

James Peter Birrell papers

Accession number 27313

Date 1952-1985

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019.

Abstract Photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence and personal records relating to the life and career of noted architect James Peter Birrell.

System of arrangement Arranged into 12 series.

Description 12 boxes

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items.

Administrative / Biographical history James Birrell was born in Victoria and attended Essendon High School. He graduated from Melbourne University with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1951. He was appointed Brisbane City Council Architect in 1955. During this time he designed and oversaw many projects, including the Toowong Library, the Centenary Pool and the Car Park on Wickham Terrace. In 1961, he became University of Queensland Staff Architect. He designed the J.D. Story Administration Building and the Union College Building at Queensland University and designed the campus plan at James Cook University in Townsville. He later went into private practice in Queensland and New Guinea and became a planning consultant to the Indonesian Government. He wrote a noted biography of Walter Burley Griffin in 1964.

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Series 1: Miscellaneous papers

Series number 1

Series title Miscellaneous papers

Scope and content

Includes plans, architectural drawings, newspaper clippings, correspondence and photographs.

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMOSBOX Box 16254 O/S

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Items in this series:

Architectural drawing (1965?)



Unit ID 27313/1

Date 1965?

Scope and content

Architectural drawing of the J.D. Storey Building, University of Queensland.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 architectural drawings (visual works)

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Series 2: Scrapbooks (1950-1969?)

Series number 2

Series title Scrapbooks

Date 1950-1969?

Scope and content

Scrapbook compiled by James Birrell which provides a record of his professional career.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 scrapbook

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Items in this series:

Scrapbook (1950-1969?)

Unit ID 27313/2

Date 1950-1969?

Scope and content

Scrapbook compiled by James Birrell which provides a record of his professional career.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 scrapbook

Locate OMOSBOX Box 17606 O/S

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 3: Family papers

Series number 3

Series title Family papers

Scope and content

Papers relating to James Birrell's family history, parents and early life in Melbourne.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 4: Personal papers

Series number 4

Series title Personal papers

Scope and content

Material relating to James Birrell's education at Melbourne University, Professional Curriculum Vitae, items relating to his early social life and activities in Canberra, and early lectures and typescripts.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMOSBOX Box 16245 O/S

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 5: Professional papers (1961-1985)

Series number 5

Series title Professional papers

Date 1961-1985

Scope and content

Professional papers of James Birrell, including clippings related to his career, records of attendance at conferences and his bid for election to Maroochy Shire Council in 1985.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 6: Personal correspondence

Series number 6

Series title Personal correspondence

Scope and content

Correspondence to James Birrell from friends and family dating from ca.1952, including letters from Charles and Barbara Blackman written from London in 1962. There are letters and postcards written by James Birrell while touring the United States in the early 1960s, and correspondence from other notable friends Robin Boyd and Peter Burns.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

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Access

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Series 7: Research notes

Series number 7

Series title Research notes

Scope and content

Papers relating to James Birrell's 1964 biography of Walter Burley Griffin.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 8: Photographs

Series number 8

Series title Photographs

Scope and content

Photographs of James Birrell's architectural projects for the Brisbane City Council.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

Locate OMOSBOX Box 16249 O/S

Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 9: Correspondence and photographs

Series number 9

Series title Correspondence and photographs

Scope and content

Correspondence and photographs relating to Brisbane City Council projects

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

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Access

Access restrictions Unrestricted access

Series 10: Papers for design of the Centenary Pool Brisbane

Series number 10

Series title Papers for design of the Centenary Pool Brisbane

Scope and content

Includes photographs, notes and newspaper clippings regarding Centenary Pool at Spring Hill. Also includes a memorandum regarding a proposed swimming pool at Dunlop Park, Corinda, 1960.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

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Access

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Series 11: Papers regarding University of Queensland projects

Series number 11

Series title Papers regarding University of Queensland projects

Scope and content

Includes architectural plans and photographs of buildings James Birrell designed for the University of Queensland.

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

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Access

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Series 12: Commercial correspondence

Series number 12

Series title Commercial correspondence

Author / Creator

Birrell, James, 1928-2019

Description

Description 1 box

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Access

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