

QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

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TASMANIAN TEXTILE SOCIETY COLLECTION

Textile Manufacturing, Tasmania

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INTRODUCTION

On 30 October 1968, 30 people representing the Tasmanian textile manufacturing and supply industries met in Launceston to discuss the desirability of forming a Textile Group to promote education and fellowship within the industry. The Group's steering committee recommended that the name Tasmanian Textile Society be adopted. The Society's inaugural meeting was held in Launceston on 19 March 1969. Its aims were:

- to promote the profession and practice of textile technology,
- to promote the textile and allied industries, including their image in Tasmania, with a view to further recruitment,
- to co-operate with inter-state textile organizations,
- to provide social activities for members of the state's textile industry

At the time the industry employed 10% of Tasmania's secondary industry workforce, and ranked third in importance behind Victoria and New South Wales in the Australian textile industry.

The Society's membership came mainly from Thyne Bros, Kelsall and Kemp, Coats Patons (previously Patons and Baldwins), R J Hogarth and Sons (Waverley Woollen Mills), James Nelson, Universal Textiles Australia Ltd and Tootal. One of the main activities was an annual seminar held variously in Hobart (1969), Devonport (1970), Launceston (1971), Coles Bay (1975) and including the *Fashion in Print* seminar in Hobart (1976).

At the 1978 annual general meeting the main item for discussion was the Society's future. It subsequently went into recess through lack of interest. A final committee meeting was held on 28 February 1985 at which it was resolved that the Society's remaining funds be given to the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education to buy books for its School of Art's course in Fibres and Fabrics.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in September 1997.

1.Minutes of Meetings

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| 1 | Minute book of meetings (includes constitution, annual reports and financial statements) | 1968-1977 |
| 2 | Minutes of meetings (includes constitution, notices of meetings, agenda, annual reports and financial statements) | 1975-1978 |

2.Correspondence

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| 3 | Correspondence re membership, subscriptions, <i>Fashion in Print</i> seminar | 1976-1985 |
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3.Financial Records

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| 4 | Financial register (includes annual financial statements 1971-1978, and membership list 1977) | 1969-1978 |
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4.Miscellaneous Items

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| 5 | Papers re Coles Bay seminar Oct 1975 and related questionnaire; membership lists 1974-1978; visit to Coats Patons November 1975; P Boam, 'The Art of Textile Display', 1970 | 1970-1978 |
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5.Ephemera

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| 6 | Leaflet; <i>Tasmania: the textile state</i> (booklet); <i>Fashion in Print</i> seminar program 1976; Man O'Ross Hotel menu; stationery; forms; Launceston Bank for Savings deposit book 1975-1978; Bank of NSW cheque 1978 | 1975-1978 |
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