

QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

CHS120

LLOYD JONES COLLECTION

Aviator, Tasmania
Photographer, Tasmania

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INTRODUCTION

Lloyd Lindsay Jones was born in Devonport, Tasmania on 13 May 1916, the son of Robert Ambrose Jones and Vera Maggie Jones.

He was educated at Launceston High School where he served as a prefect. In 1934 he won the Hemingway and Robertson Scholarship.¹ At that time he had completed a commercial course at Launceston High School and was proceeding further with accountancy studies. After leaving school Lloyd worked at D & W Murray wholesale and supply company in both Hobart and Launceston.

He joined the 40th Battalion in 1939² and from May 1942 to November 1945 served with the RAAF attached to 90 and 92 Squadrons³. He became an instructor in the Central Flying School and from this time onwards flying became his life.

On 12 April 1941 Lloyd Jones married Athalie Jean Flint of Hobart in Hobart. They had three daughters.

Instrumental in forming the Southern branch of the Tasmanian Aero Club in 1945 he was subsequently appointed Manager and Chief Flying Instructor of the newly formed Aero Club of Southern Tasmania in 1948. An accident at Cambridge airport in July 1960 left him with serious injuries and curtailed his flying career. At that time he had clocked up 10,776 hours flying time.⁴

An adventurous and skilled pilot, Lloyd Jones was the first photographer/pilot to take aerial photographs of the rugged mountains, lakes and beaches of South West Tasmania. He was one of the first to land a light aircraft on the beach at Lake Pedder and flew many search and rescue missions (often in adverse conditions), spotted and reported on bushfires, the early years of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and regularly flew bushwalkers and food supply airdrops into South West Tasmania.

In 1953 he was awarded an MBE, acknowledging his outstanding public service in making mercy flights to assist ships or persons in distress. Other awards and honours followed. In 1964 he was awarded the Royal Federation of Aero Club's medallion for outstanding service in pilot training in the Aero Club movement, and that same year Jones was elected the first Honorary Associate Member of the

¹ *The Mercury* 25/1/1934 p5

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<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=9291423>

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<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5250321>

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Hobart Walking Club in recognition of his work promoting the scenic values of South West Tasmania.

Between 1954 and 1959 he published *Tasmania through the camera of Lloyd Jones* and *Exploring Tasmania with Lloyd Jones*, small illustrated booklets of colour photo lithographs taken from his original 35 mm slides. Several of his colour photographs of Bathurst Harbour and Lake Pedder were published in *The Australian Women's Weekly* in 1955⁵ and 1959⁶.

In 1960, following his accident, the family established the Lloyd Jones Art Gallery at 147 Collins Street, Hobart. The gallery was operated by Athalie Jones and well known painter Patricia Giles until its closure at the end of 1965.⁷ By the mid 1960s Lloyd was employed in clerical duties at Supply and Tender in Hobart.

The bluff facing Lake Pedder at the south eastern end of the Frankland Range was officially named Mount Lloyd Jones in 1984.

Lloyd Jones died in Hobart on 13 August 2004. Athalie Jones died in Hobart on 17 July 2015.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery by Lloyd Jones family in 2015.

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<http://trove.nla.gov.au/aww/read/222625?q=lloyd+jones&s=20&resultId=num27#page/10/mode/1up>

⁶ <http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/4941371>

⁷ *Tasmanian Architect* February 1966 p44

THE RECORDS

1. Correspondence

Mostly inwards, with a small number of letters outward written by Lloyd Jones. The majority of letters are one off. Subjects include his accident, tourism, Jones' Holden car. Correspondents include Sir Robert Menzies, Nevil Shute, Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Ronald and Lady Cross.

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| 1/1 | Letters from overseas, mainland Australia and Tasmania
1953, 1956-1960, 1961-1963, 1965-1967, 1979, 1984, 1986-1987, 1989-1990, 1992, 1994, 1997-1999 | 1953-1999
incomplete |
| 1/2 | Letters and telegrams from overseas, mainland Australia and Tasmania, relating particularly to Lloyd Jones' accident, July 1960 | 1960 |
| 1/3 | Letters from overseas, mainland Australia and Tasmania, relating particularly to Lloyd Jones' accident, August – September 1960 + undated | 1960 |
| 1/4 | Letters of thanks, drawing and hand made cards relating to his visit to Collegiate School, Hobart | 1997-1998 |

