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ROYAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ARTS

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Series List

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Formed October 1856 by interested citizens in order to procure, produce and promote works of Art. Held annual exhibitions in Institute building, often a motley collection, plus lectures and meetings. Monies raised awarded as prizes for painting and sculpture. Encouraged formation of the School of Design at the Institute. By early 1890s, interest flagging, only 2 people attended 1892 AGM.

Merged with Adelaide Easel club 1900, fortunes revived. Affiliation with Institute of Architects and Camera Club. Society maintains own library, produced Kalori magazine from 1959, holds spring and autumn exhibitions, runs Sketch club and awards prizes to students at the School of Art.

Ref: Mary Overbury, *A history of the Royal South Australian Society of Arts, Inc. 1856-1931*, Adelaide, Hassell, 1933.

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Draft terms of incorporation of the South Australian Society of Arts in the South Australian Institute. Oct. 1859. 2p. [Formerly D 2595].	<u>1</u>
Minutes. 1867-1979. 14v.	<u>2</u>
Letters sent (press copies). 1900-1940. 2v.	<u>3</u>
Cash book relating to exhibitions. 1895-1931. 1v.	<u>4</u>
Receipts for items lent for an exhibition, volume 32, signed by E.J.R. Morgan and others and possibly pertaining to the Royal S.A. Society of Arts. n.d. 1v. [Tsf. P801. Provenance unknown. Some of the items were evidently offered for sale.]	<u>5</u>
Correspondence and agreements with the P.L.M. & A.G., and correspondence with the Education Department. 1893-c.1950. 1cm.	<u>6</u>
Correspondence and reports (general). 1962-1974. 1cm.	<u>7</u>
Correspondence about a letter by Mr Duncan Goldfinch published	<u>8</u>

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in the <u>News</u> . 1953. 4p. Manuscript and typescript.	
List of members. c.1950. (18p. Manuscript), 1975. (16p. Printed 3 examples), 1977. (24p. Printed, 3 examples), 1978. (28p. Printed. 2 examples). 1950, 1977-1978. 4 items.	<u>9</u>
List of holders of Diploma of Fellowship of R.S.A.S.A. 1934-1963. 1p.	<u>10</u>
Biographical particulars of members. 1967-1968. 2cm.	<u>11</u>
Architect's drawing of land leading to gallery, Institute Building, North Terrace. 1948. 1 item.	<u>12</u>
Seal of incorporation, 1894. 2 metal items and 1 photograph.	<u>13</u>
Chairman's gavel. n.d. 1 item.	<u>14</u>
Royal Arts Society broadsheet. n.d. 4p. Manuscript and typescript.	<u>15</u>
Annual programmes. 1896. (2 examples), 1898, 1914. (2 examples), 1955, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968. (2 examples), 1973, 1974, 1978 (2 examples). 11 publications. (15 items).	<u>16</u>
<u>A history of the S.A. Society of Arts Inc., 1856-1931.</u> Compiled by M.A. Overbury and H.E. Fuller and edited by Sir William Sowden. 1933. Printed. (2 examples).	<u>17</u>
Rules of the Society. 1893, 3p; 1939, 11p. + cover; amendments 1941 and n.d., 3p.; 1961, 9p. + cover; 1975, 8p. Printed (some with manuscript annotations).	<u>18</u>
Annual reports. 1892/93, 1894/95-1916/17, 1919/20-1927/28, 1929/30-1957/58; 1959/60-1973/74. 77 items.	<u>19</u>
Annual reports (electrostatic copies). 1862-1918/19. (gaps). 4cm.	<u>20</u>
Catalogues and miscellaneous printed items. c.1915-1975. 15cm. Printed.	<u>21</u>

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Royal South Australian Society of Arts journal Kalori.  
1959-1982. 88 items.

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