UQFL510
Jim Gasteen Papers

Size
10 boxes, 4 albums

Contents
Notebooks, photographs, slides, correspondence, reports and other material relating to land use and conservation, and the establishment of National Parks in Queensland. It includes images of people (Album 4), stone axes (Album 1 and 4), middens (Album 4), Kata Tjuta and Uluru (Albums 1, 3 and 4), Jane Table Hill (Rirrmerr) (Albums 1 and 4) and burial sites (Albums 1, 3 and 4).

Content Advice
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are warned that this collection contains images of Aboriginal and Islander people now deceased, and material may be culturally sensitive for some individuals and communities.

Biography
Jim Gasteen was born in Brisbane in 1922 and worked as a grazier and farmer in Queensland and New South Wales. He was a self-educated land specialist and provided extensive land and biological research assistance to various Queensland Government departments, local councils and other organisations. He was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia in 1993 for his work as an advocate of balanced land use management. He died in August 2017.

Notes
Unrestricted access

Box 1
Bound notebooks with photos
The Mulga Lands 1
The Mulga Lands 2
Central Australian Ranges and the Lake Eyre Drainage Basin 1
The Lake Eyre Drainage Basin and Simpson Desert 2
The Lake Eyre Drainage Basin and Simpson Desert 3
The Lake Eyre Drainage Basin 4
The Lake Eyre Drainage Basin 5
The Lake Eyre Drainage Basin 6

Box 2
Bound notebooks with photos
Historical Ruins
Proposed Cawnpore National Park and China Wall
Lawn Hill and Riversleigh proposed National Parks
The Great Artesian Basin, Bore Drains, Sub Artesian Bores and Mills
Northern Desert Wetlands, Catchments and proposed National Parks
Southern Ephemeral Wetlands and proposed National Parks
Queensland’s Central Highlands Sandstone Region

**Box 3**

*Bound notebooks with photos*
- The Fitzroy Basin Brigalow Land Development Scheme 1
- The Fitzroy Basin Brigalow Land Development Scheme 2
- The Fitzroy Basin Brigalow Land Development Scheme 3
- Murray Darling Basin and Cubbie Irrigation System 1
- Murray Darling Basin and Cubbie Irrigation System 2

**Box 4**

*Bound notebooks with photos*
- Queensland Channel Country 1: Cooper, Diamantina
- Queensland Channel Country 2: Farrars Creek, Cooper, Diamantina
- Queensland Channel Country 3: Farrars Creek, Cooper, Diamantina
- Queensland Channel Country 4: Thompson, Barcoo
- Queensland Channel Country 5: Georgina, Mulligan River, Gnallan-a-Gea Creek
- New England National Park
- New South Wales northern rivers, Tweed Range and Levers Plateau proposed National Parks

**Box 5**

*Bound notebooks with photos*
- Irrigation and farming
- Soils and their distribution 1
- Soils and their distribution 2
- Australia’s arid zones 1 (black and white)
- Australia’s arid zones 2
- Lakefield and the Laura Basin resource surveys
- The Gulf of Carpentaria resource surveys and proposed National Parks
Box 6

‘Jim Gasteen interviewed by Gregg Borschmann in the Environmental awareness in Australia oral history project’, 1995 [Transcript only (typescript, 187 leaves), accompanied by letter from the National Library of Australia dated 8 May 2001]

Jim Gasteen, narrated by Clem Fechner, Under the mulga : a bush memoir [sound recording], [Coorparoo, Qld]: Queensland Narrating Service, 2006 (11 discs)

Journal issues containing articles by Jim Gasteen

The National Trust of Queensland, Journal, April 1977
Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Wildlife Australia, Vol. 26 No. 4, Spring/Summer 1989
Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Wildlife Australia, Vol. 27 No. 1, Autumn 1990
Rural Development Centre, University of New England, Inside Australia: a magazine of rural issues, Vol. 2 No. 3
Rural Development Centre, University of New England, Inside Australia: a magazine of rural issues, Vol. 2 No. 3
Australian Conservation Foundation, Habitat Australia: a magazine of conservation and environment, Vol. 7 No. 5
Australian Conservation Foundation, Habitat Australia: a magazine of conservation and environment, Vol. 12 No. 1

Box 7

Folder 1

Aerial photographs of softwood scrubs in Expedition National Park proposal, dated 2 Jun 1952 to 12 May 1971

Folder 2

Map of Queensland showing field surveys by W J Gasteen and proposed National Parks to 1979

Bound notebook

Copies of reviews of books and related correspondence, 2005 to 2012; and letters of recommendation, 13 Jul 1974 to 22 Feb 1982
'Yeast Bread and six-wire fences: a memoir, part 1 (Under the mulga: a bush memoir), draft, typed, 205p

