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News About the Crow Collection

The May Celebration

We really have something to celebrate now that the Project on Children's Services is nearing its completion :

Please mark the date in your diary now ! Friday May 22 at 4 p.m.
at the Maribynong Community Centre, Randall Street (Melway 28, A.8)

Please pass on the enclosed invitation to others.

How the Crow Collection is Being Used

During March documents which could be used for Australian Studies were on display in the Crow Collection Room. The books and pamphlets were laid out for four possible projects (Home and Family, Women and Society, Paid Employment and Urban Planning) and were grouped in four areas of information....FACTS, DESCRIPTIONS, IDEAS and ENTHUSIASMS. Students visiting the display were given a leaflet (reproduced on Ecoso page 13).

About 400 Footscray secondary students (year 11 and 12) and fifteen secondary teachers visited the display.

So far this year the Collection has been used by tertiary students seeking information on urban planning, women's studies, community development, participation in planning, local government and housing.

Annual Report of the Crow Collection Association

The Annual Meeting of the Crow Collection Association was held on March 19th. Office bearers of the Association for 1992 are : Peter Gibbin (Chair), Peter Durkin (Vice-chair), Sheila Byard (Hon Sec) Val Williams (Treasurer). The Annual Report is republished in this Ecoso (page 10).

Ecoso subscribers received a copy of the cover of the video in Ecoso Newsletter Number 18.

Here is some information that has been inserted inside the video cover. It provides a date-line on some of the documents in the Crow Collection.

Background Facts About Information in the Video

A. Documents on Children's Services

The Crow Collection's documents on children's services can be grouped in historical order :-

1. The centres established with Federal funding in the early 1940s.
2. Leisure time activities for children in the late 1940s and early 1950s.
3. The campaign for federal aid for child care in the late 1960s.
4. The community child care movement in the 1970s.
5. Local government involvement in children's services in the 1980s.

B. Documents on Local Government and Human Services

In the Crow Collection there are some documents about local plans and local government in the 1940s but most of the documents are about the 1970s and 1980s. They can be grouped according to type of community involvement :-

1. The preparation of alternative plans (mainly in early 1970s).
2. Participation in planning (mainly in the mid 1970s).
3. Community consultation (mainly in the 1980s).

C. Ecological Sustainability

The gradual development of the concept of ecological sustainability can be traced through the documents :-

1. In the late 1960s, the beginning of the recognition of the need to conserve the world's un-renewable resources.
2. In the mid 1970s, the development of links between movements concerned with the conservation of nature and the the urban action movements.
3. In the early 1980s, the preparation of energy saving local urban plans.

The Video Production - A Group Effort.

During the preparation of the video discussions were held with students and teachers at some of the secondary schools in Melbourne's Western Region and with some children's services officers in Western Region Municipalities.

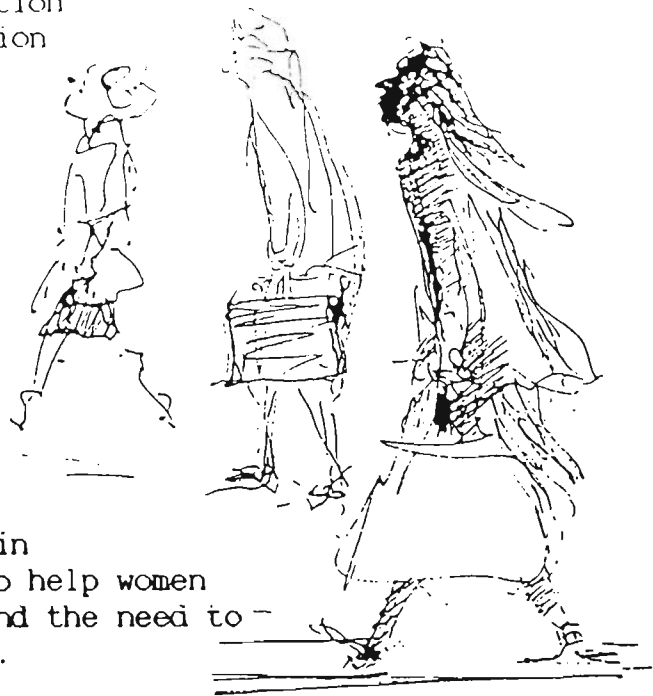
The video is available for sale at \$15 plus \$5 postage or can be borrowed from the Crow Collection at the Footscray Campus of the VUT.

