

# Hugh Geves Pechey photographs

**Accession number** 33547

**Date** [between 1942-1962?]

**Author / Creator**

**Pechey, Hugh Geves, 1925-2021, photographer**

**Abstract** Large collection of slides and photographs with corresponding negatives, mostly taken during the professional career of Hugh Geves Pechey, a civil engineer with the Commonwealth Department of Works. There are some photographs of his holidays in Queensland in the mid-1940's, but most of the photographs relate to his work and span the time that Hugh worked in Papua New Guinea (1949-1953) and around Queensland (1953-1962). Pechey worked on aerodromes while in Papua New Guinea and in Townsville, Rockhampton, Proserpine, Normanton, Winton, Longreach, Cairns, Mackay and Coen.

**Scope and content** The first five albums contain slides taken by Hugh Pechey when he was stationed at Coen Aerodrome, and are of his work and social life around North Queensland between 1963 and 1965.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 7 series.

**Description** 8 photograph albums and 1 box of negatives (photographs)

**Administrative / Biographical history** Hugh Geves Pechey was born in Sydney in 1925 but grew up in the suburb of Manly in Brisbane. He boarded for two years at Toowoomba Anglican School and for four at Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) before winning a scholarship to UQ in 1942. He had intended to study law but it was cancelled as a course due to War Emergency Regulations, so instead studied engineering. He started work as a civil engineer with the Commonwealth Department of Works in 1946 and spent 43 years with them. Pechey predominantly worked on the design and construction of road and airfield pavements and in the first 20 years of his career inspected every government aerodrome in Queensland and some in Papua New Guinea (where he worked between 1949 and 1953). He retired in 1990.

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## Series 1: Slides (Batch 1): Slides from Hugh Pechey's time stationed at Coen Aerodrome (1963)

**Series number** 1

**Series title** Slides (Batch 1): Slides from Hugh Pechey's time stationed at Coen Aerodrome

**Date** 1963

### Scope and content

Item 1 (CA): 23 June – 6 July 1963. 21 slides. Includes: Trip from Falls Creek to Iron Range, Coen aerodrome scenes, Pascoe River mouth, Portland Road. Item 2 (CB): 6 – 7 July 1963. 20 slides. Includes: Portland Road, Restoration Island, Mount Tozer Climb. Item 3 (CC): 7 -17 July 1963: 25 slides. Includes: Iron Range, Mount Tozer, fog, helicopter, crocodile skin, aircraft arrival at Coen, Archer and Wenlock Rivers. Item 4 (CD): 17 - 20 July 1963. 32 slides. Includes: East Claudie bridge, Blowdown job photos, sunsets at Iron Range. Item 5 (CE): 20 - 21 July 1963. 29 slides. Includes: VIP Skymuster, mini-moke, Lomond Bunker, Claudie crocodile. Item 6 (CF): 21 - 23 July 1963. 20 slides. Includes: Claudie crocodile, TNT army display and corroboree. Item 7 (CG): 23 - 28 July 1963. 36 slides. Includes: Iron Range corroboree, the road to Coen, Governor-General visit. Item 8 (CH): 28-30 July 1963. 31 slides. Includes: Governor-General visit to Coen, Rokeby, Mount Croll. Item 9 (CJ): 2-3 August 1963. 4 slides. Includes: frilled-neck lizard with Neville, climb at Mount Croll, flowers and views. Item 10 (CK): 4 - 12 August 1963. 26 slides. Includes: Coen cascades with Neville, Croll Creek, arrival of the Cox's, Landrover repairs, Coen town views. Item 11 (CL): 13-15 1963. 37 slides. Includes: Coen - airplanes at the aerodrome, Cox children, Coen town, picnic races. Item 12 (CM): 15-16 1963. 36 slides. Includes: Coen picnic races, racegoers leaving on the Friendship [airplane]. Item 13 (CN): 17-20 1963. 20 slides. Includes: Mount White and Coen cascades with the Cox's, ti-tree orchid, Denise departing [on airplane]. Item 14 (CP): 22-27 August 1963. 24 slides. Includes: gravel sampling, barber, Llankelly Falls (with the Cox's and Iris), Peach and Irvine Creeks (with Cox's). Item 15 (CQ): 28-31 August 1963. 26 slides. Includes: Coen - blue-tongue lizard, horse drenching and breaking, Mount White with hostel kids, picnic at the cascades. Item 16 (CR): 31 August 1963. 9 slides. Includes: picnic at Coen cascades with the hostel kids. Item 17 (CS): 31 August 1963. 13 slides. Includes: picnic at Coen cascades with the hostel kids. Item 18 (CT): 31 August - 1 September 1963. 26 slides. Includes: picnic at Coen cascades with the hostel kids, fishing trip to Port Stewart. Item 19 (CU): 1-2 September 1963. 24 slides. Includes: fishing trip to Port Stewart, native cats, Croll Creek with the Cox boys. Item 20 (CV): 2-7 September 1963. 27 slides. Includes: Croll Creek vines, tulip?, visit to Iron Range, Blowdown remains. Item 21 (CW): 7-8 September 1963. 26 slides. Includes: visit to Iron Range, Blowdown remains, rubbish dumps,

