



Queensland Music Teachers' Association records

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Author / Creator

Queensland Music Teachers' Association.

Abstract Archive of the Queensland Music Teacher's Association (QMTA), comprising administrative records including minutes, membership records, correspondence and financial information.

Scope and content The collection includes photographs, a number of handwritten music scores, conference and seminar papers, event and concert tour material and some historical items from early members Mabel McAlister and Percy Brier. Although the bulk of the collection is the archive of the Brisbane-based organisation, there are also files from regional branches throughout Queensland.

System of arrangement Arranged into 8 series.

Description 12 boxes

Administrative / Biographical history The Music Teachers' Association of Queensland was originally founded in 1921, as the peak representative body for music teachers. Since then it has also been known as the Musical Association of Queensland, and currently as the Queensland Music Teachers' Association. The Association has been largely based in Brisbane, although since the early 1970s, it has been active in regional centres throughout the state, including the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Biloela, Mackay, Mount Isa, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns.

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Series 1: Minute books and meeting papers (1920-2003)

Series number 1

Series title Minute books and meeting papers

Date 1920-2003

Scope and content

Minutes books and meeting papers of the Association based in Brisbane. There are also papers related to Annual General Meeting papers, special meetings of the Constitution Review Committee and some other sub-committees.

Author / Creator

Queensland Music Teachers' Association

Description

Description 3 boxes

Locate OMBOX Box 24016-24018

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Items in this series:

Minute book (December 1920-November 1929)

Unit ID 33529/1

Date December 1920-November 1929

Scope and content

Minutes of the first meeting of the Association, held on 11 December 1920 are loose in this minute book, including a list of attendees. The Rules of the association are glued into the front cover, and there is some loose correspondence.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Minute book (February 1930-May 1933)

Unit ID 33529/2

Date February 1930-May 1933

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing handwritten meeting minutes. There is also a printed financial statement for the Musical Association of Queensland for 1933.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24016

Minute book (June 1933-November 1938)

Unit ID 33529/3

Date June 1933-November 1938

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing handwritten meeting minutes.

Description

Description 1 minutes book

Locate OMBOX Box 24016

Minute book (November 1938-August 1943)

Unit ID 33529/4

Date November 1938-August 1943

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing handwritten meeting minutes, including financial statements.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24016

Minute book (September 1943-August 1948)

Unit ID 33529/5

Date September 1943-August 1948

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing handwritten meeting minutes.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24016

Minute book (September 1948-February 1952)

Unit ID 33529/6

Date September 1948-February 1952

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing handwritten meeting minutes. Includes some loose pages.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24016

Minute book (March 1952-June 1956)

Unit ID 33529/7

Date March 1952-June 1956

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing handwritten meeting minutes. Includes some loose pages.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24016

Minute book (July 1956-October 1960)

Unit ID 33529/8

Date July 1956-October 1960

Scope and content

Hardcover book containing typed meeting minutes. Includes some loose pages.

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Minute book of the Ladies Social Committee (April 1949-1976)

Unit ID 33529/9

Date April 1949-1976

Description

Description 1 minute book

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Auxiliary Committee meeting papers (1991-1996)

Unit ID 33529/10

Date 1991-1996

Scope and content

A folder of typed papers and handwritten notes related to the activities of the Auxiliary Committee.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Annual General Meeting papers (1996-2001)

Unit ID 33529/11

Date 1996-2001

Scope and content

A folder of Annual General Meeting papers.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Constitution Review Committee papers (1997-1999)

Unit ID 33529/12

Date 1997-1999

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to the activities of the Constitution Review Committee.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Visions of the Future committee papers (1998-2000)

Unit ID 33529/13

Date 1998-2000

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to the activities of the Visions of the Future committee.

Description

Description 0

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Council Meeting papers (January 2001-June 2001)

Unit ID 33529/14

Date January 2001-June 2001

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to the Association's council meetings.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24017

Council Meeting papers (July 2001-December 2001)

Unit ID 33529/15

Date July 2001-December 2001

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to the Association's council meetings.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24018

Council Meeting papers (January 2002-June 2002)

Unit ID 33529/16

Date January 2002-June 2002

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to the Association's council meetings.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24018

Council Meeting papers (July 2002-February 2003)

Unit ID 33529/17

Date July 2002-February 2003

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to the Association's council meetings.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24018

Series 2: Membership (1930-2002)

Series number 2

Series title Membership

Date 1930-2002

Scope and content

Material related to the membership of the Queensland Music Teachers Association, including a membership register, index cards, correspondence and applications.

