

Sourry and Sourris family papers.

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Abstract Collection of Brisbane businessman, philanthropist and art collector James C Sourris AM. The collection spans three generations of the Sourry/Sourris family, highlighting their contribution to the cinema industry in Northern New South Wales and southeast Queensland as well as the Greek community in those places. The material covers Mr. Sourris' successful career in cinema development, and his passion for and support of contemporary Australian art and artists.

System of arrangement Arranged into 4 series

Description approximately 30 boxes and albums of photographs and papers

Administrative / Biographical history Following a successful career as a movie exhibitor and multiplex developer, James C. Sourris pursued an interest in collecting contemporary art. Mr Sourris and his sister Marica have been benefactors of the Queensland Library Foundation since 1998. Mr Sourris' association with film also provided the initial focus for his patronage of the Queensland Art Gallery. He began forming a contemporary art collection for the Gallery in 1999, in collaboration with then Director Doug Hall. He was awarded the Order of Australia (AM) in 2011 for service to the arts and to the community through the development of the motion picture industry and through philanthropic contributions, particularly to the Queensland Art Gallery and the State Library of Queensland.

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Series 1: Sourris and Sourry family personal papers (1884-2022)

Series number 1

Series title Sourris and Sourry family personal papers

Date 1884-2022

Scope and content

This series relates largely to the personal lives of the Sourry and Sourris families - particularly Peter Sourry, Chris J. Sourris and James C. Sourris. It includes albums of clippings, photographs and papers regarding Peter Sourry, Chris J. Sourris and James C. Sourris compiled by James C. Sourris. It also includes family photographs, correspondence and some ephemera.

Description

Description 12 items

Items in this series:

Peter Sourry album (1884-2001)

Unit ID 33499/1

Date 1884-2001

Scope and content

Photographs, clippings, biographical chronologies regarding the life and industry of Peter Sourry. Photographs include:

- Peter Sourry and brother Jim
- Jim Sourry's daughters
- Peter Sourry, wife Marika and children Effie, Helen and Betty.
- Daughter Effie's wedding (to Chris J. Sourris) and two other weddings, possibly daughters Helen and Betty
- Peters & Co store front

Clippings and publications include:

- Articles regarding sale of the Arcadia Theatre, Armadale to 'P. Sourry'

Copies of the newspaper 'The Greek Australian VEMA'

- Articles about Effie Sourry's wedding to Chris J. Sourris
- Clippings from the newsletter 'The Kytherian'

Other items include a photocopy of diary Peter Sourry's diary – mostly in Greek – which is also held in this collection (item 33499/4) **Cataloguer's provenance note:** This album was compiled by James C. Sourris with the aim of building a comprehensive archive regarding his career and his family's 100 year history in the film industry as cinema owners. These albums appear across the collection and form a significant proportion of the content therein.

Description

Description 1 album

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23588 O/S

Chris J. Sourris album (1905-1990)

Unit ID 33499/2

Date 1905-1990

Scope and content

Photographs, clippings, biographical chronologies and ephemera regarding the life and industry of Chris Sourris. Photographs include:

- AHEPA (Australasian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) meeting May 1935, Scone NSW
- Family photographs; of marriage to Effie Sourry; of Effie and Chris Sourris; of people attending the opening of the film 'Sons of Matthew' at the Arcadia Theatre, Stanthorpe; of Sourris family with Charles Chauvel and family at said opening.

Photographs, correspondence, ephemera and newspaper clippings regarding various theatres including: Embassy Theatre, Fortitude Valley; Starlight Twin Drive-in, Aspley; Municipal Theatre, Charleville. Other items reference Five Star Bowl in Redcliffe; including sale documentation of the land, photographs of and invitation to the opening night. **Cataloguer's provenance note:** This album was compiled by James C. Sourris with the aim of building a comprehensive archive regarding his career and his family's 100 year history in the film industry as cinema owners. These albums appear across the collection and form a significant proportion of the content therein.

