

# Hugh Alexander Dunn Papers

**Accession number** 27400

**Date** 1942-2004

**Author / Creator**

**Dunn, Hugh, 1923-2005**

**Abstract** Papers, photographs and awards of Hugh Alexander Dunn.

**Scope and content** Biographical notes, correspondence, speeches, diaries, manuscripts, certificates, photographs, awards and newspaper clippings of Hugh Alexander Dunn from 1942 through 2004. These papers relate to Hugh Dunn's diplomatic career in Asia, Africa and South America, his membership in the Australia-China and Queensland-China councils, his academic career in Asian Studies and his personal life.

**Description** 0.72 linear metres

**Additional format** Digital copies available for selected items.

**Administrative / Biographical history** Hugh Dunn, classical scholar and Australian diplomat was born in Townsville, where his father James McIntyre Dunn was the manager of a family group of newspapers. Hugh was educated at Brisbane Grammar School, where he was Dux and School Captain. During the war he served in the highly secret first signals intelligence unit and afterwards he completed his BA at the University of Queensland and became Queensland Rhodes Scholar in 1949. Dunn was recruited into the Department of External Affairs in London and in 1955 was posted to Japan. He went on to become Australian representative on the United Nations Commission for the Rehabilitation and Unification of Korea and was posted to Saigon. In 1969, he was offered the post of ambassador to Taiwan and remained in that position until recalled by the Whitlam Government in December 1972. Dunn went on to serve as Australian High Commissioner to Kenya, Uganda, and Seychelles, and Ambassador too Ethiopia (1978-1980); Ambassador to Taiwan (1969-1972); Ambassador to Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru (1973-1976), and Ambassador to the People's Republic of China (1980-1984). He left China in 1984 and in 1985 was made an Officer of the Order of Australia. Hugh Dunn was a member of the Australia-China Council 1985-88 and a member of the Queensland-China Council for 18 years. After his retirement, Dunn became visiting Professor in the School of Modern Asian studies at Griffith University and adjunct professor at the Department of History at the University of Queensland.

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## Box 1: (1972-1995)

**Unit ID** 27400

**Box number** 1

**Box title** Box 1

**Date** 1972-1995

**Scope and content**

Item 1

- Ambassador's visit to Panda Reserve 1983
- Project Panda Trip 1985; Order of Australia Association 1984-1986
- Film project: Two generations (Martin Williams Films) 1987-1991
- Biographical notes on the Dunns especially Great-uncle Peter Dunn born 1884
- Brief for a visit to Shanghai 18-120 April 1995

Item 2

- Thomas Barton's case 1977; Miscellaneous writings including speeches and original

Item 3

- Inauguration of the 5th President and Vice-President of the republic of China including President Chiang Kai-shek's inaugural address May 20, 1972.

Item 4

- Griffith University folder including Doctorate certificate 1992, B.A. 1949, M. A. 1994, Appointment to Ambassador to Republic of China 1980, Australian Military Force Statement of Service 1942-1945, Dissolution of Marriage 1965.

Item 5

- Plaques 1984 for Speech Night Visitor at Brisbane Boys' College; Long and meritorious

service to Queensland / China relations.

#### Item 6

- Personal correspondence including work histories, speeches, itineraries and newspaper clippings.

#### Description

**Locate** OMBOX Box 15808

#### Other

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

## Box 2: (1989-1993?)

**Unit ID** 27400

**Box number** 2

**Box title** Box 2

**Date** 1989-1993?

#### Scope and content

##### Item 1

- Biographical notes including C.V., newspaper clippings, correspondence, James Cran's family tree from ca. 1850 to 1980, Family tree of T. A. Oates, Passports, Identity cards, Driving Licence, post cards, greeting cards.

##### Item 2

- Project panda 1989.

##### Item 3

- 'Australians in Asia': Old codgers and colonial ancestors 1992; Rugby in China; Brisbane China Committee 1991; Taiwan.

##### Item 4

- 'Inventory II', typed script and comment 1993; Handwritten script entitled 'Round eyed in China' 1992.

## Item 5

- Drafts of 'The shaping of sinologue of sorts'; Notes on fishing in Kenya, Ethiopia, China.

### Description

**Locate** OMBOX Box 15809

### Other

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

## Box 3: (1970-1995)

**Unit ID** 27400

**Box number** 3

**Box title** Box 3

**Date** 1970-1995

### Scope and content

#### Item 1

- Typed script of 'Life and selected works of the Chinese Poet Ts'ao Chih A.D. 192-232' ; 'Elements of Chinese religious and philosophical thought in the works of the Royal Chinese Poet Ts'ao Chih' ; Correspondence re publishing books 1983; 1970-1972 correspondence.

#### Item 2

- Photographs of Hugh Dunn with Dalai Lama; At New Delhi National Defence College 1966, RSL Nursing Home 2004?; With the President of the Republic of China, Malcolm Fraser, Zhao Ziyang, Li Xian Nian, Andrew Peacock; At Panda reserve; With Paraguay President 1974, Uganda president 1978, Argentina President 1974 & 1976, Peru President 1973, Seychelles President Rene 1978, Ding Xiaoping; At Griffith Univ.; In Kenya, Ethiopia, Beijing.

#### Item 3

- Records of talks and correspondence relating to secondment to Griffith University 1991; First draft of the Quest for uncle Peter 1995.

#### Item 4

China talks 1980s.

Item 5

- Draft copy of 'Inventory' (spiral note book); Speeches in Toronto 1991.

Item 6

- 153 page typed script of : 'A journey curiously planned', an account of his journey from Beijing to Brisbane; 'Random musings during a visit to old Kaifeng and Luoyang'.

Description

**Locate** OMBOX Box 15810

Other

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

## Box 4: (1972-1993)

**Unit ID** 27400

**Box number** 4

**Box title** Box 4

**Date** 1972-1993

**Scope and content**

Item 1

- Visit to Tibet and Dalai Lama 1986; 'Dealing with China'; Various papers 1985.

Item 2

- Manuscript of 'Australians in Asia'; Interview with MacKenzie sisters 1993; 'McKenzie sisters in China'; IIsin women's hospital, Pusan, Korea 1972.

Item 3

- Project Panda 1988

Item 4

Lecture tour 1983.

#### Item 5

- Miscellaneous records and notes from Beijing, Shanghai and Taiwan; Australia-China Council; Queensland. - China Council; Confidential papers (1978); 'Blue birds' (Television play).

#### Item 6

- Australian Institute of International Affairs Queensland Branch 1992; Griffith University Centre for the study of Australian-Asian Relations; 'Australians in Asia'.

#### Description

**Locate** OMBOX Box 15811

#### Other

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

## Box 5: (1951-1999)

**Unit ID** 27400

**Box number** 5

**Box title** Box 5

**Date** 1951-1999

#### Scope and content

Framed certificate of the Order of Australia 1985; Original certificates of Knight of the Sword (UK) 1952, Ambassador to Nairobi 1978, Ambassador to Buenos Aires 1975, Ambassador to Taipei 1970, Grand master of Masons of England 1951, Appointment to Canadian Army 1953, Membership of Queensland Art Gallery 1999.

#### Description

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#### Other

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access

## Box 6:

**Unit ID** 27400

**Box number** 6

**Box title** Box 6

**Scope and content**

Dalai Lama wall hanging with autograph by the Dalai Lama.

Description

**Locate** OMCABINET Map cabinet 4C/39-B9

Other

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