2. Newspaper and magazine cuttings

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| 2/1 | Rescue Edward Marr and original letter from W D Stewart Launceston re rescue; Letters to the Editor from Lloyd Jones and about Lloyd Jones; Air Sea Rescue Squad and fishing boat 'Voanna'; Sydney Hobart Yacht Race and 'Margaret Rintoul'; Aero Club Southern Tasmania first flying club to train pilots | 1947-1950 |
| 2/2 | Maternity case Flinders Island; 'The Arthur Ranges' <i>Walkabout</i> May 1952; Tasmanian University Air Squadron; rescue Swan Island and Roger Broomhall; slide lectures of South West Tasmania by Lloyd Jones; 'Our Lost World' extensive article by Lloyd Jones <i>The Mercury</i> Centenary Magazine 5 July 1954; rescue Trevor Stebbings; 'Flying to the Rescue' extensive article <i>Pix</i> 15 June 1955; rescue Ansett freighter Frederick Henry Bay; Lloyd Jones to stand in Legislative Council elections; 'SW Tasmania from the Air' <i>Tasmanian Education</i> 15 March 1959; Sir Edmund Hillary visit; bush fires; accident | 1951-1960 |
| 2/3 | Royal Federation of Aero Club's medallion award; artists who supported Disabled Persons – Mrs Lloyd Jones, Miss Giles, Mrs Lumsden; 'The photographers art' exhibition 27 June 1967 | 1961-1970 |

- 2/4 Olegas Truchanas *The Saturday Evening Mercury* 27 February 1971;
'South West Tasmania - the last wilderness and mountains of the mind'
Walkabout August 1973 1971-1980
- 2/5 Lloyd Jones at Wangaratta Air Museum; ANZAC Day marches; naming of
Mt Lloyd Jones; 'Lloyd Jones – a life dedicated to others' *Contact* June
1987; 'Indiana Jones' *RACT Motor News* June 1989 1981-1990
- 2/6 'Halversons and the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race' *The Mercury* 2 January
1995; 'Miracle Man' extensive article about Lloyd Jones *The Mercury*
Weekend 11 October 1997 1991-2000

3. Pilot's Log books and Wireless Operator's certificate

Details include aircraft type, registration number and passenger names (with many repeats); occasional comments regarding weather checks; instrument checks; rigging checks; searches; Sydney Hobart Yacht Race patrol; yachts 'Morna', 'Silver Gull', 'Mistral', 'Kurrewa'; crop dusting; scholarship tests; fishing survey; aerobatics display; photography; rainmaking Dr Bowen

- 3/1 Department of Civil Aviation 1946-1947
2 April 1946 – 2 January 1947
- 3/2 Book 3 Department of Civil Aviation 1947
3 January 1947 – 28 October 1947
- 3/3 Book 4 Department of Civil Aviation 1947-1949
4 September 1947 – 30 April 1949
- 3/4 Book 5 Department of Civil Aviation 1949-1950
1 May 1949 - 31 December 1950
- 3/5 Book 6 Department of Civil Aviation 1951-1954
1 January 1951 – 30 May 1954
- 3/6 Book 7 Department of Civil Aviation 1953-1956
2 May 1953 – 29 January 1956 (May 1953 – May 1954
duplicated from Book 6)
- 3/7 Book 8 BP Aviation Service folder 'L L Jones' 1957-1960
1 February 1957 – 30 June 1960
- 3/8 Lloyd Jones Wireless Operator's Certificate,
third class, certificate no 1239, 3 April 1952 1952

4. 35 mm colour slides

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mostly 1951-1960

A collection of slides has been registered individually. Some of these were used for his slide lecture presentations in the 1950s. (For examples of lecture titles see boxes in CHS120 8/3). Localities include Tasmanian places (mostly aerial views), particularly South West Tasmania, Hobart, East Tasmania, Central Highlands, North West Tasmania. Subjects include Aero Club of Southern Tasmania; Royal visit; Sir Edmund Hillary; Temple Fielding; fire and soil damage; personal and family; artworks by Leonard Long.

5. Photographs

2016:P:0618-0747 1931-2000
 A collection of black and white and colour prints has been registered individually. Subjects include his childhood; military service; military aircraft; Lake Pedder and South West Tasmania mountains and coast (aerials); light aircraft; yachts; family life; art gallery.