Description

Description 1 album

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23589 O/S

James C. Sourris album (1938-2022)

Unit ID 33499/3

Date 1938-2022

Scope and content

Photographs, clippings, biographical chronologies and ephemera regarding the life and industry of James C. Sourris. Album includes a selection of documentation summarising elements of James C. Sourris' life including a resume, a brief biography and a list of philanthropic and corporate board participation. This item also includes a diagram of the ownership structure between James C. Sourris and Hoyts Cinemas of the Village Twin cinemas in Toombul and New Farm (also referred to as New Farm Cinemas throughout the collection). Photographs include:

- Family
- James C. Sourris as a young person
- Possible class and other photographs taken at Scotts College, Warrick

Folder also includes copies of news articles about James Sourris' philanthropic activities.

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Description

Description 1 album

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23590 O/S

Peter Sourry diary (1913)

Unit ID 33499/4

Date 1913

Scope and content

Small leather bound diary handwritten in Greek and English belonging to Peter Sourry. Includes drafts of letter to colleagues regarding businesses interests.

Description

Description 1 diary

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

James C. Sourris personal papers (1950-2010)

Unit ID 33499/5

Date 1950-2010

Scope and content

Miscellaneous personal papers belonging to James C. Sourris.

- Architectural drawing and photocollage of Sourris House, Hamilton [this architectural plan is housed separately in the OM cabinets]
- Floor plan for James C. Sourris and Marica Sourris' apartment.
- 40 year reunion booklet from Scotts College, Warwick
- Postcard from London to 'Jim' and handwritten note to 'Jim and Ricki' on the back of a photograph

Biographies of Chris J. Sourris (handwritten, possibly an autobiography) and Effie Sourris, nee Sourry.

Description

Description 1 folder 1 architectural plan

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23597 O/S MAPCABINET

Large family photographs (1916-1950)

Unit ID 33499/6

Date 1916-1950

Scope and content

Family portrait of Peter Sourry, wife Marika Sourry (nee. Coroneo) and daughter Effie, 1916?

(32 x 29 cm) Portrait of Effie Sourry, later Sourris, as a baby - taken at the same time as family portrait, 1916? (32 x 26 cm) Portrait photograph of Stephne and Marica Sourris in white dresses, 1950? (oval backing board, 51 x 35 cm and square photograph 30 x 24 cm)

Description

Description 3 photographs

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23592 O/S

Small family photographs (1935?-2000?)

Unit ID 33499/7

Date 1935?-2000?

Scope and content

- Portrait of Effie Sourry, later Sourris, 1935?
- Group photograph taken at the opening of Strathpine Drive-in Theatre, 1972
- Photograph of James C. Sourris with two unknown women possibly between 1980-1989. Housed in a display envelope reading "Photographed by Gold Coast Bulletin"
- Various professional headshots of James C. Sourris possibly taken between 1995-2000

Description

Description 7 photographs

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23592 O/S

The Charleville years album (1961-1975?)

Unit ID 33499/8

Date 1961-1975?

Scope and content

Album of photographs taken of the Sourris family's time living on property near Charleville. Photographs are of: family; farm and farm house; farming activities including shearing and horse-riding; tractors, harvesters and other farm equipment; a creek in flood and livestock.

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Description

Description 1 album

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23593 O/S

Telegrams (1937-1940)

Unit ID 33499/9

Date 1937-1940

Scope and content

Folder of telegrams congratulating Chris J. Sourris and Effie Sourris, nee Sourry, on their wedding and engagement, birth of child, birth of second child and a birthday greeting for Effie.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

Correspondence to Effie Sourris, nee Sourry (1937)

Unit ID 33499/10

Date 1937

Scope and content

Folder of correspondence to Effie Sourris, nee Sourry. From Chris J. Sourris to Effie leading up to their wedding 1937, some in Greek, sent from - Goondiwindi, Stanthorpe, Thargomindah, Miles, Morven. One to Effie from unknown person.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

Miscellaneous family correspondence (1953-1979)

Unit ID 33499/11

Date 1953-1979

Scope and content

Folder of miscellaneous correspondence between James C. Sourris and his sisters Marica Sourris and Stephne Sourris and their mother Effie Sourris, nee Sourry.

