

Nicko Productions home movies

Accession number 32845

Date [between 1960 and 1979?].

Abstract The home movies contain footage of: K'Gari; Brisbane; Mount Isa; Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands, Paronella Park, Innisfail and Green Island; Noosa and the Cooloola Coast; Girraween and Springbrook national parks, including National Bridge and Numinbah National Park; Mackay and Hayman, Brampton and Lindeman islands; Toowoomba during the Carnival of Flowers; Sunshine Coast scenes including Redcliffe, Kondalilla National Park and scenery in Caloundra, Maroochydore, Yandina and Coolum; Rockhampton, Mount Morgan Mine and Great Keppel Island; the Royal yacht HMY Britannia in the Brisbane River during a royal visit; Townsville and Magnetic Island; and farm scenes on a potato farm. Many films are credited as 'A Nicko Production'. The film maker was probably a member of the Queensland Amateur Cine Society.

System of arrangement Arranged into 1 series.

Description 22 films :

Additional format Digital copies available for selected items.

Guides A series and item list is available.

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Series 1: Home movies (1960-1979?)

Series number 1

Series title Home movies

Date 1960-1979?

Scope and content

This series contains 22 home movies with footage of:

- K'Gari.
- Brisbane buildings, bridges, roads, river, airport places and gardens.
- Mount Isa.
- Cairns, the Atherton Tablelands, Paronella Park, Innisfail and Green Island.
- Noosa and the coloured sand on the Cooloola Coast.
- Girraween and Springbrook national parks, including National Arch (also known as Natural Bridge) and Numinbah National Park.
- Berrinba.
- Mackay and surrounds as well as Hayman, Brampton and Lindeman islands.
- Toowoomba gardens, parades and pagaents during the Carnival of Flowers and surrounding rural scenery.
- Sunshine Coast scenes including Redcliffe, Kondalilla National Park and scenery in Caloundra, Maroochydore, Yandina and Coolum.
- Rockhampton, Mount Morgan Mine, Great Keppel Island and the Great Barrier Reef.
- the royal yacht HMY Britannia in the Brisbane River during a royal visit.
- Townsville and the surrounding areas (including Magnetic Island).
- farm scenes on a potato farm.

Some of the home movies were filmed by an unknown filmmaker who credited his work with 'A Nicko Production'. Some film reels contain more than 1 home movie.

Description

Description 19 film reels (colour, silent, sound)

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Items in this series:

[Untitled K'Gari film] (1970-1979?)



Unit ID 32845/1

Date 1970-1979?

Scope and content

This item contains an untitled home movie with footage of K'Gari including:

- A-frame cabins, caravans, tents and tourists at Eurong Beach Resort, Eurong.
- beaches.
- tourists boarding the back of a flatbed 4WD truck whose tray had been fitted with seats.
- 4WDing on a sandy track through forest, at one point along Eurong Beach Road, looking at trees.
- views of Lake Birrabreen and tourists at the lake.
- trees, buildings and hiking at Central Station.
- a beach campsite.
- views of the S.S. Maheno shipwreck and tourists on the beach at the wreck.
- views of coloured sand cliffs on the beach and of tourists at the cliffs. The cliffs are likely to be the Pinnacles.

This home movie may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 1 film (8 min. 35 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (100 ft.)

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Brisbane (1970-1975?)



Unit ID 32845/2

Date 1970-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of Brisbane including:

- Brisbane buildings, bridges and fountains, many in the Brisbane central business district. These include Brisbane City Hall, the old State Library building, the Centenary Pool, the Tower Mill, the Royal Brisbane Hospital (from an apartment block in the Gregory Terrace area) and the William Jolly, Story and Victoria bridges.
- black swans and flowers at Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.
- sailing boats on the Brisbane River.
- passenger planes at Brisbane Airport.
- the Riverside Expressway under construction.
- wharves.
- scenes of Brisbane at night featuring neon signs and illuminated buildings.

It is likely that this home movie was produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 1 film (23 min. 22 sec. : colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (290 ft.)

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Everything's big at... Mount Isa (1962-1969?)