6. Publications

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| 6/1 | <i>The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania, Annual Report</i>
1950/1951 | 1950-1951 |
| 6/2 | <i>The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania, Monthly Newsletter</i>
November or December 1951, August 1961, September 1992 | 1951-1992 |
| 6/3 | <i>The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania, Spinner, Official journal</i> , vol 16 no 1 September 1984, then <i>Newsletter</i>
July/August/September 1996 | 1984-1996 |
| 6/4 | <i>The Hobart Walking Club, The Tasmanian Tramp</i> ,
no 15 December 1961, then <i>Journal</i> no 20 January 1972,
no 29 1993 | 1961-1993 |
| 6/5 | <i>The Hobart Walking Club. A Record of Fifty Years 1929-1979.</i>
November 1979 | 1979 |
| 6/6 | <i>Hobart Walking Club 70th Annual Report</i>
July 1998-June 1999 | 1998-1999 |
| 6/7 | <i>Hobart Walking Club Circular</i> no 618, October 1999 | 1999 |
| 6/8 | Bates, H E <i>The Stories of Flying Officer 'X'</i> . Jonathan Cape,
London, 1952 | 1952 |
| 6/9 | Jones, L L <i>Exploring Tasmania with Lloyd Jones, the third of a series.</i>
[1959] incomplete, includes newspaper cuttings re book | 1959 |

7. Artworks

- 7/1 'Jonesy the original Old Devil', paint on plywood panel on wooden locker door, 40 cm x 30.5 cm, fragile, cracked
Oversized item 1940s?
- 7/2 Untitled, [portrait of Lloyd Jones with small mouse], by Doblinski, oil on canvas card, 30 cm x 25 cm, without mount. [Doblinski was the *non de plume* used by Alfred Cook for a series of artworks sold at Lloyd Jones Gallery in the 1960s]
Oversized item 1960s
- 7/3 'South West Service, Lloyd Jones beats the weather', by Boone? watercolour, pencil and ink, in grey frame, 40.5 cm x 46 cm frame **Oversized item** 1960s?

8. Ephemera

- 8/1 Two envelopes, novelty – 'Hon Lloyd Jones, Troppo Pilots Assn.; Mr Lloyd Jones, Lady Gowrie Play Centre..' 1950s
- 8/2 Spirax 'Story book Papa Jones' and sheet of novelty sayings 1950s
- 8/3 Seven slide boxes (empty) to show original storage and lecture titles – 'Mounted scenes; Fishing & Hydro; Royal visit; Fires & erosion; Aero Club; Ed Hilary at Lake Pedder [sic]; ?Len Long artist & paintings of Tasmania' 1950s
- 8/4 Lloyd Lindsay Jones, Commonwealth of Australia Honours and Awards, Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Citation 1 June 1953 1953
- 8/5 Report on Flight Instructor's Grading Test, novelty, 10 June 1959 1959
- 8/6 Photograph of Honour Board to commemorate outstanding contributions to the Aero Club Movement of Australia 1960s?
- 8/7 Testimonial presented to Lloyd Lindsay Jones from The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania and Member Clubs of the Federated Aero Clubs of Australia, 29 August 1962, including four pages of names and addresses 1962
- 8/8 Flyer 'Re-visit Lake Pedder and the South West Colour Slides (1947-1959) by Lloyd Jones, Stephen Walker Gallery, Campania, 22 July' [1966], three copies 1966
- 8/9 Small invitation on card, exhibition of drawings by Jim Marwood 23 September 1972, Don Camillo [Sandy Bay], 1972

to be opened by Lloyd Jones

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| 8/10 | Hobart Walking Club 50 th anniversary dinner menu, autographed, November 10 1979. Hilltop Restaurant, Granton | 1979 |
| 8/11 | Single sheet catalogue '30 Tasmanians' exhibition [Hobart] | 1990 |
| 8/12 | Program, No 7 Elementary Flying Training School Reunion Dinner, Launceston 20 October 1990, two copies, both autographed | 1990 |
| 8/13 | Order of Service, Anzac Day 1995, Hobart | 1995 |
| 8/14 | Notice, Old Scholars Launceston State High School, January 14 1998 re gatherings, attendance and comments about members with recent illness | 1998 |
| 8/15 | Single sheet, 'Lake Pedder, Tasmania' including photograph and poem by Harry Moore, March 1999 | 1999 |
| 8/16 | Two notices from The Naval, Military & Air Force Club of Tasmania re functions 1999 | 1999 |
| 8/17 | Program for Service to celebrate the life of Lloyd Lindsay Jones, Hobart, 17 August 2004 | 2004 |

9.Audiotape

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| 9/1 | Audio tape, Lloyd Lindsay Jones funeral service, Hobart, 17 August 2004, and typed summary | 2004 |
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