- From James to 'Rick' (Marica) 1953
- From 'Mother' (Effie Sourris, nee Sourry) to 'Ricky' (Marica) 1953?
- From James to 'All' from Athens 1979?
- From James to 'All' from Rome 1979
- Itinerary of rail travel London to Oslo
- James? to 'Girls' 1973 - possibly to his sisters while they were overseas.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

Coroneo family history (2016)

Unit ID 33499/12

Date 2016

Scope and content

Coroneo family history entitled: "My Kytherian family: the ancestors of Andre Coroneo / Kytherian Genealogy club, June 2016"

Description

Description 1 volume

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

Series 2: Sourris and Sourry family professional papers (1884-2022)

Series number 2

Series title Sourris and Sourry family professional papers

Date 1884-2022

Scope and content

Material relating to the family's 100-year history in the film industry as cinema owners. This series contains albums compiled by James C. Sourris regarding cinemas, drive-ins and bowling alleys owned or managed by the Sourris family.

Description

Description 20 items

Items in this series:

Arcadia to Frankston – the early years album (1922-1994)

Unit ID 33499/13

Date 1922-1994

Scope and content

Collection of photographs and newspaper clippings regarding theatres owned and operated by the Sourry and Sourris families. Photographs include:

- People attending the opening of the film 'Sons of Matthew' at the Arcadia Theatre, Stanthorpe; of Sourris family with Charles Chauvel and family at said opening.
- Aspley Starlight Twin Drive-in, 1950-1959
- Strathpine Drive-in opening, 1972
- Star Wars promotional event, posters and props from Toombul Twin Cinema, 1977
- Demolition – before and after - of Aspley Starlight Twin Drive-in, 2002

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Description

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Aspley Drive-in albums (1957-2004)

Unit ID 33499/14

Date 1957-2004

Scope and content

Two albums regarding the Sourris family ownership of the Aspley Drive-in, also known as the Aspley Starlight Twin Drive-in. Albums include:

- Legal documents - contracts, sale information for drive-in
- News clippings of Aspley Drive-in closure
- Ownership contracts
- Papers regarding the consolidation of ownership to James C. Sourris
- Two valuation reports of Aspley Drive-in 1998, 2001 - includes photographs and maps of the site
- Documentation regarding the sale of Peter and Stephne Comonos (nee Sourris) share of Aspley Drive-in to James C. Sourris
- Correspondence with Department of Environmental Protection regarding a proposal to heritage list Aspley Drive-in

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Description

Description 2 albums

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Drive-in movie promotional material (1972-1977)

Unit ID 33499/15

Date 1972-1977

Scope and content

Distribution and promotional material related to movies shown at drive-ins possibly when James C. Sourris was managing the Sourris family drive-ins between 1972 and 1975. This included the drive-ins at Aspley, Strathpine, Redcliffe. The material in this item describes several movies across all formats. These are mostly b-grade movies commonly shown at drive-in cinemas in and around Brisbane in the 1970s. Movie titles include - 'Gator Bait', 'The Swinging Barmaids', 'Summer School Teachers' and 'Terminal Island'.

- Promotional sheets from distributor United Artists
- Promotional packs for various movies – some with part cut out to be used in layouts for advertising
- Layouts and proofs prepared for published advertisements like newspapers
- Clippings book of newspaper advertising for films showing at Aspley Starlight Drive-in
- Matrix for cinema audiences by age and genre

Description

Description 4 folders

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23597 O/S

Site plans (1956-1970)

Unit ID 33499/16

Date 1956-1970

Scope and content

Site plans and proposals for drive-ins owned by or part owned by Chris J. Sourris and James C. Sourris.

- Report on the proposal for a drive-in at Albany Creek Road, Aspley, 1956. Including a site plan produced by Cardno & Davies Consulting Engineers
- Site plan of extension to drive-in for Aspley Drive-in by Cardno & Davies Consulting Engineers, 1964

- Site plan for proposed drive-in at Redcliffe by A.H Conrad & B.F Garget Architects, 1965
- Site plan for proposed extension for drive-in at Redcliffe by Cardno & Davies Consulting Engineers, 1970
 - Site plan for proposed drive-in at Strathpine by Munro, Johnson & Associates Consulting Engineers

Description

Description 5 site plans

Locate OMCABINET

Village Twin albums (1977 -1999)