Portland Roads, Restoration Island, Lomond Hill. Item 22 (CX): 9-14 September 1963. 14 slides. Includes: piglet, return from Iron Range to Coen, picnic at Archer River with hostel kids. Item 23 (CY): 14 September 1963. 5 slides. Includes: picnic at Archer River with hostel kids. Item 24 (CZ): 14 September 1963. 20 slides. Includes: picnic at Archer River with hostel kids. army pass-through, nunda tree and fruit, hike to Peach Gorge.

**Author / Creator**

Pechey, Hugh Geves

Description

**Description** Approximately 550 slides (photographs)

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23753-23754 O/S

Access

**Access restrictions** Unrestricted access.

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## Series 2: Slides (Batch 2): Slides from Hugh Pechey's time stationed at Coen Aerodrome (1963)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Slides (Batch 2): Slides from Hugh Pechey's time stationed at Coen Aerodrome

**Date** 1963

**Scope and content**

Item 25 (DA): 21-22 September 1963. 15 slides. Includes: hike to Peach Gorge, Horne Creek, McIlwraith Ranges, Upper Coen River. Item 26 (DB): 22-28 September 1963. 15 slides. Includes: solo hike to Coen Gorge, builders at drome, gravel sampling, picnic to Coen Gorge with hostel. Item 27 (DC): 28 September - 5 October 1963. 17 slides. Includes: picnic to Coen Gorge with hostel, Coen runway, cricket, DC3 dust, Coen town views. Item 28 (DD): 5-12 October 1963. 14 slides. Includes: garlands at Coen River, flowers, picnic at Llankelly Creek. Item 29 (DE): 12 October 1963. 1 slide. Picnic at Llankelly Falls waterhole. Item 30 (DF): 12-18 October 1963. 21 slides. Includes: Picnic at Llankelly Creek, cattle spraying, Cessna, RFDS, fires at Iron

Range, Archer River. Item 31 (DG): 18-25 October 1963. 21 slides. Includes: Archer River to Mcllwraith Gap through fire-burnt country, lilies at Werlock, searching for orchids, plane visit, Waiben (ship) at night, Claudie River crossing. Item 32 (DH): 25-31 October 1963. 20 slides. Includes: new house, flowers, Claudie River crossing, Quintells Beach, scrub hen mounds, CSIRO dissections, Claudie River airstrips. Item 33 (DJ): 2 November 1963. 28 slides. Includes: day with the CSIRO, tree-felling, shooting black cockatoos, trip to Restoration Beach and Portland Roads. Item 34 (DK): 3-4 November 1963. 28 slides. Includes: CSIRO dissecting parrots and black cockatoos, trip to Pascoe River, Falls Creek, kurrajong seeds, drain diversions. Item 35 (DL): 4-14 November 1963. 21 slides. Includes: CSIRO work, bats, skink, bull, frog, piglet, mine area, road gang. Item 36 (DM): 17 November 1963. 26 slides. Includes: Waiben (ship) in port, the Monaghans, onboard the Waiben. Item 37 (DN): 1-20 November 1963. 22 slides. Includes: Waiben (ship) at Portland Roads, view from the hill and the mast, flowers at the roadside, Quintells Beach, Claudie River. Item 38 (DP): 22 November 1963. 33 slides. Includes: visit to Lockhart River mission. Item 39 (DQ): 24-28 November 1963. 19 slides. Includes: new DCA House, baby flying fox, Max Wright, drome views, Old Moonlight (Aboriginal man). Item 40 (DR): 4-9 December 1963. 9 slides. Includes: dinghy trip down Claudie River, wild boar, peninsular rat, centipede, mouse spider burrows. Item 41 (DS): 10-13 December 1963. 17 slides. Includes: flowers, lilies, orchids, flowering trees, grass trees. Item 42 (DT): 13-15 December 1963. 8 slides. More wildflowers. Item 43 (DU): 16-17 December 1963. 13 slides. Includes: views of gravel prospecting areas, prospectors, other work views, nesting black cockatoos, USAAF DC4. Item 44 (DV): 18-19 December 1963. 13 slides. Includes: US Navy helicopter, Mount Tozer ferry, small boats to Portland Roads. Item 45 (DW): 19-25 December 1963. 20 slides. Includes: rains, streams flooded, roads cut, culverts collapsed, kids at the wharf, Christmas cheer, Katoora (ship) heading north. Item 46 (DX): 26 December 1963. 16 slides. Katoora (ship), loading the Landrover, Ward's small boat, kids horseplay on the wharf, departure from Portland Roads. Item 47 (DY): 27-28 December 1963. 19 slides. Includes: onboard the Katoora (ship), passing the coast barracuda, entering Cairns, Smiths Creek, unloading. Item 48 (DZ): 28-29 December 1963. 12 slides. Includes: Cook Highway, Port Douglas, Mossman, Rex Highways views.