Unit ID 32845/3

Date 1962-1969?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of a trip to Mount Isa including:

- the train trip to Mount Isa including views of the train, scenery and Mount Isa Railway Station.
- a multidirectional sign indicating the directions of farfetched places from Mount Isa.
- views of Mount Isa from a lookout.
- street scenes including residential and business areas. Buildings include homes, Hotel Boyd, the Mount Isa Shire Council building, the Mount Isa Hotel, Mount Isa Hospital, Woolworths, St. Andrews Uniting Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Happy Valley State School, the Barkly Hotel and Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia buildings. There is also footage of a Wright Carriers road train.
- Mount Isa Mines buildings, mine operations and a tour group visiting Mount Isa Mines.
- people and scenery at Lake Moondarra.
- planes and tower at Mount Isa Airport.
- aerial views of a plane trip from Mount Isa to the coast and back. Views include the cockpit, Mount Isa Mines, Lake Moondarra, rivers, bush, bare land and remote communities. During the tour, the plane stopped twice in remote communities containing

Aboriginal Australians and at one point dropped a parcel to a community from the air.

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Description

Description 1 film (30 min. 14 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (360 ft.)

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A Tropic Wonderland (1962-1975?)



Unit ID 32845/4

Date 1962-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of Cairns and the surrounding areas including:

- street scenes of Cairns including Cairns City Council Chambers, various motels and The Esplanade.
- scenes taken during stops on a journey along the Cook Highway to Yule Point, and perhaps further north. Scenes feature scenery on the coastline and inland, a crocodile and birds of prey at the 'Crocodile Place 'NQ Fauna Reserve'', sugarcane fields showing crops, burning off, machine harvesting and truck and train haulage of harvested sugarcane to a sugar refinery/processing plant.
- scenes taken during a train trip to Kuranda featuring the Cairns Railway Station, sugarcane, mountain scenery, Barren Falls, farmland and Kuranda Railway

Station.

- scenes taken during a bus trip to the Atherton Tablelands. Scenes feature buildings, the Tinaroo Falls Dam (including spillway), man-made waterways, views of the rainforest and rainforest trees (some taken during hiking), mountain scenes, a stop at Heale's Lookout, the Rosenfeld and Meixner's Sawmill located at Ravenshoe, Millstream Falls, sugarcane (crops and burning off).
- Paronella Park buildings, rainforest and waterfall. Paronella Park is located at Mena Creek, south of Cairns.
- scenes of Innisfail and the surrounding area including the Jubilee and Geraldton bridges, the Canecutters Memorial, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Memorial Church, the Mother of Good Council Parish catholic church and scenery including sugarcane crops.
- scenes taken during a boat trip to Green Island. Scenes feature Green Island from the boat, people viewing coral in a glass bottomed boat at Green Island, the Green Island Underwater Observatory building and views of fish and coral from its observatory under the sea.

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Description

Description 1 film (38 mins 46 sec. : colour, sound)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (500 ft.)

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Noosa Heads and the colored sands (1960-1969?)



Unit ID 32845/5

Date 1960-1969?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of Noosa and the surrounding areas including:

- the Tewantin Post Office.
- beaches.
- scenes taken during a hike through Noosa National Park. Scenes include bush, beaches, coastal scenes, the Witches Cauldron (also known as the Boiling Pot), and a goanna.
- a BBQ.
- views over Noosa and North Shore and also inland over farms, bush and houses.
- views over Lake Cootaraba.
- views of Noosa River and boats and pelicans on the river.
- scenes taken during a tour to visit the coloured sands on the Cooloola Coast. The trip began with a boat trip up the Noosa River. it then continued along the beach by 4WD jeep (ute) which had been modified to fit passenger chairs in its tray. Passengers also travelled on the jeep's bonnet. After exploring the coloured sands and taking samples, the tour retraced its steps to return people to its starting point. The film ends with a woman pouring her samples of coloured sand into glass bottles producing colourul layers of sand.

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Description

Description 1 film (20 min. 18 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (250 ft.)

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Our heritage: National Parks: help preserve them (1960-1975?)

Unit ID 32845/6

Date 1960-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of scenes of South East Queensland National Parks including:

- Girraween and Springbrook National Park wildflowers, waterfalls, landscapes and lookouts.
- The Tulip Farm at Springbrook.

This home movie may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'.

Description

Description 1 film (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (300 ft.)

[Berrinba] (and) Numinbah National Park, Natural Arch (1960-1975?)