Unit ID 33499/17

Date 1977 -1999

Scope and content

Photographs, ephemera, business records regarding the running of Village Twin Cinemas at New Farm and then later at Toombul. Ephemera includes:

- Various types of loyalty passes such as Ladies Lunch, Silver Pass, Christmas special gift cards
- Invitations to movie previews
- Handbills and programs of movies showing
- Tickets for fundraising events held by various local organisations at the cinema

Photographs include:

- Floor plans for New Farm Village Twin
- Photocopies of photographs of outside and inside of Village Twin Toombul and New Farm

Business records include:

- financial statements
- Advertising proofs
- Correspondence with Queensland Heritage Council
- Correspondence regarding film distributor Village Roadshow

Partial handwritten accounts of day-to-day running of the cinema

- Land titles
- Surveyors report.
- Purchase documentation for Village Theatre New Farm, profit and loss statements New Farm Cinemas 1991

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Description

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Clayfield Bowl & Greenslopes Lanes album (1989-1998)

Unit ID 33499/18

Date 1989-1998

Scope and content

Photographs and ephemera regarding the running of Clayfield Bowl and Greenslopes Lanes. Including:

- Greenslopes Lanes photographs
- Greenslopes Lanes/AMC/Village Twin trio vouchers
- Clayfield Lanes/Village Twin duo brochure
- Clayfield bowl photographs - interior and exterior

Also included is the Strategic plan for team BPAA [Bowling Proprietors' Association of Australia?] 1992. **Cataloguer's provenance note:** This album was compiled by James C. Souris with the aim of building a comprehensive archive regarding his career and his family's 100 year history the film industry as cinema owners. These albums appear across the collection and form a significant proportion of the content therein.

Description

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Locate OMOSBOX Box 23598 O/S

Arcadia to Frankston – the AMC years album (1994- 2010)

Unit ID 33499/19

Date 1994- 2010

Scope and content

Business records regarding the creation and running of Australian Multiplex Cinemas (AMC) including photographs, correspondence, ephemera and clippings and copies of clippings.

Largely organised in chronological order regarding cinema. Cinema's opened by AMC are:

- Sunnybank 8 Cinema, opened 30 March 1995
- Stafford City 10 Cinema, opened 11 November 1997
- Redcliffe 8 Cinema, opened 12 December 1998
- Tweed City 6 Cinema, opened 23 September 1999
- Frankston 12 Cinema, opened 02 December 2004

While content is similar to AMC album (item 33499/20) this album includes photographs of opening nights, projection rooms of some of the cinemas and of foyers. Also included is the AMC staff handbook and Christmas cards sent to staff. **Cataloguer's provenance note:** This album was compiled by James C. Souris with the aim of building a comprehensive archive regarding his career and his family's 100 year history the film industry as cinema owners. These albums appear across the collection and form a significant proportion of the content therein.

Description

Description 1 album

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Locate OMOSBOX Box 23606 O/S

Australian Multiplex Cinemas (AMC) albums (1994-2010)

Unit ID 33499/20

Date 1994-2010

Scope and content

Business records regarding the creation and running of Australian Multiplex Cinemas (AMC) including photographs, correspondence, ephemera and clippings and copies of clippings. Largely organised in chronological order regarding cinema. Cinema's opened by AMC are:

- Sunnybank 8 Cinema, opened 30 March 1995
- Stafford City 10 Cinema, opened 11 November 1997
- Redcliffe 8 Cinema, opened 12 December 1998
- Tweed City 6 Cinema, opened 23 September 1999
- Frankston 12 Cinema, opened 02 December 2004

Other items include AMC media release and correspondence to staff and shareholders pertaining to AMC sale to Hoyts in 2010 and budget projections for a hypothetical theatre. Also included in this folder is the ownership structure of cinemas jointly owned by James C. Sourris, Hoyts and others. **Cataloguer's provenance note:** This album was compiled by James C. Sourris with the aim of building a comprehensive archive regarding his career and his family's 100 year history the film industry as cinema owners. These albums appear across the collection and form a significant proportion of the content therein.

Description

Description 2 albums

System of arrangement Arrangement maintains creator's original order.

