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Arnolds Lazdins Collection

Size   1 parcel, 3 tubes

Content   Architectural plans, photographs

Date range   c1946 to 1970

Biography   Arnolds Sergeis Lazdins (1922 – 1997) was born at Bauska, Latvia, the son of Emils Lazdins and Marianne Levens. In World War II most of the Lazdins family moved to Germany. After the war ended, they were housed in a Displaced Persons Camp in the British zone at Hamburg where Arnolds worked for the Army Stores, and commenced his architectural education at the Baltic University in Exile when it was established in March 1946. In 1949, Arnolds moved with his parents and brothers to Newcastle. His first job was with the Queensland Forestry Department at Gympie. He joined the Works Department in March 1951 as an architectural assistant. In 1953, after building a cottage for his future in-laws, he married a fellow Latvian refugee Brigita Anna Lauva at Brisbane. With credit for his earlier studies, he enrolled for the final three years of the part-time Diploma of Architecture course at the University of Queensland. He graduated in 1955, and registered as an architect early the following year. Working at weekends, he built his own house at the Gap. Within the Works Department he was progressively promoted to more senior roles including acting as Chief Architect. Buildings which he designed or oversaw as project and supervising architect included many major buildings for mental health, prisons and technical education. He retired in 1982. -- excerpted from Don Watson, 'Queensland Architects of the 20th century'

Notes   Open access

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6 drawings, each titled 'Darstellende Geometrie' [descriptive geometry], drawn white a student at Hamburg Displaced Persons University [Baltic University in Exile], c1946

Architectural plans and drawings

Note: Classification of buildings in column headed 'Type' is determined by the following system:

0	Planning areas		6	Religious facilities
1	Utilities, Civil Engineering facilities		7	Educational, scientific, information facilities
2	Industrial facilities		8	Residential facilities
3	Administrative, commercial, protective service facilities		9	Common facilities, other
4	Health, welfare facilities		A	Alterations
5	Recreational facilities		N	New

Job no.	Client	Type	Architect	No. of drawings	Date	Street	Suburb / Town	Builder / Other notes
[student 1]		3	A Lazdins	1, 3 photos	13 Apr 1953	A court house		4th year diploma drawings
[student 2]		5	A Lazdins	1	13 Jul 1953	An art centre		4th year diploma drawings
[student 3]		8	A Lazdins	4		Apartment block		4th year diploma drawings
[student 4]		5	A Lazdins	1	9 Sep 1953	Remodelling a dance hall		4th year diploma drawings

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[student 5]		5	A Lazdins	4	5 Apr 1954	A womens club		5th year diploma drawings
[student 6]		8	A Lazdins	1	20 May 1954	A flat scheme		5th year diploma drawings
[student 7]		8	A Lazdins	1	29 Jul 1954	A small station homestead		5th year diploma drawings
[student 8]		3	A Lazdins	1	27 Sep 1954	A council room		5th year diploma drawings
[student 9]		8	A Lazdins	1	14 Mar 1955	A conversion		6th year diploma drawings
[student 10]		3	A Lazdins	2	19 May 1955	A market project for the city of Brisbane		6th year diploma drawings
[student 11]		3	A Lazdins	5	Sep 1955	A civic centre		6th year diploma drawings
[student 12]		3	A Lazdins	3	Nov 1955	A civic centre		6th year diploma drawings

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[1]	Department of Public Works	4 N	A.S.Lazdins	17	1956 to 1962	Toowoomba mental hospital Tuberculosis ward	Toowoomba	
[2]	Department of Public works	4 N	A S Lazdins	4	March 1957	Brisbane Mental Hospital General Store	Wacol	
[3]	Dept of Public Works	7 N	A S Lazdins	4	2 Apr 1970	Ithaca Technical College	Ithaca	
[4]	Mrs and Mrs K Peterson	8 N	A S Lazdins	1	n.d.	Hillsdale Street	Seven Hills	
[5]	Mr and Mrs Ceprutis	8	A S Lazdins	2	n.d.	Nirvana Crescent		Aunt Lolita's house, never built

Tube 1

[student 1] – [student 9]

Tube 2

[student 10] – [student 12]

Tube 3

[1] – [3]