

## REPERTORY CLUB

*This collection relates to the period spanning the existence of the Repertory Club (1919-1956). For records of its successors, the National Theatre Company (1956-1984), and the Western Australian Theatre Company, (1985-1990), see separate collection listings. Please note, some dates may overlap.*

On 11 December 1919, the inaugural meeting of the Repertory Club took place, with a foundation membership of about forty. The Club's first season was presented in 1920 and featured "The Amazons" and "Lady Windermere's Fan".

The Club's first offices were in the basement of the Palace Hotel Chambers, later moving to a room in Commerce Buildings, King Street. In 1921 the Club rented a cottage in Pier Street, Perth, where they stayed for eleven years, after which time the theatre was relocated to the West Australian Buildings in St. George's Terrace. The theatre's first performance in their new premises, consisting of four one act plays, took place 3 August 1933.

In August 1956 the Repertory Club amalgamated with the Company of Four to become the National Theatre Company, operating from offices and theatre in Pier Street. The new season began with "Teahouse of the August moon" on 22 August 1956.

In February 1984 the National Theatre Company liquidated and the Perth Theatre Trust took over the building and the running of the Playhouse Theatre. Operating briefly as Threshold Theatre Company and then XYZ Theatre Company, they adopted the name Western Australian Theatre Company in May 1985, retaining this name until disbanding in July 1990.

*n.b. 1979 plans for new theatre in Perth Cultural Centre transferred to Cameron Chisolm Nicol collection.*

### **There are three finding aids associated with this collection:**

- MN 891 Repertory Club, 1919-1956 (*this listing*)
- MN 891 National Theatre Company, 1956-1984
- MN 891 Western Australian theatre Company, 1985-1990

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SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
ANNUAL REPORTS	FINANCIAL RECORDS
CONSTITUTIONS	MINUTES & MINUTES BOOKS
CORRESPONDENCE	PLAYS
	SCRAPBOOKS

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	ANNUAL REPORTS
ACC 615A/3	1921-1928 Reports from treasurers and sub-committees, some reports of the auditor, some related correspondence and notes 1943. War Patriotic and Charity Funds and Service Comforts Auxiliaries annual report for 1943. Issued by the Repertory Club Inc. Perth
	CONSTITUTIONS
ACC 615A/1.1	1922. Constitution and rules, as formulated at a special general meeting held 20 March 1922
ACC 615A/1.2	n.d. (1920s?) Constitution and rules
ACC 615A/1.3	1922. Affidavit verifying memorial, under the Associations Incorporation Act 1895
	CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 615A/4	1921. General correspondence, including productions, royalties, resignations, charity performances 1935. Correspondence between Mr. P. Shappere and the Club regarding suggestions for stage management
	FILES
ACC 615A/5	File titled, "Theatre Council". Includes constitution, correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports. Date range: 1949-1951
	MINUTES & MINUTES BOOKS – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE <i>Ordered by date. In addition to meetings of the Executive, these books may include minutes of the Committee, Sub-Committees, special meetings and annual general meetings</i>
ACC 615A/2.1	15 December 1919-8 November 1921
ACC 615A/2.2	14 November 1921-22 November 1923
ACC 615A/2.3	7 December 1923-3 December 1928 Copy of rules and regulations, 1922, pasted inside back cover
ACC 615A/2.4	10 December 1928-19 December 1934
ACC 615A/2.5 OSM	9 January 1935-7 February 1938
ACC 615A/2.6 OSM	7 February 1938-20 November 1940
ACC 615A/2.7	27 November 1940-17 February 1943
ACC 615A/2.8 OSM	22 February 1943-3 August 1948
ACC 615A/2.9 OSM	9 August 1948-27 June 1952 Copy of Rules of the Repertory Club (not dated), pasted inside front cover
ACC 4116A/1	24 January 1956-24 August 1960 Board of Governors. Meetings held at Crawley
ACC 3093A/2	30 August 1960-4 March 1969 Board of Governors. Meetings held at Crawley
ACC 3093A/3	11 July 1952-1 June 1956. Executive Committee meetings
ACC 4116A/4	11 June 1956-17 July 1959. Executive Committee meetings. See also microfilm copy at ACC 874A
ACC 874A MICROFILM	11 June 1956-17 July 1959 Executive Committee meetings. See original minutes at ACC 4116A/4
ACC 4116A/5	1 December 1961-3 April 1967. Executive Committee meetings
ACC 4116A/6	19 May 1967-12 June 1972. Executive Committee meetings
ACC 4116A/7	20 July 1959-20 November. General Committee meetings

Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
	MINUTES & MINUTES BOOKS – SUB-COMMITTEES
ACC 615A/2.10	15 July 1933-14 November 1939 House Committee meetings. From 3 August 1934, Ladies House Committee
ACC 615A/2.11	4 October 1943-7 February 1944 Post-War Planning
	PLAYS
ACC 615A/7	“The Amazons”, by AW Pinero. Script of the play, heavily annotated. Reputed to be the first play by the Perth Repertory Club in 1919. Leather cover, embossed: The property of Robert Brough”. Title page has: “Printed as manuscript – for Private Circulation only”.
ACC 615A/8	“The Masked Ball”, by Bisson and Carre, adapted by Clyde Fitch. Acts 1, 11, 111. 3 volumes
ACC 615A/9	“The Butler”. Front cover has “Act 1”. Includes diagram of scene for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> acts
ACC 615A/10	“The Red Lamp”. Second, third, fourth acts, in 2 volumes
	SCRAPBOOKS and EPHEMERAL ITEMS
ACC 615A/6.1	Cover has: “Early years of Repertory Club from 1921-“. Date range possibly (1921-1925). Includes hand-written contents page. Flyers and programmes, glued to brown sheets, fastened with ribbon
ACC 615A/6.2	1922-1931. Mainly newspaper cuttings, includes invitations and programmes, glued to pages of a ledger
ACC 615A/6.3	April 1931-April 1933. Mainly newspaper cuttings, includes invitations and programmes, glued to pages of a ledger
ACC 615A/6.4	1900-1928. Folder of flyers and programmes. Paper scrap has, “Kalgoorlie . Programmes of visiting coys. 1900-1928”
ACC 615A/6.5	1904-1934. Folder of flyers and programmes. Paper scrap has, “Kalgoorlie. Local productions”
ACC 615A/6.6	1903-1940. Folder of loose programmes and flyers. Paper scrap has, “Perth. Programmes of visiting coys. 1903-1940”
ACC 615A/6.7	1931-1940. Folder of loose programmes. Paper scrap has, “Repertory Club programmes”

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