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Women's Liberation Newsletter #1

The first issue of the Women's Liberation Newsletter came out in February 1972. The monthly WLN aimed to provide information for activists in the Women's Liberation Movement in Victoria about various events and meeting times, to be a means of communication between the various women's groups, to publish the minutes of the monthly General Meetings and to act as a forum for discussion of ideas. The WLN collective took on the job of collecting articles and information as well as the minutes, typed everything onto a stencil and ran the foolscap pages off on a Gestetner. Collated, stapled and folded the completed WLN's were then posted out to subscribers and copies were available for sale from the WL Centre.

The WLN collective changed several times over the years and provided many activists with the opportunity to learn the skills required to put out a regular publication as well as the sense of being an integral part of the WLM in Victoria. As the WLM grew so did the WLN with articles about female genital mutilation and Women's Liberation Halfway House, information about Women Against Rape and the Women's Health Centre, meeting times for the Lesbian Action Group and IWD organizing groups and letters on all kinds of topics from the congratulatory to the controversial.

After almost 13 years of operation and soon after putting out their final issue in 1984, the WLN collective folded without notice.

It wasn't till another WLN collective was formed twelve months later that another version of the WLN with a completely different format was issued in March 1986 - 1994. (reference WLN 2 / 126)