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Papers of A. Barrie Pittock

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Collection Summary

Collection no:	MS 5353
Title:	Papers of A. Barrie Pittock
Creator:	Pittock, A. Barrie
Date range:	1958 – 2012
Extent:	1.06 linear metres (1 x Type 1 archival box + 1 x Type 2 Archival Box + 1 folder in Manuscript Plan Cabinet).
Repository:	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
Reference code:	R01822

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David R Anderson

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Cheryl Buchanan

Stan Davey

Chicka Dixon

Lorna Dixon

Gary Foley

Ruby Hammond

Vincent Lingiari

Peter Long

Alec McDonald

Joe McGinness

Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker)

Lyn Thompson

Denis Walker

Len Watson

Lilla Watson

Terry Widders

Ken Winder

Djawa Yunupingu

Community & Language

Dhauwurd Wurrung people S20

Gurindji people C20

Yolngu people N230

Country

Bookayana / Point Pearce (SE SA SI53-12)
Cairns (NE Qld SE55-02)
Condobolin (SW NSW SI55-07)
Daguragu / Kalkaringi / Wave Hill (Central NT SE52-08)
Fitzroy Crossing (WA West Kimberley SE51-12)
Mapoon (Qld NW Cape York SC54-15, SD54-03)
Mparntwe / Alice Springs (South Central NT SF53-14)
Nhulunbuy / Gove (East Arnhem Land NT SD53-04)
Noonkanbah / Yungngora (WA West Kimberley SE51-12)
Silverton (NW NSW SH54-15)
Torres Strait Islands (Qld TSI SC54, SC55-05)
Weipa / Napranum (Qld NW Cape York SD54-03)
Yarrabah / Cape Grafton (NE Qld SE55-02)

Collection Overview

Scope and Contents note

The collection comprises original and photocopied records of A. Barrie Pittock, relating to his advocacy of Indigenous rights and membership with the National Union of Australian University Students' Aboriginal Scholarship Scheme; The Federal Council for Advancement of Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders; the National Tribal Council; the Australian Council of Churches, Division of Christian Education; and the National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee.

The records include correspondence, writings by Pittock, reports, submissions to government, meeting minutes, conference papers, published material, news cuttings, and ephemera.

Please note Series 2 comprises of photocopies of original material held at the National Library of Australia as MS 10149 Papers of A. Barrie Pittock.

Provenance

This collection was deposited by A. Barrie Pittock with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in March 2016.

Material separated from the collection

Photograph of Lorna Dixon, Barrie Pittock and Gary Foley in Series 1, Folder 3 is stored in the Photographic collection. See PITTOCK.A01.BW-D00039845.

Related material

PMS 1405 Trends in Aboriginal Affairs

PMS 1406 Aborigines – a white Christian's view

PMS 2957 Aboriginal land rights

For a complete list of works by Barrie Pittock held by the Library, and for other related material consult [Mura](#)[®], the AIATSIS catalogue.

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Items from this collection should be cited as: Title or description of manuscript item, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, MS Number, Series Number, Subseries Number, Item or Folder Number.

For example:

Bulletins, circulars, policy statements. 1965-1984, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, MS 5353, Series 1, Folder 5

Biographical history note

From 1965 until his official retirement in 1999, when he became a CSIRO Honorary Fellow, A. Barrie Pittock worked at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Aspendale Laboratory, a part of the Marine and Atmospheric Research division (CMAR). His work at CMAR included the measurement and study of the ozone, climate change, and the potential impact of smoke from nuclear war. He has published extensively on these topics and has served on multiple international panels on climate related issues. In 2007 he received a share in the Nobel Peace Prize for his role as a Principal Scientist on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

In addition to this scientific work, Pittock has been involved in Indigenous Land Rights activism and other social justice causes. Beginning in the 1950s as an undergraduate student, Pittock joined the Aboriginal Scholarship Scheme (ABSCHOL) at The University of Melbourne, and later travelled to the United States of America to complete postdoctoral work and with the intention of meeting with the American Indian Sociologist D'Arcy McNickle. Pittock has been involved with the Council on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (FCAATSI), the National Tribal Council and as a member of the Legislative Reform Committee of FCAATSI, he played a fundamental role in the 1968 national land rights campaign and legal case.

References

Daniels, Elizabeth 2022 'Pittock, Albert (Barrie)' The Encyclopedia of Australian Science and Innovation, viewed 10 March 2023, <<https://www.eoas.info/biogs/P005997b.htm>>

Archivist's note

The description of this collection has been transcribed and/or devised from the information on the material provided by the donor.