Ruth Crow prepared this leaflet for distribution
at the Melbourne City Council's IWD reception
at which she was the guest speaker.

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International Women's Day

Some Quotes and Comments
by Ruth Crow, March 1992



In June this year the United Nations is holding an Earth Summit and Global Forum in Brazil. These quotes have been selected to help women find the link between their daily lives and the need to plan for an ecological sustainable future.

A quote from the 1930/40s. Here is Winifred Holtby's answer to the stock argument that "women's place is in the home" :-

Women are praised for their maternal instinct which makes the care expended on their own children natural and pleasant; they are criticised for the political activities which result in the safeguarding of other people's children as well as their own. So slums remain uncleared, milk is wasted, nursery schools are exceptional luxuries, educational reforms are delayed, while "good wives and mothers" shut themselves up in the comfort of their private lives and earn the approval of unthinking society".

A quote from the 1950s. Australia is one of the most suburbanised countries in the world and thus Margaret Mead's words on suburbia have special significance for us :-

We now expect a tiny family to do what no other society has expected of the family. In effect we call on the family to achieve alone what the whole clan used to do.

A quote from the 1970s. Mercia Ferrier drew attention to the fact that the built environment severely restricts the lives of women :-

Urban planning issues are closely related to women's well being and questions of land use, housing and transportation are being newly defined as women's issues and the legitimate focus of the women's movement.

A Quote from International Women's Year, 1975. When Rosemary Brown, a Black Canadian feminist visited Australia after she had been to the first United Nation World Congress of Women, she warned :

The women's liberation movement is the final, last ditch stand to stop the mad rush mankind is on to destroy the world. As feminist we cannot separate our struggle for liberation... whatever that may mean... the right to realise our full potential ... we cannot separate that from the wanton waste of our resources, we cannot separate that from the kinds of things that humanists and environmentalists around the world are doing.

Women Who Pioneered Local Government Services

The quote from Winifred Holtby is in honour of women who participate in "political activities which safeguarded other people's children as well as their own".

In the 1920s the Melbourne City Council was the pioneer in the field of many community services which we take for granted today such as Infant Welfare Centres and immunisation services. Vera Scantlebury Browne, Hilda Kincaid, Jean McNamara and Hilda Bull were four women who worked for the Melbourne City Council in these years. More importantly, these women found new ways of publicising the need for such services and gave special attention to involving women in these campaigns.

Fifty five years ago I celebrated International Women's Day by attending a discussion group on the need for supervised children's playgrounds. Doris Blackburn, later one of the first women to be elected to the House of Representatives, was the main speaker. This was the period during which the Melbourne City Council was establishing supervised playgrounds at Curtain Square and Exhibition Garden (Carlton Gardens). I would like to add Doris's name to the other four.

I have quoted Margaret Mead to draw attention to the contribution to community services which was made by Irena Higgins who was the social worker for the Melbourne City Council in the 1960s and 1970s. Despite a heavy work load Irena found time to help local people to organise neighbourhood houses in Kensington, Flemington, North Melbourne and Carlton enabling women to develop their own support networks.

Women Who Think Globally and Act Locally

The quotes from Rosemary Brown and Mercia Ferrier bring us to a different period in the history of local government, a period during which our elected representatives are being challenged by the need to think globally and act locally. These quotes honour the contributions made by two women who were Lord Mayors of Melbourne in the 1980s, Leckie Ord and Winsome McCaughey.