Author / Creator

Queensland Music Teachers' Association

Description

Description 6 folders and 1 register

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Items in this series:

Register of certified teachers (1930-2000)

Unit ID 33529/18

Date 1930-2000

Scope and content

Hardcover register with handwritten names of the registered music teachers who were certified members of the Association. The book lists the registered teachers in alphabetical and chronological order. The register also contains the addresses, qualifications and date of election for each certified teacher.

Description

Description 1 register

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24062 O/S

Index cards (1981-2001)

Unit ID 33529/19

Date 1981-2001

Scope and content

Folder of index cards that were used to record membership information. The cards record the names of certified teachers, their membership numbers and subscription details, contact information, qualifications and the branch they belonged to.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24018

Membership resignation correspondence (1987-1999)

Unit ID 33529/20

Date 1987-1999

Scope and content

Folder of correspondence related to members resigning their membership of the Association.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24018

Term Membership papers (1987-1992)

Unit ID 33529/21

Date 1987-1992

Scope and content

Folder of papers and correspondence related to members paying for multi-year memberships of the Association.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24018

Applications for Membership (1992-2002)

Unit ID 33529/22

Date 1992-2002

Scope and content

3 folders of papers related to people seeking membership of the Association. The folders include copies of application forms, qualifications, and examination results of students.

Description

Description 3 folders

Series 3: Events, concert tours and conferences (1929-2021)

Series number 3

Series title Events, concert tours and conferences

Date 1929-2021

Scope and content

6 folders of papers related to the coordination and promotion of Association events, concert tours and conference. There is also some financial records of the events and a visitors book recording attendance.

Author / Creator

Queensland Music Teachers' Association

Description

Description 6 folders, an accounts book, a scrapbook and a visitors book.

Items in this series:

Conference and concert ephemera (1929-1972)

Unit ID 33529/23

Date 1929-1972

Scope and content

A folder of papers and ephemera including:

- Seminar of music teachers 1967
- Programs for seminars on music teaching 1961-1972
- Conference flyers and programs 1965

Conference book for 1st annual conference of Music Teachers of Queensland 1929

- Conference book for 2nd annual conference of Music Teachers of Queensland 1930
- Conference book for 3rd annual conference of Music Teachers of Queensland 1931
- Conference book for 14th annual conference of Music Teachers of Queensland 1953
- Conference book for 15th annual conference of Music Teachers of Queensland 1955
- 4th Annual Music Teachers Conference - list of members 1932
- 5th Annual Music Teachers Conference - list of members 1933
- 6th Annual Music Teachers Conference 1934
- 7th Annual Music Teachers Conference 1935
- Musical Association of Queensland recital programs 1933-1948
- Scholarship information and papers 1940-1970

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX 24019

Conference organisation papers (1963-1970)

Unit ID 33529/24

Date 1963-1970

Scope and content

Papers related to the Association's biannual conferences including:

- 1963 Music Teachers of Queensland conference attendees list, correspondence, conference and concert program
- 1965 Music Teachers of Queensland conference attendees list, correspondence, conference and concert program, and
- 1970 seminar on music teaching: biographies of presenters, correspondence and notes on the conference organisation.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24019

Seminars and concert tours (1973-1977)

Unit ID 33529/25

Date 1973-1977

Scope and content

Papers related to tours coordinated by the Association and the Federation of Australian Music Teachers Association including:

- Serge Dorensky in 1976
- Eric Vietheer in 1976
- Ronald Price in 1973 and
- Ronald Smith in 1977.

The folder includes photographs, news clippings, biographies, tour coordination papers, programs and correspondence.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX 24019

Accounts book for seminars (1974-1977)

Unit ID 33529/26

Date 1974-1977

Scope and content

Ledger book with handwritten entries relating to the financial details of seminars coordinated by the Association.

Description

Description 1 ledger

Locate OMBOX Box 24019

Correspondence related to workshops (1995-2002)

Unit ID 33529/27

Date 1995-2002

Scope and content

A folder of papers related to workshops organised by the Association, including correspondence with presenters and attendees, coordination of events, finances and attendance lists.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX 24019

Visitors books (1996-2003)

Unit ID 33529/28

Date 1996-2003

Scope and content

Leather-bound guest book containing the signatures of people attending the 75th anniversary of the Association afternoon tea in 1996, the annual general meeting in 1997, events in 1999-2000 and a Christmas in July event in 2003. There is also a scrapbook of apology cards sent by people unable to attend the 75th anniversary event in 1996.

