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Harry Oakman Collection

Size	22 boxes, 1 parcel, 22 plans, 12 maps, 2 posters
Contents	Correspondence, reports, drafts of books and articles, newspaper cuttings, photographs, plans, maps, posters and recorded interviews pertaining to Harry Oakman's career as a landscape architect.
Date range	1922 to 2002
Biography	One of Australia's foremost gardening experts, Harry Oakman was the director of Brisbane City Council's Department of Parks from 1946 to 1963. During this time he was responsible for extensive tree planting programs across the city and for the design and revitalization of many parks, including the Brisbane Botanical Gardens and New Farm Park. In 1963, he became Director of Landscape Architecture for the city of Canberra and had a major impact on the development of Australia's capital. He retired to Brisbane in 1973 and died there in 2002.
Notes	Open access, except Box 1 Folder 5 is restricted. Application for access to restricted material may be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration. Collection includes some nineteenth-century material: Brisbane Botanical Gardens Reports 1861 – 1894, older city surveys and maps.

Box 1

Two audio cassettes containing four interviews with Harry Oakman and Malcolm Bunzli concerning Harry Oakman's professional life:

- Tape 1: 1939-1946, 1946-1962
- Tape 2: 1963-1985, Harry Oakman the author, photographer and artist.

Folder 1

Report by Harry Oakman, Director of Landscape, National Capital Development Commission.
Typed itinerary for overseas study tour. Canberra, no date.

Folder 2

Newspaper cuttings (no date)

Folder 3

Newspaper cuttings [1958-1973]

[Folder titles as supplied by Harry Oakman]

Folder 4 “The Record”

Correspondence outgoing, [1947-1970]

Correspondence incoming, [1948-1982]

Various typescripts.

Folder 5

[Access to material in this folder is restricted. Application for access to restricted material can be submitted to the Fryer Librarian for consideration.]

Personal correspondence

Folder 6

Parks & HO Staff,

Park Superintendent Reports [1947-1962]

Folder 7

NCDC (National Capital Development Commission) [1963-1972]

Folder 8

BCC Parks

Alienation & Reports [1950-1972]

Folder 9

O.S. Trip

Reports, typescripts, photographs, [1951-1972]

Folder 10

Telephone Extensions Brisbane City Council

Folder 11

Trees

Photographs of trees (1930-1940)

Newspaper cuttings, photographs and pictures of trees from magazines.

Folder 12

No title

Assorted typescripts, reports, newspaper cuttings, drawings [1960-1982]

Folder 13

Street Trees

Reports, typescripts, information sheets [1949-1975]

Folder 14

Trees

Cuttings from journals, various loose typescripts [1948-1978]

Box 2

Album 1

Bound volume of newspaper cuttings (Sept. 1946-Oct. 1956)

Album 2

Bound volume entitled Dept. of Parks Press book (Oct. 1956-1961)

Box 3

[Titles as supplied by Harry Oakman]

Item 1

Exercise book: *Newcastle Herald* articles (1946-1960)

Folder 2

Press cuttings Newcastle (1940-1948)

Album 3

Bound volume: Department of Parks press book from Nov. '61 to 63

Album 4

Bound volume of reports, and cuttings from newspapers and journals (1947–1984)

Box 4

Folder 1

Annuals & perennials (1970-1991).

Folder 2

Oxford's slides (1981-1995)

Folder 3

Final: Introduction, index to common names, index to plant descriptions, tree charts, recommended references. Drafts for *What flowers when*.

Folder 4

Caboolture Shire Council. *Guidelines for urban trees*, June 1994.

Folder 5

Loose cuttings, contracts and correspondence concerning published works, *Gardening in Queensland*, *Tropical and subtropical gardening*, *Trees of Australia* and *Shrubs for tropical and subtropical gardens*. (1957-1998)

Folder 6

Articles

Cuttings from journals, typescript drafts, handwritten (1949-1986)

Folder 7

Queensland Conservation Council. National Trust. *Parks and open space in Brisbane : a report*, prepared by the Queensland Conservation Council.

Folder 8

Typescript pages *Our forests* and photocopy of pages from *Trees* by K. Herbert.

Folder 9

Designs and tracings.

Folder 10

Miscellaneous – plants in pp. garden. Names to remember.

Folder 11

Landscapes - folder of coloured landscape designs for parks and private residences.

Folder 12

Plans Brisbane - folder of coloured landscape designs for parks.

Folder 13

Assorted typescript pages relating to landscape gardening , design requirements and garden features.

Box 5

Folder 1

Overseas trip, 1966.

