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Tony Riddell collection

Size 2 boxes

Contents Letters, cards and postcards, handwritten and typed, including Gwen Harwood's last letter to Tony Riddell (29 November 1995). Includes 4 letters from other correspondents to Gwen Harwood. Also accompanied by a handwritten libretto by Harwood, entitled *Lenz: opera in one act, after Buchner* and an audiotape recording of its performance by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

Biography Gwen Harwood (nee Foster) is one of Australia's best-known poets. She began corresponding with Tony (Thomas) Riddell in 1943 when he was stationed on war service in Darwin. Some of the letters Harwood wrote to Riddell in 1943 were edited by Alison Hoddinott and published as *Blessed City* in 1990. Gwen Harwood wrote to Tony Riddell more often than to any other person and all but the last of her volumes of poetry are dedicated to him. He kept every letter and postcard she wrote. Much of their correspondence was published in Greg Kratzmann's *A Steady Storm of Correspondence: selected letters of Gwen Harwood, 1943-1995* (UQP, 2001). This collection contains Harwood's last letter to Riddell (29 November 1995), possibly the last letter she wrote to anyone.

Notes Restricted access

Box 1

153 postcards, from Gwen Harwood to Tony Riddell, arranged chronologically, 1956-1989

Box 2

Folder 1 (Period 1985-1989)

Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell

Card depicting game played on lawn (nd)

Card 7 Feb 85

Letter (aerogramme) typed 4 July 85

Letter (aerogramme) 11 July 85

Letter (aerogramme) 6 Aug 85

Letter 2 Apr 87

Letter (aerogramme) 22 June 87

Letter 16 July 87

Card 10 Aug 89

Letter 14 June 90

Letter 29 June 90

Card 11 Feb 91

Card 20 Feb 91

Letter (aerogramme) 19 June 89

Letter (aerogramme) 22 June 89

Incoming correspondence

Letter Sen John Watson to Gwen Harwood congratulating her on conferral of Honorary Doctor of Letters by the University of Tasmania 9 Sept 87

Folder 2 (Period 1977-1990)

Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell

Card - floral arrangement nd
 Letter 1 Jan 77
 Letter typed 14 Feb 77
 Letter typed 27 Feb 77
 Letter 9 Mar 77
 Letter 14 Mar 77
 Letter typed 24 Mar 77
 Letter typed 31 Mar 77
 Letter typed 16 Apr 77
 Letter typed 22 Apr 77
 Letter typed 28 Apr 77
 Letter typed 5 May 77
 Telegram 12 May 77
 Letter typed 15 May 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 22 May 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 30 May 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 13 June 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 18 June 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 4 July 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 11 July 77
 Letter typed 15 July 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 27 July 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 4 Aug 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 18 Aug 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 25 Aug 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 15 Sept 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 23 Sept 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 30 Sept 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 6 Oct 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 Oct 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 27 Oct 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 5 Nov 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 17 Nov 77
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 20 Nov 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 6 Dec 77
 Letter (aerogramme) 3 Jan 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 14 Jan 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 24 Jan 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 7 Feb 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 14 Feb 78
 Letter typed 24 Feb 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 2 Mar 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 8 Mar 78
 Letter typed 22 Mar 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 2 Apr 78

Letter (aerogramme) typed 17 Apr 78
 Letter 22 Apr 78 and copy of 'Springtime, Oyster Cove' (memorial poem for James McAuley)
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 25 Apr 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 20 May 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 11 May 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 1 June 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 11 June 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 14 June 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 27 June 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 7 July 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 14 July 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 31 July 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 3 Aug 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 16 Aug 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 29 Aug 78
 Letter 14 Sept 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 7 Oct 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 29 Oct 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 14 Nov 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 16 Nov 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 26 Nov 78
 Letter (aerogramme) 1 Dec 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 11 Dec 78
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 Dec 78
 Letter and newspaper cutting of 'An Illumination' 2 Jan 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 4 Jan 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 12 Jan 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 17 Jan 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 31 Jan 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 6 Feb 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 22 Feb 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 26 Feb 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 5 Mar 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 8 Mar 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 16 Mar 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 18 Mar 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 23 Mar 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 3 Apr 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 5 Apr 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 10 Apr 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 23 Apr 79
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 10 May 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 14 May 79
 Letter (aerogramme) 21 May 80
 Letter (aerogramme) 30 May 80
 Letter 11 June 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 5 June 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 June 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 30 June 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 1 July 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 2 July 80