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Sourris business papers (1973-2010, 2017)

Unit ID 33499/21

Date 1973-2010, 2017

Scope and content

General business papers pertaining to both Chris J. Sourris and James C. Sourris professional activities. Papers include:

- AMC: annual report (1996, 1997), letter head, branded folder, information folder, first draft of the sale contract of AMC
- Results and certificate of a title search of property in Fortitude Valley

Preliminary submission for the construction and operation of a 4 cinema complex within the Carindale Shopping Centre

- Pitch documents for 'Celebrity Coffee Lounge' with subtitle 'an entirely new concept in marketing'
- Documents regarding the purchase of Clayfield and Greenslopes Bowling Centres
- Lease documents for Toombul Village Twin location
- Conceptual drawings for proposed development at Albany Creek Road, Aspley

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23597 O/S

International cinema album (No date)

Unit ID 33499/22

Date No date

Scope and content

Photographs of cinemas in Australia and around the world including: New York; Los Angeles; Las Vegas; Warwick, Qld.; Port Macquarie, NSW.; New Zealand (Aotearoa), Thailand.

Description

Description 1 album

System of arrangement Arrangement maintains creator's original order.

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23609 O/S

Invitations to film previews (1963-2009)

Unit ID 33499/23

Date 1963-2009

Scope and content

Invitations for film premier and preview screenings held at cinemas all over Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast addressed to both Chris J. Sourris and James C. Sourris. Invitations are

largely for major international films previewing in local cinemas however some local films are included - for example 'From Reel to Reel, Charles Chauvel Australian Film Pioneer' and 'Coolangatta Gold'. The dates for these invitations ranges from 1963-2009 but mostly occurs between 1980-2000.

Description

Description 2 packets

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23610 O/S

General invitations (1976-2009)

Unit ID 33499/24

Date 1976-2009

Scope and content

Invitations pertaining to James C. Sourris' business activities. Invitations include:

- Conferences/conventions and film trade days - Australian International Movie Convention
- From cinemas owned by James C. Sourris to public or specialist groups for specific movie nights, sometimes for charity, sometimes from other local business or interest groups
- Awards ceremonies - Movie Commercial awards
- Film festivals - Brisbane international Film Festival 1993, Noosa Film Festival 1999
- Opening events of other cinemas and entertainment venues around Queensland - Cinema Maroochydore, Pacific 8 Cinemas at Logan Hyperdrome; Cairns Coral Twin Drive-In; Cinema Nambour; Hoyts Regent Entertainment Centre; The Strand Cinema, Caloundra.

Description

Description 1 packet

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23610 O/S

Miscellaneous ephemera (1960? -2010?)

Unit ID 33499/25

Date 1960? -2010?

Scope and content

Miscellaneous ephemera including:

- Clippings and handbills for films at Village Twin (New Farm and Toombul)
- Advertising and special offers
- Queensland Library Foundation James C. Sourris AM Collection: Recognition and Discovery Proposal 2016
- Souvenir brochure from Mann Chinese Theatre in Hollywood
- Newspaper clippings about cinema and development

Description

Description 1 packet

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23610 O/S

Magic lantern slides (1930?-1939?)

Unit ID 33499/27

Date 1930?-1939?

Scope and content

Magic lantern slides showing various advertisements made to be projected onto the cinema screen before a film. Possibly found by Chris J. Sourris when he bought the Embassy Theatre in Fortitude Valley. Advertisements include:

- For other films or shows – ‘The Squatter’s Daughter’, ‘Columbia’s Krazy Kat cartoons’, ‘Red Dust’
- For local events – ‘The bakers annual picnic at Redcliffe’, ‘Monster motor picnic, Redcliffe’
- For products – ‘Adams rich cakes and biscuits’, ‘Queen lavender oil with musk’, ‘Queen Macassar Oil’
- Competitions and announcing winners
- Announcement to cinema patrons
- T.C Beirnes Winter sale

Many slides were made by H.B. Green & Co in Brisbane.

Description

Description 42 lantern slides

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23586 O/S

Photograph of Embassy Theatre staff (1928)

Unit ID 33499/28

Date 1928

Scope and content

Board mounted photograph of Embassy Staff including manager Dave Lee, 1928 No further information was provided with this photograph. It was possibly found at the Embassy Theatre in Fortitude Valley when it was acquired by Chris J. Sourris in 1955.