Folder 2

Typescript drafts of articles and assorted loose handwritten papers. (1958-1975)

Folder 3

Typescript copies of articles published in *Truth* (1961-1963)

Folder 4

Q.A.L.I Excellence in Landscape Construction Awards, September 1986. Category: Recreational tourism. Judge, Harry Oakman.

Folder 5

Reader's Digest. Correspondence concerning reproduction rights for use in Encyclopaedia Britannica

Folder 6

Tropical and subtropical gardening revisions and additions.

Folder 7

Notes for *Tropical and subtropical gardens*.

Folder 8

Trees – screen plants. (1978-1992)

Folder 9

Shrubs – material for articles. (1975-1991)

Folder 10

Shrubs – Canberra shrubs stock sheets, natives. (1963-1970)

Folder 11

Typescript pages concerning trees.

Rough drafts for book.

Folder 12

Drafts for *What tree?*

Box 6

Folder 1

Typescript papers, plans and reports concerning Jabiru, Moreton, Latoka. (1973-1982)

Folder 2

Brisbane Botanical Garden B.C.C. Reports (1951-1985).

Folder 3

Brisbane Botanic Garden. Press articles.

Box 7

Australian Garden story, vol. 8 no. 4 January/February 1997.

Best of the spoilers, 1988

Spoilers, vol. 22, 1979

The real 25th edition of Spoilers, vol. 26, December 1983

Address book.

Landscape projects folder B.C.C.

M.U.C.C.C. garden club.

Landscape projects folder – H. Oakman.

Box 8

Photographs of floral displays in Brisbane Parks 1950-1960

Folder 1

Brisbane Botanic Gardens Photographs history

Maintenance construction and supervision work carried out for the Municipal Council Ku-ring-gai, from 1928 to 1939.

Folder 2

Assorted photographs of parks and buildings.

Report: *A statement of landscape objectives in Canberra*. (2 copies)

Report: *Australian National University check list of woody plants on ANU site*.

Hedges for Canberra gardens. Australia. Dept of the Interior. Canberra, 1971?

Box 9

North Q. Brisbane

Cartoons and music

The climate, soils, plant ecology, arboricultural activities and vegetative development Weapons Research Project areas north west arid interior, South Australia by R.H. Patterson, 1961

A ramble on some of the peoples of the world and their garden plants by R.H. Patterson, 1963.

Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne, Tasmania, Perth photographs, maps, brochures

Snowy Mountains story. Snowy Mountains Authority, 1961

Box 10

Item 1

General Plan of the Brisbane Water Works, 1866.

Item 2

Plan of site for St. John's Cathedral, Lands & Survey Offices, 1898

Item 3

Census district map of North Brisbane and South Brisbane.

Item 4

Photograph of Office Bearers, Victoria Park Golf Club

Item 5

Photograph of Gympie Road, Chermside.

Item 6

Photograph, Forestry Commission of N.S.W.

Item 7

Framed Fellowship award, Institute of Park Administration of Victoria, 1959

Item 8

Framed Fellowship award, American Institute of Park Executives, Inc., 1952

Item 9

Framed certificate for election as an Associate of the Institute of Landscape Architects, 1947

Box 11

Landscape Institute members pack

Papers on gardening, and typewritten French language pages

Address book

Color in the sky by Edwin A. Menninger, 1984.

Folder 1

Clippings, postcards, Christmas cards, cuttings from journal and newspapers

Folder 2

Oakman assorted proofs

Box 12

Folder 1

Parks – general

Photograph album – Wagga 1922, Pennant Hills, Tahiti

Survey of land for Executive Gardens, Brisbane, 1906

Survey for Parliament House, Brisbane, 1874

Survey for Botanical Gardens, Brisbane, 1854.

Standard Practice Manual, National Capital Development Commission, landscape Division, 1965

Folder 2

Submission to parliamentary Joint Committee of Public Accounts, Statement no. 1, History of the Commission, National Capital Development commission, 1966

Symphony on a city, by Leo Butler, [1957?]

Map of *Historical France*, 1989

Assorted handwritten pages in folder ABC

Folder 3

Drawings, plans and garden designs

Folder 4

Publishers catalogues and acquisitions lists from the Mr Coot-tha Botanic Garden Library.

Folder 5

Assorted music

First year technical drawing by K.T. Row and A.W. Whitnall, Brisbane, Jacaranda Press, 1964

Perspective drawing by Ernest Norling, Laguna Beach, Calif. Watler T. Foster

The art of perspective drawing edited by Walter Brooks, 1968.