The quote from Mercia applies in particular to the way Leckie is continuing to ensure that "questions of land use, housing and transportation are being newly defined as women's issues", and, she is relating these issues to planning for a sustainable future.

Rosemary Brown's warning "to stop the mad rush mankind is on to destroy the world" is being heeded by women such as Winsome who is now involved in Greening Australia.

Sign Posts to the Twenty first Century ?

Doris Blackburn, Vera Santlebury Browne, Hilda Kincaid, Jean McNamara, Hilda Bull, Irena Higgins, Leckie Ord and Winsome McCaughey were women who held the sign-posts at turning points in the history of municipal services during the twentieth century.

Ecological sustainability is on the sign-post today.
Can we take the turn in time ?



What Maurie Crow Learnt from the Unions
and
How He Applied this to the Urban Action Movement

In the 1940s Maurie Crow was an organiser for the Clerk's Union. Recently Ruth Crow wrote an article for the Clerk's Union Newsletter in which she emphasised that as a unionist Maurie was committed to efficiently studying awards, effectively informing members, involving them in deciding on common action and working out ways of sharing leadership, and that he applied these principles in the urban /conservation movements. Ecoso Newsletter is publishing parts of the draft of this article. Here it is.....

Maurie's union experience during the 1940s helped him to realise that the union movement, dominated as it was then by the blue collar industries, was not attractive to white collar workers. During the 1950s he helped to tackle this problem by being one of the team which established the Australian Council for Salaried and Professional Associations (ACSPA).

ACSPA is now amalgamated with the ACTU. Frank Meyer (Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Clerks Union in the 1940s) and Lloyd Edmonds (a Commonwealth public servant) were two of the others who pioneered this very significant step in the union movement.

Life Outside Work Hours

Maurie had an abiding commitment to finding ways of linking trade unions and other progressive social movements. For example, in the late 1960s Maurie was one of the key people to organise the Living Standards Convention which brought together trade unionists, town planners and social workers to discuss issues that affected people's lives as residents as well as those affecting them as employees.

This brought Maurie into touch with some of young people in the newly developing urban action groups that were challenging the trend-planning policies of the State Government and the conservatism of local government. Using some of the skills he had learnt in the union movement, such as efficiently studying awards, effectively informing members, involving them in deciding on common action and working out ways for sharing the leadership, Maurie was able to help urban action groups to present alternatives to the official plans for urban sprawl, block demolition, freeway development and the reduction in the provision of human services.

In the late 1960s Maurie was one of the initiators of the Town Planning Research Group which provided a monthly forum for trade unionists and urban activists to discuss urban issues. One outcome of this collective was the publication of a regular monthly newsletter on urban issues. The newsletter is still being published, but now as a bi-monthly. It is now called Ecoso Exchange Newsletter.

Sustainable Urban Development

From the early 1970s Maurie popularised the relationship between saving the world's scarce resources and the conservation of urban energy. In 1978 he was one of a team that wrote the book "Seeds for Change - Creatively