Unit ID 32845/7

Date 1960-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains two home movies. The first is titled 'Berrinba' (from the film cannister). It shows footage of nature scenes including streams, waterfalls, a picnic ground, a goanna, dragonflies and gardens. The second is titled 'Numinbah National Park, Natural Arch'. It shows footage of Lamington National Park Lodge, Arthur Groom monument, lookouts and nature scenes. This home movie may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'.

Description

Description 2 films (on the same reel) (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive films (370 ft. total length)

Isles of the Sun : Great Barrier Reef, Queensland, The Sunshine State of Australia (1960-1975?)



Unit ID 32845/8

Date 1960-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of:

- street scenes of Mackay including buildings such as Customs House, St. Patrick's College, St. Patrick's Church, Caravilla Reef Motel, Mackay Masonic Temple, Hotel Whitsunday and the Bayersville Zoo and Fun Park.
- views of hinterland scenery around Mackay.
- Hayman Island, beginning with the title screen 'Unforgettable Hayman Island'. Scenes include people boarding a boat, views of Hayman Island from the boat, arriving at Hayman Island, a train ride from the docks at Hayman Island, a BBQ, scenes of buildings and people, gardens and a pool.
- Brampton Island, beginning with the title screen 'Beautiful Brampton'. Scenes include a mainland harbour, views of Brampton Island, arriving at Brampton Island, a train ride from the docks at Brampton Island, buildings, gardens, people, the beach, a smörgåsbord and goats.
- Lindeman Island, beginning with the title screen 'Lovely Lindeman Island'. Scenes include aerial views of Lindeman Island and scenes on Lindeman Island such as buildings, gardens, parrots, the beach, scenery and goats within Lindeman Island National Park, reef life and people standing or snorkeling on the reef while exploring it with their eyes, hands and nets.

This movie is credited to 'A Nicko Production'. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 1 film (39 min. 40 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (500 ft.)

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Family newsreel (1960-1969?)

Unit ID 32845/9

Date 1960-1969?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of nature scenes, a dam, gardens, weddings, pets, a train trip, fishing, a mine site and people swimming in a creek. This film may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'.

Description

Description 1 film (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (400 ft.)

Toowoomba : The Garden City (1960-1975?)



Unit ID 32845/10

Date 1960-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of Toowoomba at the time of the Carnival of Flowers including:

- gardens and people exploring them.
- street scenes including buildings such as the Commonwealth Trading Bank.
- the carnival parade.
- sporting events (cycling, football).

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- marching bands.
- rural scenery around Toowoomba including farmland, bush, a bush picnic and Cooby Dam.
- a rural airport.

This movie is credited to 'A Nicko Production'. The sound for this home movie is currently unavailable. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 1 film (16 min. 37 sec. : colour, sound)
Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (240 ft.)

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Queensland's Sunshine Coast (1960-1965?)



Unit ID 32845/11

Date 1960-1965?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of various locations north of Brisbane including:

- scenes taken during a trip to Redcliffe via the Hornibrook Highway. Scenes include the Hornibrook Highway entrance (Brisbane side) and people and boats at Redcliffe beaches.
- the Glasshouse Mountains.

scenes taken during a trip to Kondalilla National Park. Scenes include Kondalilla Falls and a BBQ.

- views from the Blackall Range inland and towards the coast with coastal scenes including views of Maroochydore.
- scenes at Caloundra and Maroochydore such as the beach, beach scenes (people, fishing, boats), the coast and buildings including the Maroochydore Court House.
- farmland around Yandina and Coolum.
- views of Mount Coolum.
- views of Wappa Falls and of Wappa Dam (and spillway), both near Yandina.

This movie is credited to 'A Nicko Production'. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 1 film (24 min. 44 sec. : colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (310 ft.)

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North of Capricorn (1960-1969?)



Unit ID 32845/12

Date 1960-1969?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of:

- buildings of Rockhampton including the Town Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral, Customs

House, Heritage Hotel, Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., St. Joseph's Cathedral and the Rockhampton Post Office.