‘Back to the Bush: a memoir, part 2' (Back to the bush: my love affair with Australia and protecting the environment), draft, typed, 219 + 7 p

Box 8
Folder 1
Cadastral maps of Queensland showing Gasteen’s resource surveys and national park proposals, 3 maps, 1973 to 1984

Folder 2
Soils/vegetation data relating to selected sites within the 15/18 inch (380/600mm) rainfall isohyets from 1930 to 1984: south west Queensland, typescript with handwritten notes, 34p

Folder 3
Application to the Department of Environment and Conservation for finance to enable the completion of field research on Projects 1 : 2 : 3 (Central Queensland Sandstone Highlands Region), 1973 to 1974

Thrushton (Homeboin) National Park proposal, original draft, 1984

Folder 4
Areas of future surveys, 1 map, Oct 1970

Folder 5
Proposal 1972 – 73 No. 1 Kongabula National Park
Alton National Park extensions, West Moonil, 1978
Papers presented at various conferences, c1983 to [c2006]
Application 1974 No. 2 Expedition proposal
Proposal 1974 No. 2 Expedition National Park
Proposal 1974 No. 3 Nathan Gorge National Park
Submissions for place names, 1976

Folder 6
National Park proposals No. 1 Tweed Range, No. 2 Lever's Plateau, No. 3 McPherson Escarpment, 1973
Border Ranges proposals No. 1 Tweed Range (Northern Rivers), No. 2 Levers Plateau, No. 3 McPherson Escarpment, No. 4 Steamer Range, c1974
Tweed Range [correspondence, cuttings and related material], 1973 to 1983
Border Ranges [correspondence, cuttings and related material], 1974 to 1978

Reports
Border Ranges proposed National Park study, Jun 1975
Saving the rainforest: the NSW campaign 1973 – 1974, with annotations

Box 9
Folder 1
Central Highlands Region survey with recommendations for new National Parks and State Forests, 1974, 131p + 8 maps, accompanied by letter dated 9 Oct 1988
Report of Central Highlands Region survey, Queensland, 1976, 131p + 16 maps

Folder 2
Northern Desert Wetlands introduction to reports [typed and handwritten notes, 1 map, 3 aerial photographs], c1976

Folder 3
Wentworth Holding proposed National Park, 1977
The Northwest Highlands [correspondence, cuttings and related material], 1977 to 1986
Mulligan-Eyre survey 1976 – 78, includes Introductory reference to reports from A report on field surveys undertaken to evaluate the arid and semi arid zones of Queensland for National Park purposes, 1984, typescript with handwritten notes, 16p
Folder 4


**Reports**

*Resource survey for proposed ‘Thrushton’ National Park (including the ‘Homeboin’ additional area)*, 1984, typescript with maps and photo illustrations, 74p

*The Currawinya Lakes National Parks proposal*, 1985, typescript with maps and photo illustrations

*‘Lake Broadwater’ resource survey (watershed, soils and plants)*, 1987, typescript and handwritten notes

Box 10

Folder 1

Correspondence, 1946 to 2011

Folder 2

Testimonials relating to Peter Stanton and Jim Gasteen, c1982 to 1994

Folder 3

Drafts of publications, papers and speeches, and newspaper cuttings, c1961 to c2010

**Album 1**

*Photographic slides with brief explanatory text*

About the photographs; The Lake Eyre Drainage Basin

Major soils and their distribution in the biological resource surveys

The Border Ranges and New South Wales Northern Rivers Region; Mixed arid zone landscapes in Queensland and Northern Territory and land use and development in Queensland

Lakefield and Laura Basin, Cape York

**Album 2**

*Photographic slides with brief explanatory text*

Arid zone ephemeral wetlands

The Brigalow lands of eastern Australia; the Fitzroy Basin Brigalow Lands Development Scheme

The Mulga lands of southwest Queensland; Lionel de Landle’s Rahman [Brahman] cattle stud, Tanby and Nanking (Rockhampton district); Clearing the Nogoa River channels for the Fairbairn Dam, Emerald, Queensland; Irrigation in southwest Queensland
Album 3
Photographic slides with brief explanatory text
The Lake Eyre Basin
Queensland’s Central Highlands Sandstone Region

Album 4
Photographic slides with brief explanatory text
The proposed Mulligan-Eyre National Park and the Simpson Desert
The Gulf of Carpentaria Lowlands
Queensland’s Northwest Highlands featuring Lawn Hill: Cawnpore, Queensland and China Wall, Northern Territory
Ruins