

## Festival of Pacific Arts Archive

The fifth Festival of Pacific Arts was held in Townsville from 14-27 August 1988, attracting more than 1700 participants from twenty-four countries and territories. With nine performance venues, the city was able to host a variety of events which included story-telling, chanting, poetry reading, a craft village, and film screenings. The festival also hosted a cultural forum, held over five mornings at JCU, which discussed issues such as economic development, land use, cultural maintenance, tourism and self-determination.

Held every four years, the festival brings together Pacific peoples from approximately thirty countries to share and exchange culture and, since the first festival was held in 1972, the number of participants has steadily increased to number in the thousands. The aim of the festival has been to “combat the erosion of traditional customary practices,” and emerged from the desire of Pacific leaders to foster friendship and deeper understanding between countries.

**Archive Location: 160 \***

### Detailed Listing:

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| PAF/FILE/1 | <b>1980-85 Third South Pacific Festival of the Arts.</b> Report on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Festival held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 30 June - 12 July 1980. 1985 meeting records, correspondence, programmes, travel arrangements etc., regarding 4 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Festival in Tahiti. |
| PAF/FILE/2 | <b>1984-85 Fourth Pacific Festival.</b> Correspondence, reports, meeting records etc. on 4 <sup>th</sup> Festival and preparations for 5 <sup>th</sup> Festival in Townsville.  |
| PAF/FILE/3 | 1985 Townsville City Council Public Relations booklet on its delegation to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Festival in Tahiti 1985.   |
| PAF/FILE/4 | 1985 Proposal to the Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment for consultancy to festival financial planning by Nicholas Clark and Associates.  |
| PAF/FILE/5 | 1985 Townsville Coordinating Committee for the Festival - meeting records and correspondence.   |

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| PAF/FILE/6  | 1985-86 Interim Steering Committee for the Festival - meeting records, correspondence, programmes etc.   |
| PAF/FILE/7  | 1986 Interim Steering Committee for the Festival - meeting records, correspondence etc.  |
| PAF/FILE/8  | 1986 Interim Steering Committee for the Festival - reports and correspondence.   |
| PAF/FILE/9  | 1986 Interim Steering Committee for the Festival - reports and information papers.   |
| PAF/FILE/10 | <b>1987 Fifth Pacific Arts Festival.</b> Correspondence, meeting records, media releases etc. regarding 5 <sup>th</sup> Festival.  |
| PAF/FILE/11 | <b>1986-87 Fifth Pacific Arts Festival.</b> Correspondence, meeting records, newsletters, financial records etc. regarding 5 <sup>th</sup> Festival.   |
| PAF/FILE/12 | 1987 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (21 September 1987 to 14 December 1987).   |
| PAF/FILE/13 | 1987 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (December).  |
| PAF/FILE/14 | 1988 draft set of accounts for the festival (1 July 1987 - 31 January 1988).   |
| PAF/FILE/15 | 1988 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (March).   |
| PAF/FILE/16 | 1988 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (May)  |
| PAF/FILE/17 | 1988 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (July).   |
| PAF/FILE/18 | 1988 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (August).   |
| PAF/FILE/19 | 1988 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting records of the Festival Board of Directors (October).  |
| PAF/FILE/20 | <b>Townsville Pacific Festival Publications.</b><br><br>Programmes: 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1983 and 1988.<br><br><i>Festival News</i> : December 1987, February 1988, May 1988 and July/August 1988.<br><br>Miscellaneous leaflets. |

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*The Companies Code and the Arts: A Practical Guide*, Australia Council, November 1983.

\* 5<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts videos (2) are available at NQ 700.799 FES.