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Maternal and Child Health Service (Infant Welfare) Photographic Collection

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Details

The collection has been separated into three parts, based on format: P1 – framed photographs This consignment consists of photographs that were displayed as part of the Jubilee Conference on Maternal and Child Health in 1976 and then selected to be framed and displayed for the 75th Jubilee, held in 2001. Photographs not considered suitable for framing at the time can be found in the P2 consignment. The photographs date from 1927 to the mid 1940s, and document various aspects of the Infant Welfare Service. Subject matter includes the rural Infant Welfare Circuit, the Better Farming Train in rural Victoria and mothers with their children in front of the Infant Welfare van. P2 – Large unframed mounted photographs This consignment consists of 30 mounted unframed photographs that depict aspects of the service and departmental responsibilities dating from the 1940s to the 1980s. These include photographs of the department office and officers (1946), the infant welfare vans (internal and external), babies' homes (including mothercraft nurses), a dental and pre-natal clinic, a series of family shots taken in the 1950s and service activities taken in 1987. Along with the contents of the P1 consignment, these photographs would have been displayed at the Jubilee Conference on Maternal and Child Health in 1976. P3 – Individual Prints and Slides This consignment consists of individual photographs of various sizes, including 106 slides and the contents of 269 individual envelopes. Subject matter includes maternal and child health centres (infant welfare), centre-based services including families and nurses, rural outreach services, official opening of centres with various officers of the Department and mothers group activities. The dates range from 1938 to 1995. Notes on the back of some prints indicate that they may have been published in annual reports.

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