

POIGNANT Axel

Axel Poignant was born in London in 1906. He emigrated with his family to Australia in 1926 and worked in the rural areas of NSW. He later worked at the Gestetner factory, which revived his interest in photography. In 1930 he married and moved to Perth and later set up a studio in London Court. He was an extensive bush photographer, working with naturalist Vince Serventy. He also was a film crew member for Ealing Studios and the Australian Department of Information. As a freelance photo journalist, his photographs and films were used extensively by Life Magazine, the BBC and the Times, Observer and Guardian newspapers. A collection of his Melville Island and Arnhem Land prints are deposited with the National Library. He died in 1986.

Norman Hall was a member of the Hall family of Pingelly who ran a printing and publishing company in the town. They also owned the "Pingelly Leader", of which he became editor. He was also a member of the Naturalists' Club of Perth, together with well-known photographer Axel Poignant and naturalist Vincent Serventy. He later became editor of the "Photographers World and picture editor of the London "Times"

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		CATALOGUES
ACC 5063A/1	n.d.	Listing of photographs by Axel Poignant at an exhibition in support of the Kindergarten Union.
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ACC 5063A/2	May 1952	Copy of "Camera Class" article by Axel Poignant in photographic magazine.

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	CORRESPONDENCE	
1940	From Norman to Axel relating to photographs taken.	
r 1940	From Norman to Axel planning a trip to the Abrolhos Islands.	
r 1940	From Norman to Axel regarding letter sent to Mr Basedon.	
r 1940	From Norman to Mr Basedon, organising supplies and facilities for the trip.	
941	From Norman to Axel regarding payments and refunds.	
941	Letter to Norman Hall from Dom William, O.S.B., New Norcia, giving some history of the word Abrolhos and its meaning.	
941 - 19	Envelope of correspondence to Axel from Norman.	
	Letter to Norman from the yacht "Seagoer", relating to a trip from Port Denison to Perth.	
13	From LAC Hall R.A.A.F. Geraldton to Axel	
)	From Norman on the "ORMONDE" leaving for England.	
	From Jack Basedon to Norman, giving costs and information for trip.	
	DRAFTS	
	Draft of an article written by Axel Poignant for "Camera Class" in a photographic magazine (probably "The Photographer") of which his friend, Norman Hall, was editor.	
	LISTS Listing of film footage taken in Western Australia by Axel	
	Poignant, donated to the National Library, Canberra	
	LOGBOOKS	
941 - 17 L	Log of the "Seagoer" from Port Denison to Perth.	
	NOTEBOOKS	
	Notebook kept by Norman Hall during a visit to the Abrolhos Islands.	
	NOTES	
r 1940 - r 1940	Percy James notes on trip to Abrolhos	
r 1940	James notes on Abolhos trip.	
r 1940 - 41	Vincent Serventy's notes, mainly relating to wildlife on the islands.	
	Handwritten notes by Vincent Serventy, naturalist, who was with Hall on his visit to the Abrolhos.	
	PHOTOGRAPHS	
	Transferred to Pictorial Collection (BA2024)	
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REQUEST THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
ACC 5063A/22	31 December 1940 - 8 January 1941	Norman Hall's typed notes of the trip to the Abrolhos. (Copy)
ACC 5063A/23	n.d.	Incomplete typescript by Norman Hall on his trip to Port Denison via New Norcia.
ACC 5063A/24	n.d.	Specifications of yawl "Seagoer"
ACC 5063A/25	n.d.	Description of Port Denison.

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