

Gippsland and Regional Studies Collection scope

The Gippsland and Regional Studies Collection (GRSC) is a comprehensive collection of primary and secondary source materials, in any subject area and in any format, relating to the Gippsland region. The collection supports research and interpretation of the Gippsland region, as well as rural and regional Australia. There is a strong emphasis on the history, literature, Aboriginal cultures, education, land use, environment and natural resources, and social structure of Gippsland. The collection includes many monographs and a number of journal titles including newsletters of local historical societies and museums. There are also significant holdings in other formats, including newspapers, microfiche, reports, photographs and maps. There are also extensive holdings of manuscripts and unpublished materials. Much of this material is only held by the GRSC, including self-published and ephemeral items. The GRSC also holds copies of theses from other universities which research the Gippsland region. There is a unique and valuable extensive collection of photographs, many of which are available from glass negatives.

Significant original primary source material collections include:

- Images including the Baragwanath, Carlyon, Yallourn, W.J. Tuck, Walker, and La Trobe Regional Commission collections, many of which are available in digital format
- Unique material relating to the history of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SECV) prior to its privatisation, obtained from the SECV
- An extensive run of the LiveWire journal
- Yallourn Town Advisory Council records
- Gippsland Trades and Labour Council (GTLC) archives
- Gippsland Research and Information Service (GRIS) reports
- An extensive run of The Enfilade (1973-1998)
- A large collection of maps of Gippsland localities, issued between the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Over 100 of these are available digitally.

In addition to these, two large and significant collections have been acquired by the University and stored on the Gippsland Campus in anticipation of the development of a Gippsland Regional Archive facility. These collections do not form part of the GRSC and are not managed or curated by the Library. The two collections consist of records from the Lurgi brown coal gasification plant at Morwell (1956-1976?), and GHD Morwell records related to the Latrobe Valley open cut mining operations. There is no public access to either of these collections.

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