

MENTAL HEALTH MUSEUM of WA Inc.

The Mental Health Museum of WA was opened in October 1997 at Moore House, Graylands Hospital, by former mental health services director and historian, Dr Archie Ellis. The Management Committee consisted of Dr Ellis, Jan Ellis and Owen Sollis. The museum was open to visitors on the third Wednesday of each month. Mental health nurses were trained separately from general nurses from 1903 until the 1980s, when mental health nursing became integrated into the WA School of Nursing. Nursing training at Claremont Mental Hospital was recognised as poor quality, and, after a Royal Commission in 1950, efforts were made to improve mental health nurse training.

1857	Part of Captain Scott's warehouse renamed as, "Temporary Convict Establishment Asylum" to accommodate mentally physical ill Imperial convicts, warders and their families, convict constables and convict orderlies
1858	Female patients were admitted to the asylum
1862	Construction of the Lunatic Asylum at Finnerty Street, Fremantle, commenced
1864	Lunatic Asylum at Finnerty Street ready to accept patients
1903	Claremont Asylum for the Insane opened
1905	First Mental Health Nursing (MHN) Certificate issued to WJ Flanagan
1944	WA Nurses Registration Board (NRB) registered Mental Health Nurses
1951	Heathcote Reception Home nurses attended preliminary training school at the Central Training School
1957	Lectures on an ad hoc basis commenced
1958	School of MHN lectures commenced
1960	NRB set course requirements
1979	New curriculum, giving Australia-wide commendations, prepared
1984	Amalgamation of MHS and WASON
1994	Hospital based diploma (Mental Health Nursing) graduation Closure of WASON MHN education to be part of Comprehensive Nursing or Post Registration Nursing Specialisation

Source: notes by the donor + talks and reminiscences within the collection

KEY to abbreviations	
MHN	Mental Health Nursing
MHS	Mental Health Service
NRS	Nurses Registration Board
WACAE.SN	Western Australian College of Advanced Education. School of Nursing
WASON	Western Australian School of Nursing

Private Archives manuscript note	MN	ACC	cm (boxes)	Donated:
	3172	9461A	1 m. (8 boxes + 2 folders)	12 February 2016

SUMMARY OF CLASSES

Dr Arch Ellis paper Certificates and diplomas Curricula	Employees personal memoirs Reports Surveys
Boxes numbered as received from the Museum. Some records from this collection were considered government records and were received by the State Records Office of WA	

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
Box 1	Government records. Refer to the State Records Office of WA
9461A/2.1	Dr Arch Ellis, 1914-2004 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Portrait, verso inscribed with his name and post-nominal initials, also: President RANZCP 1975/76. Director Mental Health Service of Western Australia, 1963-1977 2. Portrait, verso inscribed with his name and post-nominal initials, also: February 1974. President elect of his college that year. Taken by A Large? photographer, Subiaco WA 3. Portrait. Inscribed on verso: Arch wearing Presidential regalia 1976 4. Portrait. Inscribed on verso: Presidential College of FRANZCP 1975-1977 5. Photograph of AM Investiture. HRH Prince Charles pinning medal to Dr Ellis. Inscribed on verso: A.M. investiture. Government House Perth 15 March 1979. 2 copies 6. Photograph, Dr Ellis holding a large plaque showing two male faces (one Sophocles?) edges inscribed with Greek lettering, two faces. Quotation inscribed on verso, attributed to Sophocles' "Antigone" (presented to Dr Ellis on his retirement by staff at Graylands [<i>West Australian</i>, 22 February 1977]) 7. Photograph of Dr Ellis with a female (Mrs Jan Ellis?) Verso stamped "Copyright West Australian Newspapers"
9461A/2.2	Nine invitations. Mainly dinner invitation to farewell personages, including his own farewell dinner, 19 January 1977
9461A/2.3	Two letters of congratulation (1979) for Dr Ellis' being made a Member of the Order of Australia – Invitation to community open day the Ellis Unit, Graylands Hospital, includes brief biography of Dr Ellis and frequently asked questions about the Ellis Unit – Book review of Dr Ellis' publication, 'Eloquent testimony' (photocopy) – brief article about the Mental Health Museum
9461A/2.4	Copy of presidential address, 'The Straighteners', by Dr Ellis, at Adelaide, October 1976
9461A/2.5	Obituaries for Dr Ellis, The West Australian and AMA Journal
9461A/2.6	'Investigation into drugs and alcohol', report by Director of Mental Health Services (Dr Ellis) on Overseas Visit, July-November 971. Bound volume, includes one loose letter, from Ian Christie, Southampton and South-West Hampshire Health Authority, thanking Dr Ellis for sending a copy of the book
9461A/2.7	Portrait of Dr Ellis. Inscribed on verso: Denmark, WA. March 1989. Taken by John Lowther. (Photograph removed from frame)
9461A/2.8	Scrapbook, July 1976-February 1979. Newspaper cuttings, also letters of congratulation on Dr Ellis being made a Member of the Order of Australia
9461A/2.9	Scrapbook, February 1979-March 1983. Newspaper cuttings, invitations, letters to Dr Ellis
9461A/2.10	Scrapbook, April 1983-October 1986. Newspaper cuttings, invitations, letters to Dr Ellis
9461A/2.11	Australian Military Forces. Statement of Service (1940-1944) – Letter and notes referring to Dr Ellis' placement on the "Reserve of Officers" (military, retired) list

