

# UQFL341

## Helen Mills collection

**Size** 1 box

**Contents** Letters, postcards and photographs sent by Gwen Harwood to her friend Helen Mills, 1984-1995.

**Biography** Gwen Harwood is one of Australia's best-known poets. She was born in Brisbane in 1920 and lived there until her marriage in 1945, when she moved to Hobart, Tasmania. Harwood's poetry and critical writing appeared regularly in Australian literary journals from the 1960s. Her first book, *Poems*, was published in 1963. Her other publications include *Poems: Volume Two* (1968), *Selected Poems* (1975), *The Lion's Bride* (1981), *Bone Scan* (1988), *Gwen Harwood: Collected Poems* (1991), *Night Thoughts* (1992) and *Present Tense* (1995). In 1989 she was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for services to literature. She died in 1995. Helen Mills met Gwen Harwood in Tasmania, while Mills was married to the poet Graeme Hetherington and working as an artist and art educator. Later, Helen Mills moved to Adelaide and trained as a speech pathologist. She specialized in treating patients suffering from brain traumas. This collection consists of letters, postcards and photographs sent by Gwen Harwood to Helen Mills between 1984 and 1995.

**Notes** Restricted access

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## Box 1

### Folder 1

- Undated Copy of Gwen Harwood poem 'Mid-Channel'

### Folder 2

#### 1984

##### Postcards

- 20.2.84
- 22.2.84
- 28.6.84
- 16.11.84
- 28.11.84

#### 1985 Postcards

- 5.3.85
- 22.3.85
- 23.3.85
- 26.3.85

- 24.4.85
- Undated – 1.5.85 – 1985 on postal stamp
- 9.5.85
- 22.5.85
- 27.5.85
- 10.7.85
- 31.7.85

**1986** Postcards

- 3.7.86
- 4.9.86

**1987**

- 17.1.87 Postcard
- 18.3.87 Postcard
- 23.11.87 Aerogramme

**Folder 3**

**1988** Postcards

- 4.2.88
- 17.2.88
- 19.4.88
- 18.7.88
- 30.8.88
- 31.10.88
- 11.11.88

**1989** Postcards

- 9.2.89
- 21.2.89
- 24.2.89
- 11.4.89
- 21.6.89

**Folder 4**

**1990**

- 24.1.90 Postcard
- 14.2.90 Postcard
- 5.3.90 Postcard
- 23.4.90 Card
- 1.5.90 Letter
- 1.5.90 Card
- 3.5.90 Card
- 21.5.90 Card
- 28.5.90 Card

- 28.5.90 Letter
- 29.5.90 Postcard
- 3.6.90 Card
- 5.6.90 Postcard
- 6.6.90 Postcard
- 8.6.90 Postcard
- 18.6.90 Letter
- 27.6.90 Letter
- 10.7.90 Letter
- 31.8.90 Letter
- 9.8.90 Letter
- 21.8.90 Letter + envelope + *Sydney Morning Herald* cutting 18.8.90
- 5.9.90 Letter
- 15.9.90 Postcard
- 18.9.90 Postcard
- 9.10.90 Letter
- 16.10.90 Letter
- 27.10.90 Postcard
- 31.10.90 Letter – written on back of Society of Women Writers flyer
- 10.11.90 Letter
- 19.11.90 Letter
- 10.12.90 Letter signed Bill
- 11.12.90 Postcard
- 23.12.90 Letter signed Bill