Description

Description 1 guestbook and 1 scrapbook

Locate OMBOX Box 24019

Centenary function papers (1995-2021)

Unit ID 33529/29

Date 1995-2021

Scope and content

Folder of material relating to the Association's centenary in 2021. The folder includes:

- a copy of 'dal Segno, memoir of ten past presidents' (1975)
- a program of the centenary event on 9 April 2021 and a running sheet
- list of attendees

correspondence and meeting notes from the organisers

- media releases
- sheet music of a song commissioned for the event - 'The language of my heart', written by Jason Barry-Smith, and
- proposal for a centenary publication by Peter Roennfeldt.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24019

Series 4: Correspondence (1921-2003)

Series number 4

Series title Correspondence

Date 1921-2003

Scope and content

9 folders of correspondence related to the activities of the Association.

Author / Creator

Queensland Music Teachers' Association

Description

Description 9 folders

Locate OMBOX Boxes 24019-24020

Items in this series:

Correspondence related to the registration of music teachers (1923-1970)

Unit ID 33529/30

Date 1923-1970

Scope and content

2 folders of papers, mostly correspondence, related to the registration of music teachers in Queensland. There is a copy of the proposed rules for the registration of teachers, legal advice given in response to the draft, a transcript of public meeting held in 1923 and correspondence from members providing feedback on the proposal to register music teachers in Queensland. There are letters from politicians about the likelihood of proposed legislation being presented to Parliament, and newspaper clippings. There are also minutes from various sub-committees considering the issue of music teacher registration, and correspondence with associated interest groups. Much of this material is addressed to Percy Brier as secretary of the Music Teachers Association.

Description

Description 2 folders

Locate OMBOX Boxes 24019-24020

Correspondence (1921-1981)

Unit ID 33529/31

Date 1921-1981

Scope and content

Folder of correspondence, mostly around 1921-1923 relating to the early formation of the Association. There are also papers dated from 1950-1981, including:

- a typed obituary for Victoria Blakey who served as Secretary of the Association for over 30 years,
- some completed "Problems of the profession" surveys from members,
- a typed document "Extract from One Hundred Years and More of Music in Queensland" by Percy Brier,
- a typed address that was delivered at the 60th anniversary luncheon of the MTAQ in 1981 by Basil Jones, and
- newspaper clippings.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24020

Correspondence (1991-2002)

Unit ID 33529/32

Date 1991-2002

Scope and content

2 folders of general correspondence.

Description

Description 2 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 24020

Correspondence - National Council of Musical Associations of Australia (1947-1960)

Unit ID 33529/33

Date 1947-1960

Scope and content

Folder of papers and correspondence related to the National Council of Musical Associations of Australia. It is likely the file was compiled by Percy Brier, as most of the correspondence is addressed to him personally. There are telegrams, letters, handwritten notes, meeting agendas, conference papers, financial records and reports.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24020

Correspondence - Bravura newsletter (1983-2001)

Unit ID 33529/34

Date 1983-2001

Scope and content

Folder of correspondence, mostly related to articles published in the Bravura newsletter and other Association publications, including draft articles, media releases and letters to the editor.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24020

Correspondence - financial matters (1987-2000)

Unit ID 33529/35

Date 1987-2000

Scope and content

Folder of papers and correspondence, mostly related to the finances of the Association including a building fund trust, taxation and constitutional matters, and financial statements.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24020

Correspondence - Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) (1990-1999)

Unit ID 33529/36

Date 1990-1999

Scope and content

Folder of papers and correspondence, mostly related to the representation of the Association on the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB). There is correspondence, meeting minutes, reports and newsletters.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24020

Series 5: Certificates (1922-1948)

Series number 5

Series title Certificates

Date 1922-1948

Description

Description 2 certificates

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Items in this series:

Mabel McAlister certificate (1922)

Unit ID 33529/37

Date 1922

Author / Creator

Trinity College of Music

Description

Description 1 certificate

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Ian McKinley certificate (1948)

Unit ID 33529/38

Date 1948

Scope and content

Australian Music Examinations Board certificate awarded to Ian William McKinley in 1948. He was president of the Association in the 1990s.