Letter typed 15 July 80
 Letter 21 July 80
 Letter typed 1 Aug 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 8 Aug 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 26 Aug 80
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 2 Sept 80
 Letter (aerogramme) 20 July 81
 Letter typed 22 July 81
 Letter (aerogramme) 28 July 81
 Letter (aerogramme) 12 Aug 81
 Letter (aerogramme) 4 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 7 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 12 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 15 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 19 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 24 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 28 July 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 11 Aug 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 4 Aug 82
 Letter (aerogramme) 12 Aug 82
 Letter 5 July 83
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 6 July 83
 Letter (aerogramme) 12 July 83
 Letter (aerogramme) 16 July 83
 Letter (aerogramme) 28 July 83
 Letter (aerogramme) 30 July 83
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 1 Aug 83
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 12 June 84
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 16 June 84
 Letter (aerogramme) 16 June 84
 Letter (aerogramme) 18 June 84
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 25 June 84
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 27 June 84
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 3 July 84
 Letter (aerogramme) 10 July 84
 Letter (aerogramme) 16 July 84
 Letter 18 Apr 85
 Letter (aerogramme) 25 July 85
 Letter (aerogramme) 1 Aug 85
 Letter (aerogramme) 16 June 87
 Letter (aerogramme) typed 7 Aug 87
 Letter 5 May 88
 Letter 18 Dec 88
 Letter 29 Dec 88
 Letter 16 Jan 89
 Envelope postmarked 27 Jan 89 and typed copy of 'A Postcard'
 Letter 20 Mar 89
 Letter (aerogramme) 26 June 89
 Letter (aerogramme) 29 June 89
 Letter (aerogramme) 1 July 89
 Letter (aerogramme) 7 July 89

Card - man and dog 23 Aug 89
Letter 3 Jan 90
Card - oriental print nd

Miscellaneous

Handwritten copy of 'The Wasps' (to Edwin Tanner) and magazine clipping for Russian liners m/s Shota Rustaveli and m/s Mikhail Lermontov

Folder 3 (Period 1991-1994)

Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell

Letter typed 17 Feb 91
Letter typed 3 Mar 91
Card 16 Mar 91
Letter (aerogramme) typed 6 June 91
Letter (aerogramme) typed 15 June 91
Letter (aerogramme) typed 20 June 91
Letter typed 31 Mar 92
Card 3 May 92
Letter (aerogramme) typed 6 June 94
Letter (aerogramme) typed 11 June 94
Letter typed 8 Aug 94

Folder 4 (Period 1995)

Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell

Letter 9 Jan 95
Postcard - *Stonehenge* 12 Jan 95
Postcard - Dame Peggy Ashcroft 15 Jan 95
Postcard - Sharpham River 23 Jan 95
Postcard - *Brighton Beach with Colliers* ? Jan 95
Letter typed 31 Jan 95
Postcard - artwork by Albrecht Durer 3 Feb 95
Postcard - *Cloud Study* 8 Feb 95
Letter 19 Feb 95
Letter 23 Feb 95
Birthday card 26 Feb 95
Letter 31 Feb 95
Letter 3 Mar 95
Card - floral print 14 Mar 95
Postcard - *Barges on the Stour at Flatford Lock* 19 Mar 95
Card - girl with kitten and puppies 19 Mar 95
Card - young boy and girl 22 Mar 95
Letter 25 Mar 95
Letter 27 Mar 95
Card - decorative ceiling 5 Apr 95
Postcard - *Irises* 18 Apr 95
Postcard - *Irises and Bridge* 20 Apr 95
Card - leaded-glass window 22 Apr 95
Card - Frank Memorial window 28 Apr 95
Card - pansies 15 May 95
Card - Ulbster Cross 25 May 95
Letter typed 27 May 95
Letter 2 June 95

Photograph of shoreline 8 June 95
 Letter 11 June 95
 Letter 26 May 95
 Postcard - Margaret Standart Watson Memorial window 6 July 95
 Letter 11 July 95
 Letter 15 July 95
 Letter 16 July 95
 Letter 18 July 95
 Letter 19 July 95
 Letter 22 July 95
 Card - 2 young girls 27 July 95
 Copy of 'Herongate' (To Graeme Hetherington) (nd)
 Letter 1 Aug 95
 Letter 2 Aug 95
 Letter 3 Aug 95
 Letter 6 Aug 95
 Letter 8 Aug 95
 Card - *Thomas Cromwell* 9 Aug 95
 Card - *Henry Clay Frick* 11 Aug 95
 Letter 12 Aug 95
 Letter 14 Aug 95
 Letter 19 Aug 95
 Letter 23 Aug 95
 Card - *Sir Thomas More* 24 Aug 95
 Letter 28 Aug 95
 Letter 30 Aug 95
 Card - *The Harbor of Dieppe* 1 Sept 95
 Postcard - *Irises* 10 Sept 95
 Letter 10 Sept 95
 Card - Rembrant Harmensz self-portrait 18 Sept 95
 Card - Boobook Owl with newspaper cutting of birth announcements 20 Sept 95
 Postcard - Stockholm Royal Palace 25 Sept 95
 Postcard - The Astronomical Clock, Hampton Court 24 Sept 95
 Letter with printed excerpt about ABC television program 27 Sept 95
 Letter 2 Oct 95
 Letter 8 Oct 95
 Card - *Queen Elizabeth I* 12 Oct 95
 Letter 17 Oct 95
 Photograph postcard - Queen Victoria Shopping Arcade 13 Oct 95
 Postcard - Cloudy Bay Lagoon 18 Oct 95
 Letter 24 Oct 95
 Letter 25 Oct 95
 Letter 29 Oct 95
 Postcard - *Young Couple Walking* 30 Oct 95
 Letter 31 Oct 95
 Letter 5 Nov 95
 Letter 18 Nov 95
 Letter 12 Nov 95
 Letter 14 Nov 95
 Letter 29 Nov 95

