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Frances Burke Centre

Summary

Established in 1994, the Frances Burke Textile Resource Collection was located within the School of Fashion and Textiles at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). The Textile Resource Collection collected and researched the work of Australian textile designers and visual artists working in the area of textile design so that future researchers could assess and appreciate their individual creative contribution to the cultural identity of Australia.

The Centre no longer exists as a discrete entity, but is now part of the RMIT Design Archives, a growing facility which actively collects material relating to Melbourne design from the twentieth century onwards, including fashion and textile design, architecture, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, graphic design, gold and silver smithing and sound. Building on the Frances Burke Centre collection the RMIT Design Archives is bringing together archives from other design practices in order to tell the story of Melbourne as a design city. These archives are both digital and material, representing historical and contemporary practices.

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