Box 13

Landscape projects, Canberra H.O. 1963-1972

Plans, Canberra, National Capital Development Commission, 1963-1971

Photograph album, Sydney, 1937

Landscape design, no. 119, August 1977

Soil landscapes of Brisbane and South-eastern environs, G.G. Beckmann, Melbourne CSIRO, 1987

Conference report, 44th National Conference, Tasmania, Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation, 1971.

Moreton Island environmental impact study and strategic plan by A.A. Heath and Partners, 1976

Typewritten sheets in envelope entitled passing thoughts

B.C.C. displays at the RNA horticultural pavilion 1950-1963, City Hall decoration and civic receptions

Box 14

Photograph of Brisbane River, taken from Newstead Park.

B.C.C. Parks 1946-1963 photographs and designs

Reports, Brisbane Botanic Gardens 1861-1894

Box 15

Folder 1

Typescript pages of talks and speeches 1950-1991

Folder 2

Letters of app, B.C.C. Correspondence incoming and outgoing 1943-1980

National Trust Queensland journal, August 1992

Folder 3

Landscape Institute papers and correspondence, 1947-1998

Folder 4

Scenic Rim research

Folder 5

Biographical material on Harry Oakman including photographs, work history, and obituary.

Landscape Australia, no. 1: 1986

Landscape Australia, 4: 1983

Folder 6

Aust. Gardening book

Folder 7

In praise of Aust. trees

Folder 8

Papers relating to proposed changes to the Parliament House annex landscape

Folder 9

Assorted papers relating to published works

Box 16

Folder 1

Papers relating to the Australian Institute of landscape Architects, 1969-1998

Folder 2

Newspaper and magazine cuttings 1964-1971

Folder 3

B.C.C. VPO

Folder 4

Decorations stage floral floats

Folder 5

Papers relating to membership of the Samuel Johnson Club

Folder 6

Misc NC'E private

Folder 7

Loose papers relating to gardening

Folder 8

Assorted newsletters and reports

Folder 9

Assorted speeches and articles for newspapers

Item 10

Parks and gardens in Canberra: origins and foundation 1911-1920 by G.P. Murphy, Canberra and District Historical Society, 1963.

Folder 11

Flowering time trees

Folder 12

Papers relating to various plants

Box 17

Soils: An Outline of Their Properties and Management. By Kevin Handreck. CSIRO Division of Soils: Melbourne 1977

Thames and Hudson Complete Catalogue 1990. Thames and Hudson Publishers Ltd: London

"The Australian Book Scene 1980-81". *Australian Bookseller and Publisher* (Special Edition). Supplement to vol 60 no 896, July 1980

Landscape Design: Journal of the Landscape Institute. No 210, May 1992

Photograph album "Memories of the Launch of Some Shrubs: Mt Coot-tha 29 May 1990". Contains photographs from the book launch of *Shrubs: for Tropical and Subtropical Gardens* by Harry Oakman

Sketch book containing newspaper clippings of jokes and cartoons

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Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Library Periodicals List. Compiled by Brisbane City Council Library Service

Plant User. No 8, April 1992

Extracts from the *Queensland Agricultural Journal* containing the serialisation of "Guide to Soils and Plant Nutrition" by N.G. Cassidy. Parts 1-7

Woden 1: Layout of First Neighbourhood of the Woden Area. Relief map. National Capital Development Commission, Canberra City District

Aerial black & white photograph of traffic circle (unknown location). 4 August 1977.

Photographs (black & white) of trees.

Photograph taken from the top floor of Hotel Canberra in 1950s.

"The Grand Figtree of Bengal". Extract from *Australian Horticulture*. May 1985

Correspondence from 1963 (incoming and outgoing) re: appointment of Harry Oakman to Chief Landscape Architect in Canberra.

Correspondence (incoming and outgoing) re: publication of *Tropical and Subtropical Gardening* and *What Flowers When* by Harry Oakman. Mainly from University of Queensland Press and Jacaranda Wiley Publishing

Newspaper clippings reviewing *Tropical and Subtropical Gardening* by Harry Oakman. 1975-1994

B/w photographs of the launch of *Tropical and Subtropical Gardening* held by Jacaranda Wiley Publishing

Newspaper clippings and correspondence (incoming) re: retirement of Harry Oakman from position as Director of National Capital Development Commission in Canberra in 1972

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (1970-1991): Correspondence (incoming and outgoing), occasional papers, newsletters, minutes and membership roll

Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (1963-1995): Newsletters, correspondence, minutes, membership roll (February 1984), notice of meetings

Stage development plan of the Oxenford/Helensvale region

Information and design ideas re: landscaping and architecture (1969-1975). Contains information sheets, articles, newspaper clippings, b/w photographs and sketches

Memoranda, information and correspondence incoming and outgoing (1942-1962). Mainly from The Council of the City of Greater Newcastle.