Areas of disagreement

	<u>LABOUR</u>	<u>FEMINIST</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>PEACE & ANTI-NUCLEAR</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>
<u>LABOUR</u>		Women workers' interest in overcoming economic exploitation	Mutual interest in community development and well-being	Worker interest in demilitarisation & peaceful development	Worker interest in health protection, socially useful production & sustainable economy
<u>FEMINIST</u>	Patriarchal dominance & hierarchical organisation		Mutual interest in increased access to social resources & community control	Resistance to violence & destructive technologies	Mutual interest in safe technology, healthy environment & increased community control
<u>COMMUNITY</u>	State/private services with paid labour vs co-operatives with volunteers			Mutual interest in development of peaceful way of life	Mutual interest in socially useful production, healthy environment & community control
<u>PEACE & ANTI-NUCLEAR</u>	Employment versus disarmament/anti-nuclear conflict				Mutual opposition to social costs & human & ecological threats of militarism & uranium industry
<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>	Employment versus environment conflict		Social justice versus environmental conservation		
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>	Land rights versus jobs from mining, etc.	Patriarchal aspects of aboriginal culture		Aboriginal support for uranium mining	Conflicting priorities for land management
<u>HUMAN RIGHTS</u>					Conflict over proposed limits on family size
<u>INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	National self-interest versus international equity	Patriarchal aspects of traditional cultures			
<u>COMMUNAL CO-OPERATIVES</u>	Potential ghettos for unemployed				
<u>ANIMAL RIGHTS</u>	Employment vs protection of animal rights				Opposition to culling of wildlife
<u>SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS</u>	Emphasis of spiritual alienation vs class conflict	Patriarchal aspects of religions			

TABLE 2. RELATIONS BETWEEN PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Australian Studies - Documents in the Crow Collection

During March about four hundred Footscray City Secondary College students visited the Crow Collection to look at documents which could be used for Australian Studies. The documents were laid out for four possible projects and were grouped ... FACTS, DESCRIPTIONS, IDEA and ENTHUSIASMS. A leaflet provided the students with the following information :-

Home and Family :-

FACTS about food, health, income, child care, recreation and housing.

DESCRIPTIONS of domestic relationships, caring services and agism.

IDEAS from personal histories and reports of community organisations.

ENTHUSIASMS about the 1940s cultural movement; community control in 1970s.

Women and Society :-

FACTS about changing status, women's organisations and sexism

DESCRIPTIONS of conditions of employment, home life, community services.

IDEAS from reports, charters, biographies and autobiographies

ENTHUSIASMS about emancipation, feminism and liberation.

Paid Employment

FACTS about the basic wage, wages determinations and unions.

DESCRIPTIONS of union policies, working conditions, changes in work practices and the effect of changing technologies.

IDEAS from publications - unions, the conservation movement, the women's movement and the child care movement.

ENTHUSIASMS linking unions with the community and conservation movements..

Community and Urban Planning

FACTS from official government plans.

DESCRIPTIONS of public participation, community organisations.

IDEAS from alternative plans prepared by community groups.

ENTHUSIASMS for conserving urban energy, involvement of community.

Rewarding, But Difficult

It is fairly easy to find out the FACTS, DESCRIPTIONS and IDEAS but much more difficult to "capture the ENTHUSIASMS". But please "have a go"; you may be rewarded by acquiring an enthusiasm for Australian Studies !

of Agreement

ABORIGINAL	HUMAN RIGHTS	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNAL CO-OPERATIVES	ANIMAL RIGHTS	SPIRITUAL/RELIGIOUS
Mutual interest in resistance to economic exploitation and political oppression	Defence of workers interests, resistance to job discrimination and oppression of basic political rights	International solidarity against economic exploitation & support for increased self-reliance	Opportunities for non-alienating labour based on co-operative production for social needs	Opposition to dominance of agribusiness	Mutual interests in social justice and political liberties
Mutual interest in resisting economic exploitation & political/social oppression	Resistance to economic exploitation & political/social oppression of women	Solidarity to overcome oppression of women & promote co-operative developments	Opportunities for development of a co-operative, fulfilling way of life	Opposition to animal exploitation for "feminine" consumerism	Mutual interest in developing personal/spiritual awareness, social justice & political emancipation
Mutual interest in social justice, community control and affirmation of community identity	Resistance to political, economic & social oppression	Solidarity to overcome economic exploitation & promote co-operative, self-reliant development	Mutual interest in self-reliant, co-operative development, using appropriate technology	Mutual interest in a more caring way of life	Mutual interest in social justice and political emancipation
Resistance to uranium mining, military bases & weapons testing	Resistance to militarism & political oppression	Mutual opposition to the political & economic dominance of militarism and associated industries	Mutual interest in a more peaceful way of life	Mutual interest in non-violent, caring way of life	Mutual interest in a more peaceful way of life
Mutual interest in protection of environmental heritage & increased community control	Support for improved living environment & increased self-reliance & community control	Mutual interest in production for social needs using appropriate technology, on sustainable basis	Mutual interest in production for social needs using appropriate technology, on sustainable basis	Mutual interest in nurturing attitude towards nature	Mutual interest in appreciation and protection of nature
	Resistance to political, economic and social oppression	Solidarity to overcome economic exploitation & promote co-operative self-reliant development	Mutual interest in development of viable community structures affirming values and identity	Opposition to pastoral interests	Affirmation of aboriginal religious/cultural traditions; support for social justice
		Interdependence of political, economic and social oppression	Shared emphasis on necessity of respect for individual autonomy	Mutual interest in a more caring way of life	Support for religious freedom & political rights
			Mutual interest in self-reliant co-operative development to meet social needs	Opposition to agribusiness	Mutual interest in social justice & affirmation of cultural identity

