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Cultural Collections Reading Room  
Information Sheet No.13

## *The Meanjin Archive*

Our opening hours are:  
Monday to Friday:  
9.30am - 5.30pm  
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9.30am - 7.30pm

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**The Meanjin Archive** is a very rich resource which, in addition to providing an invaluable source of biographical information on the hundreds of individuals represented, also uniquely illuminates the cultural and political debates of the era, particularly during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

### **What is it?**

- The Meanjin Archive is the complete record of the Melbourne literary journal *Meanjin* from its inception in 1940 until 1974, when its founding editor, C.B. Christesen.
- The Archive includes correspondence, authors' manuscripts, press-cuttings, administrative records and some photos and artwork.
- Of special interest is the extensive correspondence files between C.B. Christesen and over 1400 individuals, amongst whom are represented virtually every Australian literary figure publishing in the period as well as a strong representation of Australian artists, academics, journalists and politicians.
- These include such writers as Patrick White, Christina Stead, Judith Wright, Miles Franklin, Dymphna Cusack and Gwen Harwood, amongst many others.

### **Location and Access**

- The Meanjin Archive is housed at the University of Melbourne Archives off-site repository and is available for use by any bona fide researcher in the Cultural Collections Reading Room in the Baillieu Library.
- Users are first required to complete an Access Agreement Form, and 24 hours notice is needed for retrieval of material from the repository.
- There is a database available on the Meanjin Archive website at <http://www.lib.unimelb.edu.au/collections/archives/meanjin.html> which enables searches on the names of all the correspondence files in the collection.
- The reading Room also holds a list of all correspondence files as well as individual listings of several hundred of the larger correspondence files.
- Material in the Archive has been extensively cross-indexed and may be retrieved by subject as well as by name of correspondent.
- Reading Room staff are happy to assist researchers to locate material.

### **Copying**

As most of the Meanjin Archive is subject to the Copyright legislation on unpublished manuscripts, material can only be copied with the written permission of its author.

### **Contact for further information**

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