Plans of a survey of land blocks in the Parish of Indooroopilly. Clem Jones Pty Ltd (Surveyors). 30 August 1950 and 22 September 1951.

Correspondence (incoming and outgoing) from Brisbane City Council re: zoning of property belonging to Mr and Mrs Oakman. 1975

Aerial photograph of land near the Brisbane River

Documents for transfer of land to Mr and Mrs Oakman (3 January 1963)

Correspondence (1975) with B.C.C re: zoning of land belonging to Mr and Mrs Oakman

Rates and valuation notices from B.C.C. (1963-1996)

Box 18

Folder 1

Assorted biographical material and photographs

Stanley Tool Guide. Published by Stanley Works (Great Britain) Ltd: Sheffield, England. 1951

Metric Masonry: Product catalogue and specification. Besser: South Queensland Division. February 1976

The Garden Wall. Published by Concrete Masonry Association of Australia.

Concrete Masonry Slope Paving Under Bridges. Published by National Concrete Masonry Association: Chicago, Illinois. 1958

Reinforced Concrete Masonry Retaining Walls. Published by National Concrete Masonry Association: Chicago, Illinois. 1954

Good Fences – their important part in Good Farming. Published by Cyclone Company of Australia Ltd.

Cyclone Quality Products for Farm, Home and Factory. Published by Cyclone Company of Australia Ltd.

How to Play Saxophone. John Robert Brown. Elm Tree Books International Music Publications: London, England. 1983

Conference Report. Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation: 46th National Conference. Sydney, NSW. 19-24 August 1973.

Australian Native Plants: Nindethana Nursery (Catalogue). Dripstone, NSW. 1954

Graines d'Arbres et d'Arbustes Plantes de Serre et d'Orangerie. Vilmorin-Andrieux: Paris. 1962

Brisbane: Queensland. David Potts. Published by Robert Brown and Associates (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.: Bathurst, NSW. 1984

Stocklist: Penguin Books Australia Limited. Ringwood, Victoria. June 1990.

Sketch Album. Contains sketches, charcoal drawings, watercolours and newspaper clippings.

Photographs from the launch of *Harry Oakman's What Flowers When* (1995 Edition). Held at The Mary Ryan Bookshop, Brisbane.

Typed pages containing humorous anecdotes, limericks, jokes, poems and letters. Also some humorous clippings and cartoons from newspapers/magazines.

Box 19

Folder 1

Invitations to Functions

Folder 2

Botanical Names – Derivation, Meaning and Pronunciation

Folder 3

Published Articles by Oakman and others.

Folder 4

Newspaper cuttings, 1958 to 196*

Folder 5

Listings of Landscape Projects

Item 6

Building Sketches

Folder 7

Correspondence 1959 – 1972

Folder 8

Notes for diary and miscellaneous notes

Item 9

Jacaranda Pocket Guides : Trees of Australia. H. Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Brisbane. 1962 (x 2)

Item 10

Gardening in Queensland. H. Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Brisbane. 1958

Item 11

Applied Perspective: The Theory and Practice of Perspective for Architects, Industrial Designers and Artists. Allan Sierp. Published by Angus and Robertson: Sydney. 1958

Item 12

Glass plates of various landscapes

Item 13

Australian Award in Park Administration 1973. Presented to H.O. Oakman from the Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation

Item 14

Photo Album – Works of Art

Item 15

Mini Photo Album – P.P. Storm

Item 16

Mini Photo Album – Art H.O.

Item 17

Priors Pocket

Mini Photo Album – Various Landscapes

Box 20

Newspaper cuttings, 1967 to 1968

Colourful Trees for Landscapes and Gardens in Temperate and Subtropical Regions. Harry Oakman. Published by Angus & Robertson Ltd. 1967

Harry Oakman's Shrubs: The complete guide to shrubs for tropical and subtropical gardens. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1995

Harry Oakman's What Flower's When: The complete guide to flowering times in tropical and subtropical areas. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1995

Shrubs for Tropical and Subtropical Gardens. Harry Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press. 1990

Tropical and Subtropical Gardening. Harry Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1975

Tropical and Subtropical Gardening (Second Edition). Harry Oakman. Published by the Jacaranda Press: Sydney. 1975

Box 21

Unidentified Large Photograph (Canberra?)