Author / Creator

Australian Music Examinations Board

Description

Description 1 certificate

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Series 6: Scores (1955-1962?)

Series number 6

Series title Scores

Date 1955-1962?

Scope and content

3 envelopes of handwritten music by Mabel McAllister, including some original compositions and arrangements, and 2 photocopy reproduction plates.

Author / Creator

McAlister, Mabel, 1905-1993

Description

Description 3 envelopes and 2 printing plates

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Items in this series:

Mabel McAlister scores (1955-1962?)

Unit ID 33529/39

Date 1955-1962?

Scope and content

3 envelopes of handwritten music by Mabel McAllister, including some original compositions and arrangements. Titles of the original compositions include:

The Rocking Horse,

- Questioning,
- Adagio (1958),
- Morning - A Gaelic Impression (1956),
- Caprice (1962),
- Hornpipe,
- Highland Sunset - Solo for oboe or clarinet with piano accompaniment,
- Lullaby for oboe with piano accompaniment,
- March - transpose arrangement,
- Garden Hymn,
- Come out and play,
- Negro song,
- Hey Nolly no! (?),
- Merry-go-round,
- The run-down clock,
- If (1957),
- Ta-ran-ta-ran-ta-ra - piano solo,
- Wind Bells,
- The fly on the windowpane,
- Suite for violin (1955),
- Canzonetta,
- Rumba,
- A sad song,
- Playing in the rain,
- Morning,
- Pussy's Lullaby,
- Bells,
- The most important guest,
- Spooks,
- Coronation,
- Romance (1962),
- The Offering,
- Reflections.

There are also arrangements by Mable McAlister of:

- Album Leaf by Tchaikovsky,

Uncle Remus by Edward Macdowell,

- Will o' the wisp by Edward MacDowell and Pastorale by A. Liadoff.
- Wintertime in Queensland by Mary Jones,
- Two Roads by Dorothy White,
- I cannot come to you by John Hemin, and
- Song for Brisbane by Mary Smith.

There are also some papers related to the teaching piano forte.

Author / Creator

McAlister, Mabel, 1905-1993

Description

Description 3 envelopes

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Photocopy reproduction plates

Unit ID 33529/40

Scope and content

Metal printing plates and transparencies of a composition by Mabel McAllister called 'The most important guest', with words by Rubina Hay Stephens.

Author / Creator

McAlister, Mabel, 1905-1993

Stephens, Rubina Hay

Description

Description 2 printing plates

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Series 7: Photograph (1994)

Series number 7

Series title Photograph

Date 1994

Scope and content

Group photograph of attendees at the Association's Christmas party in 1994.

Description

Description 1 photograph

Items in this series:

Christmas party photograph (1994)

Unit ID 33529/41

Date 1994

Scope and content

Group photograph of attendees at the Association's Christmas party in 1994. Back row: Molly Jansen, Rosemary Hobson (former secretary), Gillian Duncan, Sister Patricia Smith, Patricia Gough, Judith Arkell, Alice Thomson, Malcolm McNab, Clare McGreath, Inna Kogan, ?, Eileen Jonsson, Henry Howell, Joan Neal, Angela Turner, Sue Thompson, ?, Susanna Hlinka, Olga Hlinka. Front row: Voitga Hlinka, Caryn Eastman, Kerry Vann, Rita Butler, Aldyth Ashton (president), Gloria Ward, Daphne Darlington, Judy Dent, Marie Stephenson. The photograph was taken by Helen Russell Photography.

Author / Creator

Helen Russell Photography

Description

Description 1 photograph

Locate OMOSBOX Box 24032 O/S

Series 8: Branch papers (1962-2021)

Series number 8

Series title Branch papers

Date 1962-2021

Scope and content

Folders of material relating to the branches of the Association throughout Queensland.

Description

Description 34 folders

Items in this series:

Biloela branch - papers (1992-2000)

Unit ID 33529/42

Date 1992-2000

Scope and content

Papers relating to operation of the Biloela branch, including correspondence, financial information and membership records.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24021

Cairns branch - papers (1991-2001)

Unit ID 33529/43

Date 1991-2001

Scope and content

2 folders of material relating to the Cairns branch including correspondence, minutes, membership applications and lists, financial information, newsletters and events.