9461A/2.12 CHART SHELVES	Certificates: Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Medicine, University of London, 1946 – Fellowship of the Australian College of Medical Administrators, 1968 – Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, 1970 – Order of Australia, 1979 – Men of Achievement, Distinguished Achievement, Cambridge, 1985 – Certificate of Meritorious Service, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, 1995
Box 3	Government records. Refer to the State Records Office of WA
Box 4	Government records. Refer to the State Records Office of WA
9461A/5.1	1. n.d. (1903?). 1. Rules for the guidance of relatives and friends visiting the patients 2. 2. Template. Form letter, from the Medical Superintendent. MHS file no: 5.17
9461A/5.2	Invitations to events, including WASON 30 year celebration. 8 items
9461A/5.3	January 1964. One folded sheet, MHS WA, list of clinics and hospitals, with a brief overview of each: Havelock Clinic – Child Guidance Clinic – Karnet Rehabilitation Centre – Heathcote Reception Hospital – Graylands Day Hospital – Claremont Mental Hospital – Lemnos Hospital – Greenplace Hospital – Whitby Falls Hospital – Nathaniel Harper Homes . Also includes a list of “expansion of services planned for the 1960s”
9461A/5.4	“A class of utterly useless men”. Revision of paper presented at Constructing a colony: the convict legacy. Saturday 3 June 2000 Margaret McPherson
9461A/5.5	Graylands: the evolution of a suburb. Thesis presented by Pamela Mikus, 2013. MHS file no: 5.16
9461A/5.6	October 2009. Heathcote Hospital, 1929-1994. A history of Heathcote, illustrated. Written by Owen J. Sollis, compiled by Sarah Howell, proof-read by Margaret Sollis
9461A/6.1	Graylands Hospital organisational development programme. Report of the workshops held in February and March 1987. MHS file no: 6.3
9461A/6.2	Graylands Psychiatric Hospital organisation development programme. MHS file no: 6.4
9461A/6.3	Graylands Hospital. General information booklet for patients. MHS file no: 6.6
9461A/6.4	Graylands Hospital. Official opening of Fortescue House. Booklet, with chronological history, “How X-Block became Fortescue House” . MHS file no: 6.7
9461A/6.5	Visions of Mind (Mentally Ill Need Defending): An Anthology. Poetry and prose. MHS file no: 6.8
9461A/6.6	“Poetry” from Graylands Hospital. Photocopy of typescripts. MHS file no: 6.9
9461A/6.7	Fremantle Museum and Arts Centre conservation policy. Includes a history of the building’s use as Fremantle Lunatic Asylum, 1864-1909. MHS file no: 6.11
9461A/6.8	Brief synopses of cast members, and conclusions of the Committee of Inquiry into the death of a patient at Fremantle Lunatic Asylum. Advertising “Done to death”, a play by Sarah Richards and Juliet Ludbrook, that re-enacted the incident. 1p + photocopy of newspaper advertisement. MHS file no: 6.12
9461A/6.9	“The hidden story”. Typescript of a talk about Fremantle given by M McPherson at Fremantle Arts Centre, October 2003. MHS file no: 6.13
9461A/6.10	Drawing of Fremantle Arts Centre, by Ray R Dorn, 1996. Photocopy, view of the grounds of the Asylum and surrounding buildings, c1940. MHS file no: 6.14
9461A/6.11	Copy of two photographs. i) Fremantle Asylum, Finnerty Street, 1897. ii) Fremantle Arts Centre, cnr Finnerty Street, not dated. MHS file no: 6.15 Photocopy of a photograph of Catherine Pass, who worked at the Asylum from at least 1883 until her retirement, aged 60, in 1896. MHS file no: 6.16
9461A/6.12	Whitby Falls file: Memoirs of the annexe of Fremantle Asylum at Whitby. MHS file no: 6.19 Brochure, “Whitby Falls Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre”. MHS file no: 6.20 Summary of activity relating to planning for the redevelopment of Whitby Falls Hospital, 23 August 1994 – Future of Whitby Falls Hostel and Rehabilitation Service, 6 March 1998 – Media release, 10 March 1998 – Brief ministerial statement. Future of Whitby Falls Hostel, 20 February 2002, photocopy. MHS file no: 6.21