Incoming correspondence

Letter from Rosemary Dobson to Gwen Harwood 17 July 95
Letter from Rosemary Dobson to Gwen Harwood 23 July 95
Letter typed from Betty Roberts to Gwen Harwood 24 Sept 95

Miscellaneous

Poster of C&M Garden Guide with handwritten notes on back making reference to the subject matter of certain letters

Folder 5 (Period 1989-1995)

Outgoing correspondence Gwen Harwood to Thomas Riddell

Card 6 Dec 89
Postcard - Mudgee, NSW nd
Birthday card - parrot 26 Feb 91
Postcard - The Mermaid Theatre ?? 92
Letter 1 Jan 92
Postcard - *Still Life with Basket of Flowers* 8 Mar 92
Postcard - Brisbane City Hall 19 May 92
Card - floral print 11 June 92
Postcard - *Traveller Looking over the Sea of Fog* 5 July 92
Postcard - The Tower of London 5 July 92
Postcard - The King's Privy Garden 7 July 92
Postcard - *A Morning Walk by the River* 10 July 92
Postcard - Napoli di notte 12 Aug 92
Postcard - Positano vista dal mare 13 Aug 92
Postcard - *Flowers in Art* 12 Sept 92
Postcard - Brisbane at Sunrise 25 Sept 92
Postcard - Brisbane City Hall 29 Nov 92
Postcard - *Portrait of Maddalena Doni* 2 Dec 92
Postcard - *Medusa* 30 Dec 92
Letter 2 Jan 93
Postcard - *Cornflowers and Cherries* 23 Feb 93
Postcard - Navona Square, Rome 28 Feb 93
Card with floral print 31 May 93
Card - *Magnolia and Irises* 19 June 93
Postcard - *Flowers in Art* 5 July 93
Card - *Grapevine* 5 Aug 93
Postcard - *Four Trees* 10 Aug 93
Postcard - *Bertrand Russell* 24 Aug 93
Postcard - *The Anastasis* 2 Nov 93
Postcard - Roman Forum 30 Nov 93
Card - *Glossodia Major* 4 Dec 93
Birthday card - *Blue Irises* ? Feb 93
Postcard - Obazine 20 Dec 93
Postcard - *Flowers in Art* 30 Dec 93
Postcard - Barnard castle, Durham 6 Jan 94
Postcard - *Toys of a Prince* 11 Jan 94
Postcard - Grasmere and Silver How, Westmoreland 25 Jan 94
Postcard - The Hole of Horcum, Saltergate 27 Jan 94
Postcard - Buttermere, Cumberland 9 Feb 94
Postcard - Welton Dale, Brough, Yorkshire 14 Feb 94
Postcard - Swallowslip, Haxham, Northumberland 21 Feb 94

Birthday card – floral still life ? Feb 94
 Postcard – Endcliffe Woods, Sheffield 28 Feb 94
 Letter 8 May 94
 Postcard – *Rosa Gallica Versicolor* 18 May 94
 Letter 24 May 94
 Postcard – *Geneva* 15 Aug 94
 Postcard – St, Ives, Huntingdon 22 Aug 94
 Postcard – *In Our Garden* 26 Aug 94
 Postcard – *Sung Trade Jar* 13 Sept 94
 Postcard – Darwin – Big Croc Country 14 Sept 94
 Card – Mrs. Beeton's Every-Day Cookery and Housekeeping 30 Sept 94
 Postcard – Statue of Cangrande 11 Oct 94
 Postcard – Melbourne, Victoria 17 Oct 94
 Postcard – *Dedham Vale* 4 Nov 94
 Postcard – *Hampstead Heath* 19 Nov 94
 Postcard – *Hampstead Heath: Branch Hill Pond* 23 Nov 94
 Postcard – *David Remfry* 28 Nov 94
 Postcard – *Golding Constable's Kitchen Garden* 28 Dec 94
 Postcard – *Landscape* 5 Jan 95
 Postcard – Bourton on the Water 26 Jan 96

Miscellaneous

Envelope postmarked 19 Feb 95

Also in Box

1 bound volume (22 cm x 15 cm) containing handwritten libretto entitled: *Lenz: opera in one act, after Buchner*. Libretto by Gwen Harwood, music by Larry Sitsky (no music included). Pages of this volume have also been used as a daybook by Tony Riddell. He has handwritten a number of poems by various poets.

Audiotape of the performance of *Lenz* by the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Christopher Lyndon Gee and recorded by the ABC. This recording was later used by the BBC to broadcast the opera over BBC3 on 9 July 1983. A small newspaper clipping giving details of the BBC3 broadcast is enclosed in the audiotape case.