Linking the Unions and the Other Community Movements

This chart was first published in 1986 by the Conserver Economics Group (John Andrews, Maurie Crow, Ruth Crow, Trevor Blake, Don Seimon, John Wiseman, Ed. Kaptain and Peter Atkins). It aims at finding links between all progressive social movements.

Conflicting attitudes to treatment of animals

Documents in the Crow Collection on strengthening such links :-
the Living Standards Convention in the 1960s,
the Radical Ecology Conference in the mid 1970s,
the Environmentalists for Full Employment in the late 1970s,
the Conserver Economic Group of the mid 1980s.

Note :- there are many areas of agreement, but also many areas of disagreement. The task is to build on agreements.

Mutual interest in non-violent, caring way of life using appropriate technology

Mutual interest in developing personal/spiritual awareness & affirming community identity

Mutual interest in a more caring way of life

Confronting the Energy Crisis" which advocated a "cluster and connect" design for reducing urban sprawl. This was published by the Conservation Council of Victoria.

About the same time he was one of the initiators of Environmentalists for Full Employment which was sponsored by the Australian Conservation Foundation and a number of unions.

"Passing on the Torch"

Here is an extract from a letter to Ruth Crow from Jack Hughes when Maurie Crow died in 1988. Jack Hughes was a National Councillor of the Clerk's Union in the 1940s.

It was my privilege to work with Maurie Crow over many years, especially in the Clerk's Union in the 1940s. There were many problems and struggles - ups and downs - but come what may "heads were held high" - resolve was strengthened and confidence in humanity and the future was unshaken. Maurie's dedication and close touch with people and their problems were a positive contribution to enriching many people's lives, then, and for years after.

At a time of grief and pride hold the head high as our generation prepares to hand over the torch to the younger brigades coming on.

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The Crow Collection has documents about the Clerk's Union and ACSFA as well as documents on trade union campaigns in general, such as the basic wage, arbitration, equal pay and the right to strike. Most are from a few decades ago but some are more recent issues, for example, the Accord, equal opportunity and work care and other issues of the 1990s. The Collection also has the file of the Ecoso Newsletter from 1968.

For more about unions/community see pages 6 and 7 of this Newsletter.

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Maurie and the Urban Action and Ecology Movements How Others Saw Him

Four years have passed since Maurie Crow died in April 1988, thus a growing proportion of Ecoso subscribers did not know him in his life time. Therefore, as well as publishing some information about Maurie's involvement in the union movement this Ecoso is publishing some quotes from people who are playing a significant part in the urban action and ecology movements.

"Encouraged and Activated"

When Maurie died the Melbourne City Council stood for one minute's silence in his honour. Leckie Ord who was Lord Mayor in 1988 said :-

There is a whole generation of inner Melbournites who have been encouraged and activated by the inspiration of Maurie and Ruth Crow."