Description

Description 1 photograph

57 x 71 cm

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23592 O/S

Photograph of Union Theatres' set (1930)

Unit ID 33499/29

Date 1930

Scope and content

Large photographs mounted on board which includes the caption: "Union Theatres' "Journey's End" set ... 1st Prize ... Movie Ball 12th August 1930. Presented to E.F. Lane, Esq. Misses: K. Murphy, B. Peters, M. Stanley, L. Retchless, V. Rose & E. Moberley. Messrs: E. Pelling, D. Lee, C. Pond, F. Kable, J.W. Robinson, W. Ladbroke & D. Carmody" No further context was provided with this photograph

Description

Description 1 photograph

46 x 66 cm

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23592 O/S

Mugs (1984-2010?)

Unit ID 33499/30

Date 1984-2010?

Scope and content

Two branded mugs. - AMC mug - Village Twin mug with the winners of the 1984 academy awards listed and image of an academy award

Description

Description 2 mugs

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23673 O/S

Harrison's reports (1934 -1941)

Unit ID 33499/31

Date 1934 -1941

Scope and content

Harrison's Reports : 3 bound volumes with 'Chris Sourris' embossed above the title. Date scope of each is: 4 august 1934 - 4 Jan 1936; 4th Jan 1936- 2nd July 1938; 9 July 1938- 5 April 1941. Harrison's Reports was a New York City-based motion picture trade journal published weekly from 1919 to 1962.

Description

Description 3 volumes

Locate OMBOX Box 948

'For all the kings men' book (1994)

Unit ID 33499/32

Date 1994

Scope and content

Book about the Kings Theatres of Sydney entitled: "For all the Kings Men: The Kings Theatres of Sydney, NSW / by Ross Thorne & Kevin Cork, 1994"

Description

Description 1 volume

Locate OMBOX Box 948

Series 3: Philanthropic work and society participation (1936-2017)

Series number 3

Series title Philanthropic work and society participation

Date 1936-2017

Scope and content

This series is regarding the participation in social and professional societies and associations by the Sourris family and the philanthropic work done by James C. Sourris.

Description

Description 9 items

Items in this series:

MPEAQ general papers (1980-1989)

Unit ID 33499/33

Date 1980-1989

Scope and content

Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association of Queensland (MPEAQ) general correspondence and ephemera including:

- Pamphlets on becoming a member
- James C. Sourris' resignation as president

Newsletters to members

- Copy of the 'Australia' edition of The Hollywood Reporter magazine
- Invitations and advertising for other industry bodies or products

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

MPEAQ convention papers (1982-1989)

Unit ID 33499/34

Date 1982-1989

Scope and content

Papers regarding the organisation of the Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association of Queensland Inc (MPEAQ) Conventions and AGM agendas and minutes; 1982, 1983 (including Sugar Coast Movie Convention hosted by MPEAQ during that year too), 1988 (AGM agenda and minutes and a schedule for convention not other material) and 1989. Papers include: guest lists, programs, advertising, newspaper clippings, venue research, correspondence, speeches and speech notes, and information on guest speakers.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

MPEAQ industry advocacy papers (1983,1989)

Unit ID 33499/35

Date 1983,1989

Scope and content

This item is largely made up of supporting documentation of a submission to the Queensland Parliament made by the Picture Theatres and Film Commission. This submission requests amendments to the present act that the Motion Picture Industry feels are needed to cover certain deficiencies - specifically the need to stop unlicensed copies of films being shown in public venues. Written and compiled by James C. Sourris in his capacity as

President of the MPEAQ. Also included in this item is other material relating to the MPEAQ's campaign against video piracy.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23591

MPEAQ conventions album (1982-2008)

Unit ID 33499/36

Date 1982-2008

Scope and content

Motion Picture Exhibitors' Association of Queensland (MPEAQ) records, ephemera and photographs.