**Author / Creator**

Pechey, Hugh Geves

**Description**

**Description** Approximately 500 slides (photographs)

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## Series 3: Slides (Batch 3): Slides from various locations in north Queensland including Ansett Air Race (1964)

**Series number** 3

**Series title** Slides (Batch 3): Slides from various locations in north Queensland including Ansett Air Race

**Date** 1964

### Scope and content

Item 49 (EA): 1 January 1964. 18 slides. Includes: Cooktown - local ruins, museum, views, flowers. Item 50 (EB): 1-2 January 1964. 31 slides. Includes: Cooktown - views from Grassy Hill, buildings, monuments, Archer Point, an evening at Hillcrest, DC3 at drome. Item 51 (EC): 2-3 January 1964. 34 slides. Includes: Black Mountain, Mareeba area, Tinaroo Dam, Atherton Tablelands. Item 52 (ED): 3-4 January 1964. 29 slides. Includes: Lake Barrine, Gillies Highway, Gordonvale-Cairns, Kuranda Road, Saddle Mountain, Barron Falls, gorge. Item 53 (EW): 27-29 March 1964. 21 slides. Includes: Ansett air race preparations and start.

### Author / Creator

Pechey, Hugh Geves

### Description

**Description** Approximately 150 slides (photographs)

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## Series 4: Slides (Batch 4): Slides from various trips around Queensland. (1964-1965)

**Series number** 4

**Series title** Slides (Batch 4): Slides from various trips around Queensland.

**Date** 1964-1965

### Scope and content

Includes social photographs and portraits of friends and commercial slides of tourist destinations. Item 54 (HA): 25-17 October 1964. 32 slides. Includes: Mount Blackwood, summit group, portraits, views from cliff top, the departure of the Friendship (airplane), Sarina distillery, Sandy Creek bridges. Item 55 (HB): 28 October 1964. 29 slides. Includes: Mackay harbour, ships, earthmovers, sugar sheds. Item 56 (HC): 28-30 October 1964. 26 slides. Includes: Mackay area - Mount Bassett, sugar bin train, Mount Oscar, Eungella, sugar cane cutting, trains. Item 57 (HD): 30 October - 1 November 1964. 29 slides. Includes: En-route from Mackay to Townsville - the Leap. Mount Blackwood, Bowen, Rose Bay, Kissing Point, boating. Item 58 (HE): 1-5 November 1964. 29 slides. Includes: Speedboat, Magnetic Island, Dangerfield family, en-route to Cairns, Mourilyan Harbour, Innisfail, bridges. Item 59 (HF): 5 -7 November 1964. 24 slides. Includes: En-route to Cairns and Malanda, The Boulders, sugar fields, harvesting, Cairns street scenes. Item 60 (HG): 8-14 November 1964. 22 slides. Includes: Behana Creek Falls, Mount Quincan, quarries, Herberton, the crater, Dinner Falls. Item 61 (HH): 15-17 November 1964. 22 slides. Includes: Tobacco at Mareeba, Kuranda railway station, Barron Gorge, Green Island, Gordonvale-Mulgrave, Frasers Quarry. Item 62 (HJ): 18-22 November 1964. 18 slides. Includes: Fisk Road crater, Gadgarra Forest, Windin Falls, Lake Eacham, Cairns wharves, Toohey Gorge. Item 63 (HK): 24-26 November 1964. 15 slides. Includes: Lorensen's Quarry, Bartle Frere, Astronomer Mine, Mount Quincan summit. Item 64 (HL): 27-29 November 1964. 13 slides. Includes: Glen Albyn areas, Shorts Quarry, Windin Creek, Seven Sisters, maize. Item 65 (HM): 29-30 November 1964. 8 slides. Includes: A.S.C quarry, Millstream Falls, Russell Pocket at Tinaroo Dam, Hudson family. Item 66 (HN): 1 December 1964. 26 slides. Includes: Gordon Perry family, trip from Cairns to Townsville, cane trains, harvesting, Babinda views, Bartle Frere, South Johnstone, Paronella Park, Cardwell. Item 67 (HP): 1-19 December 1964. 15 slides. Includes: Side trip to Herbert Falls and gorge, Blencoe, Wallaman, RAAF East apron, Sigi. Item 68 (HQ): 20-25 December 1964. 17 slides. Includes: Sigi, field density tests, office Christmas Party, Debneys, Christmas dinner at Edwards. Item 69 (HR): 25-27 December 1964. 8 slides. Includes: After Christmas dinner at the Edwards, Christmas dinner at the Dangerfields, visiting friends. Item 70 (HS): 27-29 December 1964. 14 slides. Includes: Visiting Townsville, friends. Item 71 (HT): 29 December 1964-1 January 1965. 16 slides. Includes: Visiting Townsville, friends, lightening at New Years. Item 72 (HU): 1 January 1965. 10 slides. Includes: Visiting Townsville, friends, airport send-off, Marsh's flight, Townsville to Mackay. Item 73 (HW): 2-3