Description

Description 2 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 24021

Gold Coast branch - papers (1991-2011)

Unit ID 33529/44

Date 1991-2011

Scope and content

3 folders of papers and correspondence related to the activities of the Gold Coast branch of the Association, including membership lists, newsletters, promotional material, meeting minutes and financial records.

Description

Description 3 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 24021

Mackay branch - membership register (1991-2008)

Unit ID 33529/45

Date 1991-2008

Scope and content

Hardcover notebook with membership lists glued or stapled on the pages.

Description

Description 1 register

Locate OMBOX Box 24021

Mackay branch - minutes and financial records (1982-2006)

Unit ID 33529/46

Date 1982-2006

Scope and content

3 folders of typed meeting minutes and financial statements of the Mackay Branch.

Description

Description 3 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 24028

Mackay branch - correspondence (1990-2000)

Unit ID 33529/47

Date 1990-2000

Scope and content

Folder of correspondence, membership lists and papers.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24028

Mount Isa branch - papers (1991-1999)

Unit ID 33529/48

Date 1991-1999

Scope and content

Papers and correspondence relating to the Mount Isa branch including membership and affiliation fees, visits, events, workshops, tours, reports, financial records, project records, and newspaper clippings.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24028

Rockhampton branch - minute books (1977-2008)

Unit ID 33529/49

Date 1977-2008

Scope and content

2 exercise books of mostly handwritten minutes of meetings of the Rockhampton branch; 1 book has minutes from the formation of the branch in 1977 to 1995, the other has minutes from 1996-2008.

Description

Description 2 exercise books

Locate OMBOX Box 24028

Rockhampton branch - papers (1990-2010)

Unit ID 33529/50

Date 1990-2010

Scope and content

Material relating to the Rockhampton branch including correspondence, financial information, newsletters, membership fees and applications, meeting minutes and membership lists.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24028

Sunshine Coast branch - minute books (1972-2009)

Unit ID 33529/51

Date 1972-2009

Scope and content

4 minute books containing handwritten and typed meeting minutes. The first book includes a list of members from 1978 written on the final page, and a loose handwritten copy of the President's Report for 1979-1980.

Description

Description 4 minute books

Locate OMBOX Box 24028-24029

Sunshine Coast branch - papers (1990-2010)

Unit ID 33529/52

Date 1990-2010

Scope and content

7 folders of papers relating to the activities of the Sunshine Coast branch of the Association. The folders include memberships and membership lists, newsletters, promotional material, meeting minutes and financial records. There is also a notebook titled 'MTAQ important info' with handwritten notes, and membership information and lists. Loose papers contained within the notebook include correspondence, newsletter clippings, course outline for a Diploma in Music Teaching (University of the Sunshine Coast), and an article entitled "Countdown to Performance: How to realise potential and perform with confidence" by Ruth Bonetti. The last folders in this item has papers relating to changes to the constitution, and to the Branch becoming an informal group. There is also material related to the Buderim Big Bash, the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfods and the funeral service for Desmond Taylor.

Description

Description 7 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 24029-24030

Sunshine Coast branch - membership (1991-2002)

Unit ID 33529/53

Date 1991-2002

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24030

Toowoomba branch - photographs and papers (1962-2021)

Unit ID 33529/54

Date 1962-2021

Scope and content

Papers and correspondence relating to the Toowoomba branch constitution, competitions, events and programs of work, guidelines/guidance for music teachers, meeting minutes and reports, financial reports/statements, and other material including:

- 11 photographs, mostly undated but ranging from 1991-2021
- "The Pioneers of Music in Queensland" by Percy Brier (1962), signed by the author.
- "Thumbnail sketches of the lives and works of the 16 composers in the musical perception syllabus of the AMEB" by Percy Brier (1964)
- Newspaper cuttings relating to the Toowoomba branch.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24030

Toowoomba branch - papers (1990-2000)

Unit ID 33529/55

Date 1990-2000

Scope and content

Material relating to membership including membership lists, qualifications, examinations, applications, fees, resignations, financial statements, meeting minutes, reports, correspondence and more.

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 24030

Townsville branch - papers (1990-2001)

Unit ID 33529/56

Date 1990-2001

Scope and content

3 folders of papers relating to the Townsville branch including members lists, correspondence, membership applications, newsletters, financial matters, meeting minutes and brochures.

Description

Description 3 folders

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