- Correspondence regarding organisation of conventions
- Advertisements for conventions
- Photographs of conventions and delegates
- Invitations too conventions
- Programs for 1981, 1983, 1989, 2008 convention
- Financial report 1981-82 for Queensland Film Corporation

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Locate OMOSBOX Box 23611 O/S

Broadsheet trade papers (1973-1986)

Unit ID 33499/37

Date 1973-1986

Scope and content

Issues of a broadsheet trade paper with articles pertaining to MPEAQ. "The Australasian Cinema: forum of the motion picture industry of Australia" - March 1973, scattered 1982-1983, August 1986 Including MPEAQ 38th and 41st convention issues

Description

Description 6 trade papers

System of arrangement Arrangement maintains creator's original order.

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23681 O/S

Screen Queensland album (1992-2011)

Unit ID 33499/38

Date 1992-2011

Scope and content

Records pertaining to James Sourris' time associated with Screen Queensland.

Correspondence includes:

- Regarding appointment and resignation
- Annual report 2009-2010
- Nominee to the Pacific Film and Television Commission (earlier iteration of Screen Queensland)
- Appointment to Film Advisory Committee

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Description

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James C. Sourris philanthropic work album (2007-2017)

Unit ID 33499/39

Date 2007-2017

Scope and content

Photographs and ephemera relating to James Sourris' philanthropic activities. Notable photograph subjects include:

- Professor Ian O'Connor, QAGOMA chair of Trustees
- Presentation 2017 QAGOMA medal to Mr Sourris
- Chris Saines, Director QAGOMA
- Paul de Jersey, Qld Governor
- Paul Taylor, QAGOMA trustee
- Tim Fairfax, QAGOMA foundation president

Invitations to and menus for QAGOMA and State Library of Queensland events between 2007 and 2017 including QAGOMA medal ceremony dinner and the unveiling of the Marcia Sourris & James C Sourris Gallery at State Library. Albums also include some Government House ephemera. **Cataloguer's provenance note:** This album was compiled by James C. Sourris with the aim of building a comprehensive archive regarding his career and his family's 100 year history the film industry as cinema owners. These albums appear across the collection and form a significant proportion of the content therein.

Description

Description 2 albums

System of arrangement Arrangement maintains creator's original order.

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Certificates (1936- 2009)

Unit ID 33499/40

Date 1936- 2009

Scope and content

Certificates presented to Chris J. Sourris and James C. Sourris.

- Australian Cinema Pioneers membership certificate presented to Chris Sourris (not

written on certificate)

- Certificate of membership presented to James C. Sourris from Queensland Art Gallery Foundation; vice patron, founder benefactor, governor, individual patron, individual special patron
- Certificate of appreciation presented to Chris J. Sourris from Motion Picture Industry Benevolent Association (Queensland) Inc. - platinum donor, patron donor, special patron donor

Final item is a certificate of incorporation for Dover Theatres, 1946. Note on the back reads: 'From the desk of Andrew Coroneo. On loan from the collection of Alexander Andrew Coroneo for display in the C.J Sourris Australia Museum of Cinema Exhibition. Commemorating the reunion of two old-established cinema exhibitor houses on the occasion of the float of Australian Multiplex Cinemas Pty. Ltd.'

Description

Description 1 folder

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AHEPA award plaque (1983)

Unit ID 33499/41

Date 1983

Scope and content

Plaque awarded to Chris Sourris by Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) Shield shaped wooden plaque 31cm high x 24 cm wide. Plaque reads: "AHEPA award, presented to Bro Chris J Sourris for his contribution to the establishment of the first AHEPA chapter in Queensland. By the members of the order of the AHEPA in Queensland at the 29th national convention, Brisbane 5th October, 1983."

Description

Description 1 award plaque

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QAGOMA award (2016)

Unit ID 33499/42

Date 2016

Scope and content

3 objects presented in honour of service to James C. Sourris from the Queensland Art Gallery, Gallery of Modern Art, 2017.

- Framed statement of recognition 25 x 25 cm
- Wooden plaque with Perspex overlay with embedded medal and medal ribbon 16 x 16 cm
- Wooden box containing an award pin 9 x 7 x 3 cm

Description

Description 3 objects

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Series 4: Horseracing (1948-1994)

Series number 4

Series title Horseracing

Date 1948-1994

Scope and content

Material related to Sourris family's ownership of racehorses.