9461A/6.13	Multi-function horse and cart, copy of photograph c1940. Shows horse, 'Major' and driver, Mr Harold Huchinson outside the Claremont Hospital administration building. Includes typed notes, presumably from display panel MHS file no: 6.22
9461A/6.14	Memoirs, typescripts. The Hawkins family. MHS file no: 6.23 – "A lunatic garden by Terri-Ann White. MHS file no: 6.24 – Three case files: Susannah McGovern, James Isaacs alias Isaac Comery alias Johnson – Richard Villiers Peacocke, possibly from display panel? . MHS file no: 6.25 – Dr James Bentley. MHS file no: 6.26
9461A/6.15	Ron (Ronald Owen) Dee, eulogy, read by his son, Mark, on 14 April 2008 – Brief history of the Mental Health School of Nursing. MHS file no: 6.27
9461A/6.16	Sydney J Armstrong, attendant Claremont Hospital, 1907-1943. MHS file no: 6.28
9461A/6.17	HJ Howse family history. Herbert John Howse was employed at the Fremantle Women;s Asylum, later transferred to Claremont Mental Hospital. MHS file no: 6.29
9461A/6.18	William E Blackell, Medical Officer at Fremantle Asylum. MHS file no: 6.30
9461A/7.1	1970s. Mental health. Part A. Past examination questions, behavioural science and health science. Nurs. Sci. PTS 1 st year. MHS file no: 7.3.
9461A/7.2	1960s-1980s. Mental health. Past examinations. Part "A". 2 nd year 3 rd year Hosp. finals. MHS file no: 7.4
9461A/8.1	File of miscellaneous documents: n.d. The philosophy of the MHS School of Nursing – n.d. Current trends in psychiatric nursing –1977, Last offices –13 October 1987. WA Psychiatric Nurses' Association Bulletin – WA Psychiatric Nurses' Association circular
9461A/8.2	1987. WASON. Hospital based diploma in MHN. Course outline
9461A/8.3	n.d. (1987?). A working party report. A proposed career structure for Western Australian Registered Mental Health Nurses. MHS file no: 8.3
9461A/8.4	c1976. School of Nursing Studies, MHS. Curriculum. Psychiatric nursing (Three year course)
9461A/8.5	April 1984. Mental Health Services. School of Nursing. Submission to the Committee of Inquiring into Nursing Education. MHS file no: 8.5
9461A/8.6	n.d. Issues in Aboriginal mental health. A selection of readings on Aboriginal mental health. MHS file no: 8.6
9461A/8.7	1992? WASON Student number as at 28 February 1992
9461A/8.8	1985. School of Nursing studies. Curriculum. MHSWA. MHS file no: 8.8
9461A/8.9	Duplicate of 9461A/8.8. Not retained
9461A/8.10	n.d. WASON. Hospital based diploma. Learning file and procedure record. MHS file no: 8.10
9461A/8.11	WASON. Learning file and procedure record. MHS file no: 8.10
9461A/8.12	November 1987. WACAE.SN. A Submission for accreditation. Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) – UG2 Award and Bachelor of Applied Science (Nursing) – UGI Award. Overview of programme. MHS file no: 8.12
9461A/8.13	1960s-1980s. Mental health nurses. Examinations for registration. MHS file no: 8.13
9461A/8.14	May 1987. WASON. Examination policy. Mental health programmes
9461A/9.1	Template. WASON interview questions for MHN applicants. MHS file no: 9.2
9461A/9.2	Brief history of the Mental Health School of Nursing. 2p., typescript. Rav Dorn, 10 February 1994. MHS file no: 9.4
9461A/9.3	May 1986. Mental Health Nursing. The 1988-90 Triennium. Report of the Working Party to Hon Minister for Health and Hon Minister for Education. Photocopy. Ex-WASON library copy. MHS file no: 9.5
9461A/9.4	Rules of the WA Male and Female Mental Nurses' Industrial Union of Workers, Claremont, 1956 – Rules of WA Psychiatric Nurses' Association, 1969 – WA Industrial Gazette extracts, 2 December 1964, 25 January 1967, 28 October 1981, 2 November 1966 - Amendments to nurses regulations, Nurses Board of WA, January 1981. MHS file no: 9.11

