

JENSEN, Rolf COLLECTION
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JENSEN, Rolf Arthur

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Rolf Jensen (1912–1994) had 40 years of widely varied experience in architecture and town planning, working in private practice and for governments in Britain, South East Asia and Australia, and in universities.

Visits to cathedrals with his photographer father combined with the encouragement of an enlightened headmaster convinced Jensen to study architecture. He gained a Bachelor of Architecture (Hons) from Liverpool University in 1933 and degrees in Town Planning from the London School of Planning and in Engineering from the University of Adelaide (1957). Between 1934 and 1938 he was in private practice in London and in the English provinces as well as collaborating with architects who advocated the modern movement. He then worked for the Admiralty in London and on the naval base in Singapore. Following World War Two, when he served with the Royal Engineers in the India–Burma theatre, he was appointed Director of Housing and Borough Architect for North Westminster in London.

In 1956 Jensen was recruited to the University of Adelaide as Foundation Professor of the School of Architecture and Planning. He oversaw the introduction of a full-time five-year course devoted solely to architecture, introduced in 1958; he was then appointed Dean of the new Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning. While at the university he was involved with a number of studies related to city planning and renewal, housing, and traffic. In April 1959 he published a series of articles in the evening paper, the *News*, on the state of Adelaide's main highways and how they could be modernised. He roundly criticised the Metropolitan Adelaide Transportation Study (MATS) released in 1968 because its proposed expressways threatened to tear apart some of Adelaide's suburbs. He also opposed plans to build the satellite city of Monarto, calling it 'a fundamental blunder' and argued against a proposed petro-chemical plant at Redcliffs. These public comments had made him a controversial figure by the time he retired in January 1976.

During his career Jensen travelled widely and studied city planning at first hand in many cities and was a planning consultant to governments and large development corporations. As well, he lectured and wrote extensively on aspects of architecture and planning. He had a particular interest in planning for cities and in addition to numerous papers, he published *High Density Living* (1966), *Cities of Vision* (1974) and (with his wife Elfrida) *Colonial Architecture in South Australia* (1980).

The University of Adelaide Special Collections holds papers of Rolf Jensen:

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/library/special/mss/jensen/>

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Jensen Collection comprises Rolf Jensen's slide collection which is of predominantly landscape, architecture and urban subjects. The slides have been taken around the world including the United States of America, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, Asia, Europe and the United Kingdom from around the 1960s to the 1980s.

Note: Rolf Jensen's papers are held in the Manuscript collection at the University of Adelaide Library.

Slide Collection S302

Series No.	Description
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S302/2	747- NY
S302/3	NY – Emp State
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S302/8	Montreal Toronto
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S302/11	Simon Fraser – Va**der
S302/12	Anchorage – Kyoto
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S302/15	Vict. Island HK
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S302/18	Victoria City - Kowloon
S302/19	Kowloon
S302/20	Kowloon – Cavitz
S302/21	*Kati - * Moresby
S302/22	miscellaneous
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S302/24	Taichung – Kowloon
S302/25	miscellaneous
S302/26	HK – Manila Kokoda