..Maurie/Urban Action contd.

Writing to Ruth the Hon Barry Pullen MLA referred to the early 1970s :-

I hope he was aware of the profound debt I feel to Maurie for the way he opened my eyes to all the important things in community and political life during those days of comradeship and emerging inner city action. Maurie showed me the importance of planning to ordinary people in a way that has shaped my thinking ever since. This has been of special importance to me."

At the Memorial Gathering for Maurie Prof. Peter McIntyre (Melbourne University) described Maurie in the following words :-

Maurie was the sort of man who had a vision.... a deep and profound belief that there was a way of bringing people together and with reason and reasonableness, put points of view to them and come to a common purpose."

"A few of us know"

Maurie's contribution to movements for social change was not confined to one state. Ruth received a condolence message from Peter Newman, Assoc. Prof. of Urban Planning at Murdoch University (WA).

...making cities more human - it sounds so simple but for most of us it is meaningless. Maurie could see it as bright as day. There will be many whose lives have been improved by Maurie though they will never know - but a few of us know.

Winsome McCaughey, the founder of Community Child Care who was a Melbourne City Councillor in 1988 and who is now working for Greening Australia recognised the way Maurie linked local issues with world problems such as peace and the conservation of energy. In a newspaper article she wrote :-

... in the process Maurie created countless links between groups that never realised the way the projects fitted into the "bigger" picture, had it not been for the "Crow overview". "Think globally and act locally" was a maxim he lived by.

The Crow Collection Association Annual Report, 1991. -----

-----Prepared
for the Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday 19th March 1992 at
the Victoria University of Technology(Footscray) in Room E 317 at
5.30 p.m. -----

In the early part of 1991 the main task was to establish the Association as an incorporated organisation. Thanks to Jenny Lane and Robert Oke for help with preparing our constitution.

There have been three quarterly meetings during the past year which have enabled oversight and encouragement of the various activities undertaken in the name of the Association. The office bearers have been President - Peter Durkin, Secretary - Sheila Byard, Treasurer - Julie Muir, and Coordinator - Ruth Crow.

It has been particularly important to have had the hospitality of the two relevant units within the Victoria University of Technology (Footscray), the Library and the Humanities Department. Thanks to Doreen Parker as Chief Librarian, and to Rodger Eade, as Head of the Humanities Department, for their encouragement. Anabel McCooke, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Brian Hubber Olivia Abbay and Margaret Schmidt of the Library have been closely involved, as have Moira Simcock and Richard Leiva in the Humanities Department. Thanks to these people.

Projects of the Association

The early months were a period for preparing submission for funding for Crow Collection Projects. A three year program of five possible projects was prepared and submissions were drafted. Potential support groups (of about 15 people for each of the projects) were formed. These potential supporters received drafts of the submissions. Thanks to all those who are prepared to be involved with this way of resourcing the projects.

One of the projects, on the history of children's services in the Western Region, was funded by the Lance Reichstein Charitable Foundation. This project started in September when Christine Carolan was appointed as part-time research worker. A full report on this project will be available in May 1992. At this stage the Association would like to record their thanks to the Reichstein Trust, to the members of the Project Steering Committee and to others who have helped the project. We are grateful in particular to Brian Hubber who served on the Steering Committee until his appointment to the staff of the State Library; a full list of those who have helped will be included in the Project Report. It is particularly pleasing to have one of the first fruits of this project already available for distribution - the 'Scattering Seeds for Change' video in which Marnie Statikus interviews Ruth about 'using the past to plan for the future' in the key areas represented in the Collection .

The Association is "hastening slowly" in following through on the other projects.

Popularising Accessibility of the Collection

The existence of the Collection has been popularised by publishing a general leaflet which has been distributed to some local government departments, educational institutions and community organisations with special consideration to distributing it through the Western Region. The Association has also printed information about access to the Collection, acquisitions for the Collection and a book list of documents (mainly by Ruth/Maurie Crow) which can be purchased through the Collection.