9461A/9.5	28 December 1962. WA Nursing Survey, 1960-62. Survey of Nurse Education in Western Australia for the Nurses' Registration Board, WA. MHS file no: 9.12
9461A/9.6	n.d. WASON. Hospital based diploma in MHS. Learning file and clinical skills proficiency record. MHS file no: 9.15
9461A/9.7	1987 WASON. Hospital based diploma in MHS. Course outline – Syllabus – Curriculum – List of nurse educators, clinical instructors, clerical staff. MHS file no: 9.16
9461A/9.8	Lectures, notes for Introduction to Psychology. MHS file no: 9.18
9461A/9.9	16 March 1981. Nurse staffing studies at Graylands and Swanbourne Hospitals
9461A/9.10	24 July 1972. Submission to WA Legislative Council Select Committee on Alcohol and Drugs, by Education Unit, MHS. Marked 'confidential'. Typescript, copy
9461A/9.11	1972? Auxiliary human relationship workshop
9461A/9.12	File of miscellaneous documents: Community development centre, annual review, 1978-79 – Infant Health Sisters' refresher course, 1969, 'sex education, why and how?' – Proposal for mental health education unit, Selby Community Clinic – Summary report, The Church and Pastoral Counselling in the Community. Seminar 1968 – Small group learning conference, 1971
9461A/9.13	File: Introductory information for new members of the nursing staff – MHSWA Clinics, January 1964 – Nurses' guide to drugs used in psychiatry – Record of nursing experience (booklet) – Record of practical and theoretical nursing instruction and experience (small, bound volume) – Nursing aides record of practical and theoretical nursing instruction and experience (small, bound volume)
9461A/9.14	File: WA nursing survey, 1962, comparative programmes, 1966 – Syllabus for MHS nursing aide training course – 6 week programme outline - The nursing crisis in hospitals, by Roger Wurn, typescript, published in The Medical Journal of Australia, 21 March 1970
9461A/10.1	1960s-1980s. Certificates of training for Mental Health Nurse or Mental Health Nurses' Aide, issued by the Mental Health Service, WA. Certificates pasted into individual hard-backed folders. Sorted alphabetically by surname
9461A/10.2	Graduation ceremony programmes for: 1972, 1976, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986. Lists graduands and presenters
9461A/10.3	1965-2013. File of nursing certificates and receipts relating to Edith May Nisbet, who was registered as a mental health nurse in 1966. Includes two certificates for William Nisbet
9461A/10.4	1932-1962 (incomplete). File of certificates for Final Examination of Competency in Mental Nursing. Filed alphabetically by surname. 29 certificates
9461A/10.5	2 January 1941. Indenture between the Minister of Public Health, Perth and pupil nurse, Ruth Pigdon at the District Hospital, Kalgoorlie
9461A/10.6 OSM	File of miscellaneous documents: List of nursing staff at Graylands Hospital as at December 1986 – Statement re Sweeney, escaped inmate, n.d. (handwritten + photocopy) – reference for Farkunda Ali, 1968– Christopher O'Sullivan, NSW school certificate, 1957 – List of items donated to the Museum by Ian Singe, on behalf of 'my late aunt' (name not given) – memorandum re attendants McCormack and Banham?, 1918 (photocopy) – Receipt for certificate, signed MJ? Taylor, 1956 – Certificate of Service at Graylands Selby-Lemnos, awarded to Marlene Galbraith, 2008
9461A/10.7 CHART SHELVES	6 July 1915. Certificate of Competency in Mental Health Nursing, awarded to Ella L Donovan

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