birthday, May 1995
- Newspaper cuttings about Graham and the Communist Party of Australia
- A tribute to Graham by Gordon Horn, 31 May 1996
- Research notes in Graham
- Transcript of Graham’s address at the memorial service for Mick Healy, 7 Dec 1988
Folder 7
Material relating to Jim Healy, mostly comprising newspaper cuttings. Includes a pamphlet, *Jim Healy*, by Rupert Lockwood, 1951

Folder 8
Newspaper cuttings and research notes concerning Ted Englart and Bill Hill. Includes an article by Connie Healy, 'Memories: I Learn about Trade Unions', 2005

Folder 9
Research material and drafts of an article on the history of the Chinese in Queensland, 2001-2010

Folder 10
Author unknown, typescript of a speech for an event marking the 86th birthday of Henry Lawson, 1953
Stevenson, Brian, Obituary for Senator George Georges, 2002
Healy, Connie. 'Women in Radical Theatre in Brisbane', nd (2 copies)

Folder 11
Floppy disc labelled George B Eaton biography
Floppy disc labelled Jim Crawford biography
Floppy disc labelled Toadshow

Folder 12

Folder 13

*The Brisbane History Group* - A Performing Arts Day Sunday, 15 October 2000 at Thomas Dixon Centre. Amongst others Connie Healy speaks on New Theatres

Arterial posters for proposed program South Bank 6-13 Nov. 2004 (this production failed to go ahead despite much preparation) and ad for *Fahimeh’s Story* SBS June 3 2004

*The Weekend Australian* Dec 4-5, 2004 - Andrew Fraser re: long tradition of radical theatre

Tasmanian Trade Union Training Centre - *History of the Trade Union Movement*

*George Loveless: Tasmania’s Tolpuddle Martyr* by Peter Lockley

The Birth of Unions
Folder 14

The *Sydney Morning Herald* 'Legal aid standard of "grave" concern to Judge - re comments by NSW’s First Aboriginal judge Mr Bob Bellear (judge of the District Court)'

Maritime Worker 7/10/1968 - article by George Bliss, member of ACP, waterside worker (now deceased) re: Czechoslovakia in support of Federal leadership of Maritime Union protest re: invasion by Soviet troops

Colour photograph of John and Ellen Malso with brief biographies about them. John Malos, son of a well-known Greek fish shop proprietor in Mackay, who studied at the University of Queensland. A very talented student, but was discriminated against because of his politics and left Australia in 1962 where he eventually became a Reader at Bristol University. He visited Australia in 1987 - photo taken at the home of Mick and Connie Healy

Parcel 1

Photograph of Connie Healy

3 A3-sized posters relating to the Queensland Labor women's oral history project, 'From Lunchroom to Boardroom'

Photographs, display panels and other material from a display on the history of New Theatre and the Black Diamonds Theatre Group, Ipswich/Booval, produced by Connie Healy and Ted Reithmuller for the Brisbane Labour History Association and shown at the 8th National Labour History Conference, Brisbane, in 2003

Cash book, with first 335 pages containing newspaper cuttings relating to environment conservation, and the remaining pages containing records of cash transactions for an unidentified organisation, Apr 1959 – Mar 1965

3 scrapbooks containing newspaper cuttings relating to Australian politics, with particular emphasis on the 1975 dismissal of the Whitlam government, 1975-1977

4 laminated display posters featuring newspaper articles about Aeneas Gunn

1 piece of artwork: embroidery on silk

Cover and order form for Connie Healy’s book, *Defiance: Political Theatre in Brisbane 1930-1962*
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