Mini Photo Album – Art and Artefacts

Mini Photo Album – Overseas

Photo Collection in Box under various headings including: Landscape, Park Trees 48-50, BCC, Plants, H.O., Brisbane International Exhibition, Monday Trips, Brisbane, People, Canberra, Sydney, R.N.A., Prior's Pocket, Landscape, Kenmore and Paradise Point.

Parcel 22

National Capital Development Commission. *Commemorative groups of English Oak Trees*

National Capital Development Commission. *Commemorative groves*

Two aerial photographs

Assorted water colour prints

Envelope of plans of work in Valelevu Centre, Nasinu, Fiji, 1986.

National Capital Development Commission. *Commemorative groves – Capital Hill*

National Capital Development Commission. *Landscape designs*

Box 23

Item 1

Audiocassette

Side A: Interview – Harry Oakman book launch 1.10.95, colleges: work 1939-46.

Side B: Interview – Harry Oakman 25.10.95, 1946-1962

Folder 2

Personal papers, incoming correspondence and photographs

Folder 3

Correspondence and accounts on various projects

Folder 4

Personal photographs

Folder 5

Papers relating to Harry Oakman's residence at Kenmore

Folder 6

Certificates of qualification.

Plan 1

Colour drawing. Proposed playground at Cotter Reserve, Canberra, no date.

Plan 2

Detail drawing (colour), childrens playground, National Capital Development Commission. 24 Sept. 1965.

Plan 3

Planting plan (colour), Bunda Street Park, National Capital Development Commission, 7 Jan. 1969.

Plan 4

Site plan (black/white), detail, Lookout Black Mountain

Plan 5

Proposed layout (colour), South Brisbane Square, Brisbane City Council: Dept of Parks. 28 Oct. 1960.

Plan 6

Sketch plan (colour), Proposed development Albert Park [Zoo], Brisbane Plan no. G.12.27, 30 Mar. 1948.

Plan 7

National Capital Development Commission. *Proposed treatment of open space*. Block 4, Section 26, City 1968. L.137.68

Plan 8

National Capital Development Commission. *Proposed alterations rose beds Parliamentary triangle*. L.30/ 66

Plan 9

Street tree shadow Lat 35 degrees South. Noon alt of sun 31 degrees at the winter solstice 21 June.

Plan 10

National Capital Development Commission. *Shadows cast at noon latitude 35 degrees south Azimuth and altitudes of the sun at noon*.

Plan 11

Tree shadow. Plan of shadow cast by a tree 35 feet high and 20 feet in diameter at various times of the day on Mar 21 and Sept 23 at latitude 35 degrees south.

Plan 12

Longest and shortest shadows cast by street trees 25 feet 0 inches high, Lat 35 degrees S.

Plan 13

Plan of residence for H. & M. Oakman , Kenmore Rd., Fig Tree Pocket

Plan 14

Sketch of Oakman residence

Plan 15

Survey: Botanic Garden [Brisbane], August 1974.

Plan 16

Ass. plans, Canb. Drawing

Plan 17

Public Works Dept. *Queens Park Gardens. Working sketch of fountain* E202/2 1962

Plan 18

View – Canb. Black Mt. – Cotter

Plan 19

Ainslie Ave

Plan 20

Central Park [New York] June 1935, rev. 1965

Plan 21

Detail lookout

Plan 22

View of Woden

Map 1

Melbourne showing Central City area and adjacent parks and gardens drawn and reproduced at the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, July 1956

Map 2

Canberra Colleges and schools, employment centres 1:30,000 April 1981 – (shelved rolled)

Map 3

Canberra Colleges and schools, employment centres 1:30,000 13/11/81 – (shelved rolled)

Map 4

Moreton Bay and adjacent. Scale 2 miles to an inch, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Oct 1973

Map 5

Moreton district (general purpose map), scale 5 miles to an inch, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Brisbane Aug 1972

Map 6

Brisbane and suburbs, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Brisbane, Aug 1950

Map 7

Atlas of Australian resources, vegetation regions, 1:6,000,000 prepared and published by Department of National Development, Canberra Jan 1955

Map 8

Plan of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney compiled, drawn and printed at Department of Lands, Sydney, 1921.

Map 9

Tourist map of the A.C.T., scale 1:190,080, produced by Division of National Mapping, Canberra, Nov. 1962

Map 10

New South Wales

Map 11

Qld twenty chain series, drawn and published at the Survey Office, Department of Lands, Feb 1970

Map 12

Map of the city of Greater Newcastle, compiled and published by H.E.C.Robinson (fragile)

Poster 1

Award to May Oakman

Poster 2

Canberra Jazz Club poster "Sweet Hearts on Parade", Canberra's 2nd St. Valentines' Jazz Festival 1990.