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S302/27	Japan
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S302/29	Nervi
S302/30	Cumbernauld
S302/31	Adelaide Air to Melbourne - Goulbourn
S302/32	Sydney Opera House
S302/33	Sydney
S302/34	B H and Sydney
S302/35	Sydney Richmd
S302/36	Sydney Op House BH and Melb
S302/37	Grampians 2
S302/38	Gawler
S302/39	(no title)
S302/40	Robe and Beachport
S302/41	Housing
S302/42	HK Japan
S302/43	Japan
S302/44	Nuriootpa, Adelaide Hills Model scope
S302/45	Urban
S302/46	USSR
S302/47	Queen 77
S302/48	Moonwalk
S302/49	Barossa
S302/50	Sydney, Canberra, Gundagai
S302/51	ZY
S302/52	ZZ
S302/53	Sydney and Brisbane
S302/54	Adelaide Campus and
S302/55	Flinders Arkaroola
S302/56	1974 Car and Barossa
S302/57	Barossa P S M
S302/58	O'seas
S302/59	Alice
S302/60	Barossa Churches
S302/61	Model Hackney SA trip
S302/62	Architecture School and Wilf Bledlow
S302/63	NZ 7
S302/64	Flats
S302/65	Castles
S302/66	March 81 tour 2
S302/67	March 81 tour 3 Mainly Canberra, Cooma etc
S302/68	March 81 tour 4 Kangaroo Valley
S302/69	miscellaneous
S302/70	miscellaneous
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S302/74	2. Djakarta
S302/75	3. miscellaneous
S302/76	4. University housing. Stadium Djakarta traffic Boger
S302/77	5. Singapore hotels
S302/78	6. Singapore Peoples Pk & S.3 flats & hotels
S302/79	7. Hotels Singapore, Houses, * views
S302/80	8. Jurang tower
S302/81	9. miscellaneous
S302/82	10. miscellaneous
S302/83	11. Kuala Lumpur buildings, mosque etc., University buildings
S302/84	12. Kuala Lumpur buildings, airport, * & War Memorial
S302/85	13. Kuala Lumpur mosque
S302/86	14. Penang
S302/87	15. miscellaneous
S302/88	16. Bangkok housing
S302/89	17. Bangkok hotel & Rangoon hotels & sundial Olympics
S302/90	18. Sports area housing Bangkok & central Bangkok hotel, offices
S302/91	19. miscellaneous
S302/92	20. miscellaneous
S302/93	21. Calcutta central buildings
S302/94	22. miscellaneous
S302/95	23. miscellaneous
S302/96	24. miscellaneous
S302/97	25. miscellaneous
S302/98	26. miscellaneous
S302/99	27. New Delhi government buildings
S302/100	28. New Delhi government buildings
S302/101	29. Chandigarh
S302/102	30. miscellaneous
S302/103	31. miscellaneous
S302/104	32. miscellaneous
S302/105	33. miscellaneous
S302/106	34. miscellaneous
S302/107	35. Athens. Istanbul
S302/108	36. Mykonos
S302/109	37. Mykonos
S302/110	38. miscellaneous
S302/111	39. Sophia housing & hotel. Athens centre
S302/112	40. Belgrade, housing etc.
S302/113	41. Belgrade & Budapest centre & housing
S302/114	42. Vienna top tower, Karl Marx hotel. City view (Schloss) city centre lights
S302/115	43. Vienna centre housing, gardens
S302/116	44. Vienna centre palace & castle & Prague
S302/117	45. Prague housing & centre. Berlin centre

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S302/118	46. Berlin centre & housing
S302/119	47. Berlin Housing new
S302/120	48. Berlin housing & centre Hanover
S302/121	49. Hanover centre, Holland (Roemand? etc) Amsterdam centre
S302/122	50. Rotterdam housing Z.Zee Lelystad?
S302/123	51. Amsterdam centre, Rotterdam centre & housing, Haarlem
S302/124	52. Edam, Hilversum, Utrecht
S302/125	53. Rotterdam plans, city centre, housing
S302/126	54. Rotterdam housing, Amsterdam housing, Haarlem centre
S302/127	A. London centre & Amsterdam flats etc. & Hilton?
S302/128	B. London, Hamburg, Flausberg?
S302/129	C. Gurekdug?, Fleusburg?
S302/130	D. Hedely, Slesing?
S302/131	E. Copenhagen centre
S302/132	F. Copenhagen etc. Housing
S302/133	G. Copenhagen housing
S302/134	H. Goteborg housing, Oslo housing etc.
S302/135	I. Oslo housing etc
S302/136	J. Oslo housing etc. & museum
S302/137	K. Oslo city redevelopment etc.
S302/138	L. Oslo, Trandjem?
S302/139	M. Trandjem?
S302/140	N. Stockholm centre
S302/141	O. Stockholm centre
S302/142	P. Stockholm housing
S302/143	Q. Farrta & Stockholm centre
S302/144	R. Stockholm flats, Mahno? Centre, Hamburg centre
S302/145	S. Hamburg housing & centre & Nord.
S302/146	T. Hamburg housing & centre & Nord.
S302/147	U. Nord centre, London St Pauls etc.
S302/148	I. Kew Palace, River view St Pauls, Kensington, Barbeam centre etc.
S302/149	II. Lanc.? Gate, S. Paddington flats, N. Paddington flats, Small tombstone, Brentford flats, Kew, Chinnor?, Westminster, Winchester?, Wristanley ?
S302/150	III. ?, ?, Southampton R?, Strand, City, St Paul's River view, ?
S302/151	IV. Regents Park, Primrose Hill, Primrose Hill housing, ?. Hovercraft, Beaugrenelle? model etc., UNESCO flats etc.
S302/152	V. St Cloud, Daily Z includes models
S302/153	VI. RTR, Paris flats 8, new town, Montparnasse
S302/154	VII. La Defense , Nautesse?
S302/155	VIII. La Acfeusl, Eiffel Tower
S302/156	IX. La Acfeusl, Eiffel Tower
S302/157	X. Thamesmead
S302/158	XI. Thamesmead, Cambridge, Lincoln, Peterborough?, Scotland
S302/159	XII. Edinburgh, St Andrews, Univ.?, Glasgow
S302/160	XIII. Shell Book? Housing, Lambeth Housing, Kensington Ch. St., Thameside,

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