Description

Description 5 items

Items in this series:

Horse racing winners photo collages (1948-1994)

Unit ID 33499/43

Date 1948-1994

Scope and content

Collection of photocollages professionally photographed and assembled of Chris and James Sourris' winning horse races.

- T.R.C Eagle Farm, Open HDCP, 29 June 1991
- T.R.C Eagle Farm, Mercedes-Benz Stakes, 30 June 1990
- Q.T.C Eagle Farm, Rocklea Flying Handicap, 21 October 1989
- Doomben, Brisbane Amateur Turf Club Meeting, 22 October 1988
- Doomben, Brisbane Amateur Turf Club Meeting, 14 May 1988
- Q.T.C Eagle Farm, Class 6 HCP, 2 April 1994
- Eagle Farm, Queensland Turf Club Meeting, 5 November 1988
- B.A.T.C Doomben, Class 6 HCP, 26 January 1994
- B.A.T.C Doomben, Class 6 HCP, 6 March, 1993
- B.A.T.C Doomben, 2Y.O Stakes, 13 June 1992
- B.A.T.C Doomben, 2Y.O Stakes, 14 December 1991
- Gold Coast Turf Club, 30 November 1991
- Doomben, Brisbane Amateur Turf Club Meeting, 30 November 1988
- Doomben, Brisbane Amateur Turf Club Meeting, 19 October 1988
- T.R.C Eagle Farm, 2Y.O Stakes, 26 December 1991
- Gold Coast Turf Club, 21 December 1991
- Sunshine Coast Turf Club Meeting, Corbould Park, 11 June 1994
- Gold Coast Turf Club, 3Y.O. MDN. (Div. 1) HDCP, 26 August 1995
- Q.T.C Eagle Farm, 2Y.O. HDCP, 21 October 1989
- Q.T.C Eagle Farm, 3Y.O. Maiden HCP, 26 September 1991
- Brisbane Amateur Turf Club's Dollar Stakes Meeting, Doomben Racecourse, 24 September 1966
- Queensland Turf Club Guineas Meeting, Eagle Farm 18 October 1958
- Brisbane Amateur Turf Club's Meeting, Albion Park Racecourse, 6 August 1966
- Brisbane Amateur Turf Club's Meeting, Albion Park Racecourse, 28 May 1966
- Beaudesert Amateur Race Club, 21 July 1948
- Queensland Turf Club's Qld. Cup Meeting, Eagle Farm Racecourse, 19 November 1966
- Queensland Turf Club's Christmas & New Year Meeting, Eagle Farm Racecourse, 28 December 1968
- Yandina Race Club, 10 June 1948

Description

Description 28 photocollages

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Framed horse racing winners photo collage (1959)

Unit ID 33499/44

Date 1959

Description

Description 1 photocollage

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23657 O/S

Ian Gull cartoon (no date)

Unit ID 33499/45

Date no date

Scope and content

Original cartoon about horse racing captioned "Just a matter of horse-sense" by Ian Gull.

Description

Description 1 cartoon

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23610 O/S

Grand Garry and Grand Thrill clippings folders (1950?-1982)

Unit ID 33499/46

Date 1950?-1982

Scope and content

Two folders – one pertaining to Chris J Sourris' horse Grand Garry and the other pertaining to

his horse Grand Thrill. Newspaper clippings, photographs (of horses, trainers, owners, racing, Chris J. Sourris and others at races), invitation to Randwick racecourse 1960.

Description

Description 1 2 packets

Locate OMOSBOX Box 23610 O/S

Sydney Cup trophy (1960)

Unit ID 33499/47

Date 1960

Scope and content

Red leather, double-door opening box, 40cm high, 24cm wide, 19 cm deep containing trophy. Brass and wood trophy reading: "Australian Jockey club, Randwick Centenary Meeting 1960, Sydney cup won by Grand Gary owned by Mr & Mrs Chris Sourris and Mr & Mrs Peter Sourris" includes a card reading "Australian Jockey club, Randwick Centenary Meeting, Sydney Cup 18th April 1960, supplied by Hardy Bros. LTD"

Description

Description 1 trophy

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