- Rockhampton Botanic Gardens including the King George V memorial gates (at the entrance).
- Mount Morgan open cut mine buildings, mine operations and mine.
- views of Mount Morgan buildings.
- further scenes of Rockhampton including the Fitzroy Bridge, Fitzroy River (including boats), a train travelling along a street and Rockhampton Railway Station.
- aerial views of Rockhampton and surrounds from a plane.
- scenes taken during a trip to Great Keppel Island by plane. Scenes include aerial views of the sea, islands, reefs, the coast, suburbia, farmland and a river. There are also views from Great Keppel Island of beaches (with people, boats), buildings and a pool.
- a boat trip past a shipwreck to the Great Barrier Reef. Scenes include the ship wreck, people snorkeling on the reef, sea life and an excursion onto a smaller glass bottomed boat to look at coral and other sea life.

This movie is credited to 'A Nicko Production'. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 1 film (35 min. 20 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (400 ft.)

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A royal occasion (and) Townsville : City in the Sun (and) Tropic Wonderland flight (1960-1975?)



Unit ID 32845/13

Date 1960-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a 3 home movies. The first home movie is titled ' Royal Occasion'. It begins with the title screen 'The Britannia in Brisbane'. It features scenes of the HMY Britannia on the Brisbane River during a royal visit, decorated boats and crowds on the riverbanks. The second home movie is titled 'Townsville : city in the sun'. It features Townsville street scenes and buildings such as the Townsville Technical College, the T & G Building, hotels, the Townsville Post Office, the State Government Insurance Office, Tobruk Memorial Baths and Customs House. It also features Anzac Memorial Park plants and fountain, Castle Hill and elevated views over Townsville from Castle Hill. There are also scenes of a bus trip with Don Dixon's Tour Service to Mount Spec in the Paluma Range National Park and Paluma Dam. This is followed by the title screen 'Magnetic Island'. Following is footage from a boat trip to Magnetic Island with Hayles Magnetic Island Trips. Footage includes scenery from the boat (during the trip out and during the trip back), Magnetic Island beaches and buildings, plants, and scenery (rock formations, the beach, the road) during a Galloping Gerty Bus Tour in a truck whose tray had been fitted with seats for passengers. The third home movie has an introductory title screen reading 'Please fasten your seat belts' followed by the title 'Tropic Wonderland Flight'. It contains aerial footage of North Queensland buildings, waterways, the coast, bush, farmland, mountains and islands from an Ansett-ANA scenic flight.

Each movie is credited to 'A Nicko Production'. ***Digitised with support of donors through the Queensland Library Foundation Reel Rescue campaign.***

Description

Description 3 films (on the same reel) (30 min. 25 sec. : colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (400 ft.)

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[Untitled film] (1970-1975?)

Unit ID 32845/14

Date 1970-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of:

- a large mine and mine buildings.
- the 'Brussel' (ship).
- construction.
- aerial footage from a helicopter of tropical islands, white beaches and nature scenes.

This home movie may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'.

Description

Description 1 film (Colour, sound)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (230 ft.)

Sightseeing in Northern N.S.W. (1960-1969?)

Unit ID 32845/15

Date 1960-1969?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of a trip to Northern N.S.W.. This home movie may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'.

Description

Description 1 film (Colour, sound)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (420 ft.)

Mother's thoughts (1964-1968?)

Unit ID 32845/16

Date 1964-1968?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with scenes of a mother and baby intercut with flowers.

Author / Creator

Auchter, L.

Description

Description 1 film (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (45 ft.)

The farmer feeds us all (1965-1979?)

Unit ID 32845/17

Date 1965-1979?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of farm scenes on a potato farm including:

- men hand lifting hay bales onto a cart pulled by a tractor.
- view of a field scattered with hay bales.
- people harvesting potatoes by machinery and hand.
- people bagging potatoes by hand.
- people enjoying a food break.
- men manually lifting bags of potatoes onto a truck tray with high mesh sides.
- pigs.

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Description

Description 1 film (7 min. 18 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (80 ft.)

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Gran's dream (1960-1969?)

Unit ID 32845/18

Date 1960-1969?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie with footage of a grandmother's dream as she dozes on a couch, her dream featuring stop-animation sequences with toys.

Author / Creator

Auchter, L.

Description

Description 1 film (5 min. 42 sec. : colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (70 ft.)

[Untitled dog film] (1960-1975?)

Unit ID 32845/19

Date 1960-1975?

Scope and content

This item contains a home movie featuring various scenes with a pet dog. This home movie may have been produced by the unknown film maker who credited his work with 'Nicko Productions'.

Description

Description 1 film (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm. reverse positive film (approximately 65 ft.)

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