Series Description

Series 1, Mixed materials relating to Indigenous Rights, 1958-2012

Series 1 includes original materials relating to Pittock's involvement with numerous Indigenous Rights organisations and includes reports, pamphlets, magazines, exhibition material, posters, correspondence, conference papers and press releases.

Folder

- MS 5353/1/1 Conference papers, 1962-1972
- Papers presented at the Conference on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Affairs, Cairns, 14-15 September 1968. 'Wages and Employment of Aborigines & Islanders in North Queensland', Alec McDonald; 'Aboriginal Policy and the dual society in North Australia', Frank Stevens (2 copies)
- Papers presented to the 5th National Conference on Aboriginal Affairs Adelaide April 1962. Conference topics included education, employment, settlements/reserves and Point Pearce Co-operative Movement.
- Photocopy of National Conference of Aboriginal Advisory Councillors Canberra 10-11 Aug 1972. Conference topics included representation, education and employment, social services, land rights, Commonwealth control of Aboriginal affairs, sacred sites and cultural centres, discrimination, telecommunications in Torres Strait and Queensland.
- MS 5353/1/2 Government Reports, 1965-1973
- Reports and Acts from the Federal Government and the state governments of Western Australia and NSW; leaflets relating to self-determination.
- MS 5353/1/3 Published Material, 1961-2009
- Papers on colonisation and management of Country; magazines; Aboriginal population data; leaflets, newspapers and booklets on land rights and Aboriginal Affairs policies; folder of information relating to 'Lousy Little Sixpence' documentary; photograph of Lorna Dixon, Barrie Pittock, Gary Foley (Photograph transferred to the Photographic collection- see Separated Material Note in Finding Aid for details).
- MS 5353/1/4a Published Material, 1958-2012
- Serial publications on Mabo and Racism; Posters, leaflets and Printed material related to "Australians", an exhibition held by NADOC in 1969; printed material relating to "Different Skin" poem by HS 'Bert' Groves; magazine articles and photocopies; Abschol Tutor's handbook; Policy Booklet 1966/1967.
- MS 5353/1/4b Poster Material, 1969

Three posters relating to National Aborigines' Day.

- MS 5353/1/5 Bulletins, circulars, policy statements, 1965-1984
- Aborigines delegation to China Report (1972); Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Advancement League and NADOC Bulletins 1968-1969; pamphlets on Black Power (Richard L Waters) and land rights; Article in Aboriginal Quarterly by Gordon Bryant; copy of letter to editor from Jane Belfrage, Monash Uni Koorie Support Group.
- MS 5353/1/6 Church and Abschol material, 1968-1984
- Land rights leaflets and pamphlets; press releases; papers by Barrie Pittock; correspondence to/from Abschol by Robert England; photocopies of memoranda regarding Australian Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, Victorian Council of Churches and Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace supporting Aboriginal communities for equality and land rights (1980-1981); Submission on Aboriginal Land Rights; Abschol seminars and newsletters (1968); support for Wave Hill walk off (1968).
- MS 5353/1/7 Land disputes and 1967 Referendum
- Papers and government correspondence on 1967 Referendum and 40th anniversary; minutes of Aborigines Advancement League Victoria; fliers and press releases about Noonkanbah Station conflict; Gove Land Use Conservation Report.

Series 2, Photocopied Material, 1967-1972

Photocopied and duplicate material relating to Australian Council of Churches (ACC) Division of Christian Education Conference, National Tribal Council (NTC) and Aborigines Advancement League of Victoria (AALV). Original records held at the National Library of Australia MS 10149 Papers of A. Barrie Pittock – further details see folder entries below

Folder

- MS 5353/2/1 Aborigines Advancement League of Victoria (AALV) Papers, 1967-1970. (Originals held at National Library of Australia, MS 10149, File 4.20 and File 15.77)
- Minutes, reports, newsletters and notes, in addition to photocopied news clippings concerning the USA Black Power movement.
- MS 5353/2/2 Australian Council of Churches (ACC) Division of Christian Education Conference Records, 1971-1972. (Originals held at National Library of Australia, MS 10149, File 13.72 and File 5.29)

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Conference held in Southport, Queensland in November 1971 and includes organisational records, correspondence, presentations, newspaper clippings, Report on the conference to the Quakers, 1971.

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National Tribal Council Papers, 1969-1972. (Originals held at National Library of Australia, MS 10149, File 6.39 and File 8.46)

Records relating to Pittock's involvement as Land Rights convenor with the National Tribal Council, and includes constitution and policy documents, Executive minutes, reports, correspondence, press statements and articles.

Box List

Series	Folder / Item	Box
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1	4b	Manuscript Plan Cabinet
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