During the year Ruth has represented the Collection Association at seminars and other such gatherings and on some occasions have been the invited to be guest speaker.

Viewing Days

The first "viewing day" was held in June and was attended by about 40 people, most of whom worked and/or lived in the Western Region. Thanks to Doreen Parker for her talk at the gathering held during this viewing.

When the McIntosh Building (Footscray Campus Building P) was opened most of the guests had a tour of the library (which is in building P). On this occasion the Collection was viewed by members of the official party including the Governor of Victoria, members of parliament and councillors

The Collection was also opened for viewing on World Town Planning Day when the Urban Studies Unit held a seminar.

The Living Library

All of this activity has generated a considerable volume of enquiry about study projects based on the collection from students from the senior secondary state through to graduate researchers. An important part of the work during 1991 has been in establishing ways of most usefully working with these enquirers; Ruth 's role here has been crucial.

Support Network

The Crow Collection Association has a membership of about 30 and in addition there is a support network of about 300 Ecoso Exchange Newsletter subscribers. This newsletter has been in existence since 1967 (with a break of about 7 years in the 1980s) and the subscription list includes a number of original subscribers. There are Ecoso subscribers in each Australian state and overseas.

Thanks to Clem , Theo , Colin and Julie for help with mail outs and to all those who have sent in their subscriptions, especially those who have added donations.

The Collection

The possibility of enhancing the comprehensiveness of the Collection has been created by a number of gifts of sets of documents to the University. Patricia Whately donated publications from the Australian Institute of Urban Studies and the Town and Country Planning Board and some books on town planning. Gordon Rushman donated a bound set of journals of the Royal British Town Planning Institute and Richard Arnot donated some very useful books and other documents.

Thanks to Alan Parker for arranging for the Town and Country Planning Association's archival material to be stored in the Crow Collection Room. These contain the minutes of the Association from 1953, working papers, sets of planning and architectural periodicals and some books, mainly on planning.

The documents in the Collection on the Clerk's Union in the 1940s are complemented by the Farrall documents in the University of Melbourne Archives. Thanks to Lois Farrall the Collection has a catalogue of these documents. Margaret Walker OAM has donated a catalogue of documents and artifacts about dancing and community arts which supplement the Crow Collection on children and leisure time activities.

The Crow Collection Catalogue

In April the Library appointed Margaret Schmidt as a librarian to catalogue the Crow Collection. Thanks to Olivia Abbay and Margaret for the extra time and thought they put into cataloguing this unusual collection. The cataloguing was finished by Christmas time.

The Collection has been arranged in three sequences:- books and periodicals on shelves (label CROW COLL.) pamphlets in pamphlet boxes (label CROW COLL.P) and unpublished material and newsclippings in filing cabinets. A book listing unpublished material will provide access to the contents of the filing cabinets. This includes information which indicates links between unpublished and published material, for example working papers, drafts reviews etc linked to a published book.

Finances of the Association

To date the Association has relied on funds raised from subscribers to Ecoso Exchange Newsletter. Through the generosity of these supporters \$3,500 has been invested in fixed deposits in

the expectation that this will result in about \$300 interest per year. This and other donations will be the source of income for the Crow Collection Committee of Management until other sources become available. The \$10 subscription to the Ecoso Newsletter barely covers the cost of printing and postage.

The book keeping of funds for projects such as the current Reichstein project on the history of children services, are kept separately from the accounts of the Crow Collection Committee of Management. The financial statement on the project will be presented in May when the project concludes.

Thanks to Julie Muir for her work as Treasurer of the Association and to Sampson Leung for auditing the books.

The Western Region Children's Services SEEDS FOR CHANGE Party

A celebration to mark the finalising of the first Project is being planned for Friday May 22nd at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, 4 - 6 p.m. We hope that members of the Association will be able to attend.