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Wollongong Women's Information centre

The WWIC have a large collection of archival material at its Centre in Corrimal Street in Wollongong. The project to document this material is ongoing. This material may only be accessed with special permission from the Working Party of the WWIC.

Holdings at the Centre include:

- WWWCC (Wollongong Working Women's Charter Committee) minutes, correspondence and attendance records
- WCCC (Women's Centre Co-ordinating Committee) minutes and various documents relevant to the setting of the Centre.
- WWC (Wollongong Women's Collective) minutes and notes from Ruby Makula's private collection
- WWIC (Wollongong Women's Information Centre) minutes from 1980 to present
- Audio tapes (a large collection that includes "The Judith Mitchell Case" recorded on the 29.4.80)
- Video tapes (including material recorded during special meetings held during the 20th year of the Centre to discuss the history)
- Posters (including work done by Witchworks)

University of Wollongong

The University of Wollongong Library currently has an interesting collection of relevant material held in its special collections section. Details of availability can be obtained from the University of Wollongong library:

- Miner's Women Aux. Southern District – file WUA D20
Includes Corrimal–South Bulli minute books 1949–71
correspondence. 1951–71 press clip 1950–73

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- Nebo minute books 1957–68, correspondence 1958–69
- Mount Kembla minute books 1953–67
- Scarborough minute books 1960–73, short history (1972)
- NOW (New Opportunities for Women) – file WUA D13
Correspondence 1965–69, minutes 1965–70, financial records 1965–70, job record cards, register of employers
- Federation of University Women - NSW - Illawarra Branch – file WUA D204
Correspondence, financial records, ephemera 1962–96
- Business and Professional Women's Club of Wollongong – WUA D32
Minutes, correspondence, publications, ephemera, photos 1953–93
- NSW Association of University Women Graduates – Illawarra Branch 1962/3–76 WUAD139

Also of interest will be:

- WIN TV newsreels plus scripts

Material held in other special collection files

- Feminism/Women's liberation 1965–75
- Miners Women's Auxiliaries 1938–74 – Interviews with a number of women including Bowan, Kaye, Martin and Wilson
- Olive Howe – interview by Shirley Nixon in 1983 file B86
- George Petersen Collection:
 - WEL 1980 (Box 52)
 - Abortion 1973-5 (Box 81)
 - Women in the Workforce 1971-87 (Box 83)
 - Scrapbooks (Box 102)
- SRC 1966–74
- University Union file URS 13
- 1978 Aust. Women's Guild of Empire, Women and Labour Conference file
- 1977 Women's Lib. Study course file

Private Collections

A number of past and present member of WWIC have private collections. These collections are usually related to their activities and include minutes, correspondence, audiotapes and photographs. Currently there is no complete list of these private collections.