## Folder 5

### 1991

- 1.1.91 (amended from 1.4.90) Letter
- 29.1.91 Letter
- 14.2.91 Postcard
- 18.2.91 (amended from 18.2.90) Letter
- 26.2.91 Letter
- 7.3.91 Letter signed Bill
- 9.3.91 Letter
- 20.3.91 Letter – p.1 written on back of Alice's Book Shop flyer; p.2 written on back of letter to Dr. Harwood headed "Honours-in-confidence"
- 7.4.91 Letter signed Bill
- 15.4.91 Letter – 2 pages written on back of flyers for *Mathematica*
- 16.4.91 Letter signed Bill
- 6.5.91 (amended from 6.5.8) Letter signed Bill
- 6.5.91 Letter – p.2 written on the back of "Lunch menus"
- 23.5.91 Letter signed Bill
- 23.5.91 Letter
- 18.6.91 Letter – p.1 written on paper with letterhead Fellowship of Australian Writers-Tasmania.
- 4.7.91 Letter

- 15.8.91 Letter signed Bill
- 15.8.91 Letter + cartoon
- 15.9.91 Letter – p1 written on paper with letterhead Minister for Science
- 27.10.91 Letter

## Folder 6

### 1992

- 13.1.92 Postcard
- 7.2.92 Postcard
- 2.4.92 Postcard
- 8.5.92 Letter
- Undated (20.7.92) Birthday card
- 21.7.92 Letter
- 22.7.92 Letter – p.2 written on back of Business training needs of artists. Final report  
June 1992.
- 21.8.92 Letter – includes enclosure entitled “Notes on Palliative Care”
- 8.11.92 Letter

### 1993

- 20.5.93 Letter
- 29.6.93 Card
- 15.9.93 Letter
- 16.9.93 Letter signed Bill

### 1994

- 1.3.94 Letter signed Bill
- 3.3.94 Postcard
- 14.7.94 Letter signed Bill
- 14.7.94 Letter
- 25.7.94 Letter
- 4.8.94 Letter
- 4.8.94 Letter signed Bill
- 11.8.94 Letter – written on the back of a University Of Queensland flyer
- 14.8.94 Letter signed Bill
- 11.9.94 Postcard
- 24.9.94 Letter signed Bill
- 26.10.94 Letter
- Christmas 94 Postcard
- Undated Card (came together with the above card)

### 1995

- 4.1.95 Letter + envelope
- 10.1.95 Letter signed Bill
- 12.1.95 Postcard
- 4.4.95 Card

- 26.4.95 Postcard
- 1.5.95 Postcard
- 1.6.95 Letter signed Bill
- 1.6.95 Letter
- 1.6.95 Postcard
- 8.6.95 Letter signed Bill; includes note from Gwen Harwood.
- 22.6.95 Postcard
- 18.7.95 Postcard; including note signed Bill
- 14.11.95 Letter

## Folder 7

Photographs, cards and letters (1984-1995).

Originals given to Peter Goldsworthy by Helen Mills and subsequently donated by him to the Fryer Library.

- Photograph—Gwen Harwood launching a book (note on back: "That is a painted glass of wine")
- Photograph—Graeme, Gwen, Bill, 1985
- 13.7.84 Postcard
- 9.4.85 Postcard
- 26.6.86 Postcard
- 10.5.88 Postcard
- 1.3.90 Postcard
- 22.3.90 Postcard
- 7.6.90 Postcard
- 17.1.91 Postcard
- 29.3.93 Postcard
- 14.8.95 Letter
- 18.9.95 Letter
- 24.9.95 Postcard
- 28.9.95 Letter
- 28.10.95 Letter
- 7.11.95 Letter

## Folder 8

Photocopies of the cards and letters in Folder 7, taken while they were still in Peter Goldsworthy's possession. These photocopies include one letter (19.7.95) not subsequently donated.

- 13.7.84 Postcard
- 9.4.85 Postcard
- 26.6.86 Postcard
- 10.5.88 Postcard
- 1.3.90 Postcard
- 22.3.90 Postcard
- 7.6.90 Postcard
- 17.1.91 Postcard
- 29.3.93 Postcard

- 19.7.95 Letter
- 14.8.95 Letter
- 18.9.95 Letter
- 24.9.95 Postcard
- 28.9.95 Letter
- 28.10.95 Letter
- 7.11.95 Letter