

## RISCHBIETH, Bessie Mabel, 1874-1967

Bessie Rischbieth (nee Earle) was born in South Australia in 1874 and came to Western Australia with her husband, Henry Wills Rischbieth in 1900. Dedicated to women's causes, she supported the starting of the Women's Service Guilds of W.A. in 1909. In 1921 she founded the Australia Federation of Women Voters and was its president until 1939. She led several Australian delegations to International Women's Conferences and in 1935 was one of the Australian delegates at the League of Nations Assembly.

Her diverse interests included Aboriginal welfare, public and mental health, sex equality, conservation and the environment, as well as a lifetime's involvement with the Theosophical Society. She was a Justice of the Peace and sat on the bench of both the Perth Police Court and the Children's Court. An indefatigable campaigner her last battles were to prevent a swimming pool being built in Kings Park and further reclamation of the Swan River. The latter proposal saw her wade barefoot into the river on a cold, wet day at the age of eighty-nine.

MN	ACC	meterage / boxes	Date donated	CIU file Notes			
634	2552A		January 1968				
	3855A		January 1968				
	4828A		November 1984				
	9803A		March 2014		(transferred from ACC 9302A)		
	9304A		Unknown				
SUMMARY OF CLASSES							
FILES	- KINGS	PARK		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS			
FILES	- MISCEL	LANEOUS		PRINTED MATERIAL			
MINUTES				PROFILES			

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		FILES - KINGS PARK - CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 2552A/14	1957.	From Miss Talbot re King's Park
ACC 2552A/8	1957-1958.	Re aquatic pool at King's Park
ACC 2552A/9	1958.	Re aquatic pool at King's Park
ACC 2552A/10	January-June 1959.	Re aquatic pool at King's Park
ACC 2552A/11	July-December 1959	Re aquatic pool at King's Park
ACC 2552A/12	1960-1963	Re preservation of King's Park in its natural state
ACC 2552A/13	1964.	Re preservation of King's Park in its natural state
		FILES - KINGS PARK - DEPUTATION
ACC 2552A/20	1964.	Deputation by the Committee to Premier Brand
		FILES - KINGS PARK - NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS
ACC 2552A/3	1956-1957.	Papers, newspaper cuttings re the construction of an aquatic pool at Kings Park
ACC 2552A/4	1958-1959.	The construction of an aquatic pool at Kings Park
ACC 2552A/17	1958-1962.	Development of King's Park as botanical garden
ACC 2552A/5	1959.	The construction of an aquatic pool at Kings Park
ACC 2552A/6	1961-1964.	The construction of an aquatic pool at Kings Park
ACC 2552A/18	1964.	Mitchell Freeway complex and associated Swan River Reclamation. Volume 1

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ACC 2552A/19	1964.	Mitchell Freeway complex and associated Swan River Reclamation. Volume 1
		FILES - KINGS PARK - PHOTOGRAPHS (transferred to Pictorial Collection)
7560B	1959.	Shirley Strickland, Richard Serventy, Mrs. B. Rischbieth, at Lands and Surveys Department, before proceeding to a deputation protesting against Kings Park Olympic Pool
		FILES - KINGS PARK - REPORTS
ACC 2552A/7	1958-1959.	Reports on policy re an aquatic pool at King's Park
ACC 9304A	1932.	FILES - MISCELLANEOUS  1. Antiques exhibition at Government House. File of correspondence, report of sub-committee meeting, newspaper cuttings, flyers. Includes a letterhead, "Loan Exhibition of Antiques"  2. A 'camera biography' of Bessie Rischbieth, showing copies of photographs of her between 1880 and
ACC 2552A/16		Miscellaneous collection of material, including press statements, agendas of meetings, receipts from donations etc.
ACC 2552A/21	1959.	Letters, newspaper cuttings on the proposed new site of Perth Town Hall
ACC 2552A/22	1961-1962.	Correspondence, newspaper cuttings re the preservation of the Perth Barracks
ACC 2552A/23	1964.	Newspaper cuttings, letters re the staging of the Empire Games in Perth
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ACC 2552A/1	1958-1962.	MINUTES  Executive Council and Sub-Committee
ACC 2552A/2	1963-1964.	Executive Council
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ACC 2552A/24	Late 1950s-early 1960s.	NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS  Miscellaneous newspaper cuttings collected by Mrs Rischbieth. Includes such topics as the political campaign of secessionist candidate Mrs Cardell-Oliver, 1934, and cuttings on town planning proposals. Includes a photograph of Mrs. Rischbieth
		PRINTED MATERIAL
ACC 2552A/15		Pamphlets, notices advertising action taken by the Committee
ACC 4828A/1	c.1960.	Pamphlet: Assimilation of our Aborigines
ACC 4828A/2	n.d.	Post-War and The Aborigines. Professor A P Elkin. Pamphlet:
ACC 4828A/3	1934	The Aborigines. A Commonwealth Problem and Responsibility
ACC 4828A/4	n.d.	South Australia State Elections, House of Assembly, Independent Candidate: Leonora Ethel Polkinghorne. Pamphlet:
ACC 3855A/1	c1913-14.	The Black Statue. Produced by the Australian Freedom League (formerly located at PR5069/6) A5 printed leaflet, 2pp:

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ACC 3855A/2	March 1914	Military Persecution Under Compulsory Military Training in Australia. Produced by the Australian Freedom League, Sydney NSW (formerly located at PR5069/8)
ACC 3855A/3	July 1914.	A Stream of Facts: Typical Cases of Prosecutions Under the Defence Act. Produced by the Australian Freedom League, Perth, WA (formerly located at PR5069/3) A5 printed leaflet, 16pp:
ACC 3855A/4	September 193?	Printed leaflet advertising: Two Public Addresses on International Issues of Today by Professor Pierre Bovet. Sponsored by the League of Nations Union and the WA Council International Peace Campaign (formerly PR5069/7)
		PROFILES
ACC 9303A	1979.	Bessie Rischbieth: The Feminist. Westralian Portraits, by Lyall Hunt. Typescript, 3p.

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