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### **Women's Building Council**

The Women's Building Council was made up of representatives from all of the activist collectives which held meetings and/or rented space in the Women's Liberation Building at its various locations in West Melbourne and Fitzroy. The WB Council met on a regular monthly basis to make decisions about anything that affected the WL Building, such as the signing of the yearly lease, the paying of utility bills and the collecting of rent from each collective as well as making sure there was sufficient toilet paper to hand and that the building was clean and tidy.

The Council was often fully preoccupied with fund-raising the substantial amount of money it took to maintain the building in order to keep it open and accessible. The main fundraising activity the Council undertook in later years was organizing both the Summer and Winter Women's Balls at the San Remo Ballroom and the St Kilda and Melbourne Town Halls which successfully raised several thousands of dollars. Over the 13 or so years the Council was in operation (1979 - 1992) it provided an essential and well-organised functioning group as far as the WL Buildings were concerned.

Please note, that when the activist collectives were renting space at the Women's Cultural Palace in Moore Street, Fitzroy, in 1979, the monthly meeting group was called the Queen's Council. And at no time did either the Queen's Council or the Women's Building Council make decisions about Women's Liberation policy as had happened at the General Meetings during the years the Women's Liberation Centre was in operation (1972 - 1978).