January 1965. 10 slides. Includes: Visiting Rockhampton friends, aerial views of Rockhampton to Brisbane. Item 74 (HX): 7-13 January 1965. 13 slides. Includes: Southport Spit, Tallebudgera Dam, Brophy family. Item 75 (HY): 15-16 January 1965. 12 slides. Includes: Currumbin rockhole, Tallebudgera Ridge, rockhole swim, Cove Creek campsite, Numinbah, Turtle Rock, bats. Item 76 (HZ): 16-21 January 1965. 26 slides. Includes: Sand mine at Cudgen, Mount Warning, Mount Lindesay, seals, Kondalilla, Borumba Dam

**Author / Creator**

Pechey, Hugh Geves

**Description**

**Description** Approximately 400 slides (photographs)

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## Series 5: Photographs (1942-1962)

**Series number** 5

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** 1942-1962

**Scope and content**

Item 77 : Miscellaneous photographs: Approximately 80 photographs of Maroon Dam, Tibrogargan, Dunwich, Mackay (July 1947), Binna Burra (May 1945), Currumbin, Coolangatta-Tweed and Binna Burra (Easter 1947), O'Reillys Retreat (August 1945), and various holiday locations on the Gold Coast in the 1940s. There are also a number of photographs of airplanes during the Second World War period (Box 23757 O/S). Item 78 : New Guinea photographs: Two albums (approximately 1000 photographs) primarily covering Hugh Pechey's time in Papua New Guinea (Box 23600 O/S and Box 23601 O/S). Although many of the images relate to Department of Works projects, other photographs show aerial views; landscapes; local people; remote



highland and coastal scenery and villages; mission outposts; local people; staff members and staff recreational activities such as hiking, climbing, swimming, shooting and boating; rugby league matches; World War Two wrecks of ships, planes and vehicles; and prominent Papua New Guinean landmarks. Item 79 : Queensland photographs: Approximately 700 photographs (Box 23601 O/S and Box 23602 O/S) relating to Pechey's work in Queensland, 1953 to 1962, particularly around Townsville. These photographs show airports; aircraft; military aircraft; runway accidents; construction and worksites; Department of Work staff members and social activities; and rural Queensland towns and scenery. Also included are photographs of damage in Townsville from Cyclone Agnes in 1956; an RACQ Golden Jubilee Children's Day event in 1955; University of Queensland at St Lucia in 1954; and the naturalisation ceremony of a friend in 1955.

**Author / Creator**

Pechey, Hugh Geves

**Description**

**Description** Approximately 1800 photographs

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23757 O/S, Boxes 23600-23602 O/S

**Access**

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## Series 6: Negatives (between 1942-1962?)

**Series number** 6

**Series title** Negatives

**Date** between 1942-1962?

**Scope and content**

Item 80: Negatives The photographs in this collection are now housed in albums, but were previously housed with the corresponding negatives in small, numbered envelopes. The envelope numbers are pencilled on the back of each photograph therefore the photographs can



be matched back to the original negatives. There are prints for most negatives, but not all. Many of the original envelopes of photographs and negatives covering different subject matter were not included in the original donation. The original index was destroyed prior to acquisition, therefore description is minimal.

**Author / Creator**

Pechey, Hugh Geves

**Description**

**Description** Approximately 1000 negatives

**Locate** OMFILM5CS Box 23603

**Access**

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## Series 7: Papers

**Series number** 7

**Series title** Papers

**Scope and content**

Item 81 : Autobiographical notes - an autobiographical typescript written by Hugh Pechey (1 page) Item 82: Notes on locations where Hugh Pechey was known to be working in certain years (1 page) Item 83: Eulogy given by Robert Braun, nephew of Hugh Pechey, at his funeral in September 2021 (2 pages)

**Author / Creator**

Pechey, Hugh Geves

Braun, Robert

**Description**

**Description** Approximately 3 papers

**Locate** OMOSBOX Box 23602 O/S

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