SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POETS' UNION

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History of the S.A. Poets' Union

The Poets' Union was established interstate. In South Australia Friendly Street was the first public gathering of poets to meet regularly and read their poetry (See Introduction, Friendly Street Reader No.10, 1985). Friendly Street Reader No.3, 1979, states that in its fourth year Friendly Street changed format 'for the first time, with supper provided by members of the Poets' Union at token cost' ... '1978 was a good year for poetry in Adelaide. The PU organised monthly readings at the Botanic Hotel and successfully convinced the Advertiser of the benefits of publishing regular poetry. With additional readings organised independently at Adelaide University, the supply of venues almost expanded to meet the demand'.

The S.A. Poets' Union was established to serve the needs of Friendly Street at first, but the organisation ceased in 1987.

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Minutes of meetings of The Poets' Union.   1
        1978-1979, 1984-1987. 4 files.
        [From 22 March 1979 the Newsletter of the S.A. Poets' Union
        contained the Minutes to at least the issue of 14 February 1980].

Correspondence.   2
        1978-1979, 1984-1985. 2 files.

Newsletters of The S.A. Poets' Union.   3
        1979-1980, 1982-1986. 1 file.

Treasurer's reports.   4
        1978-1985. 1cm. Typescript.

Constitutions.   5
        c.1978-1979, n.d. 1cm. Typescript, photocopy.
        [Poets' Union of Australia c.1978, S.A. Poets' Union 1979,
        Melbourne Branch of the Poets' Union, n.d.]

Submissions.   6
        1980, n.d. 0.5cm. Typescript.

Report to S.A. Branch on National Conference.   7
        n.d. 0.5cm. Typescript.

Printed matter, including interstate newsletters.   8
        1978-1980. 6cm. 4 files.