Pride History Group Oral History Interview with Sue-Ellen Rosenberg

Interviewer: Rebecca Jennings

Focus of interview: Life of Sue-Ellen Rosenberg

Date of interview: Chippendale, NSW Place of interview: 12/07/2007

Conditions: None



Log	Summary	Keywords
00:00:20	Family, Jewish, Eastern Suburbs in Sydney, All girl school	Jewish;
00:00:30	Lesbians at school, boarding house, didn't think she was a dyke then,	
	attracted to girls, thought it was a phase, didn't tell anyone about it,	
	shagged men instead.	
00:00:53	Met girl woman after she started teaching after college, when out	Oxford Street;
	dancing on Oxford Street, that is when started discovering her	
	sexuality, liked mother's friend who was a lesbian	
00:01:19	Exchange hotel, holy triangle in Oxford Street, Ruby's: stairs, long	Exchange Hotel;
	room, lit up dance floor, exposed bricks, nice dykes, scary dykes,	Ruby Reds; Dawn
	heavies, Dawn O'Donnell, SER saw Dawn at Ruby's. Attended on Friday	O'Donnell;
	and Saturday nights. Slow music, not for dancing. Pick up area near	
	dance floor. Fights in bar about stealing girlfriend.	
00:03:55	Found out about Ruby's by reading about it. Went with a bisexual.	Ruby Reds;
	Made friends at Ruby's. Still friends with some today. Reunions. 1981-	
00.05.00	85.	
00:05:00	The Playground. 'The dumping Ground' or 'Play Pit'. Argentinean	The Playground;
	restaurant. Near Cleveland Street and Elizabeth Street. Tacky, dirty.	Play Pit
00.06.50	Same crowd as Ruby's.	
00:06:50	Venue [inaudible], wedding ceremony, tacky, DJ, dance floor	Fuch and a Hatali
00:08:20	Girlfriends during the 1980s, met at Exchange, Phoenix, still running.	Exchange Hotel;
00:09:25	[inaudible], return to the same venues. Bar on Oxford street, The Albury	The Albury
00:09:23	Mixed venues, kicked out of men's bar, women's venues moved from	The Albury;
00.10.20	Oxford St in the 1990s, wanted ashes scattered there before it	
	changed.	
00:12:30	Teacher's college after school, pashed one of the women there, was	
00.12.50	not out until first year of teaching, gay male teacher asked her out to	
	go out on the bar scene.	
00:13:45	Melbourne for a short time when deferred studies, gay male friends.	
00:15:00	Clothing 1980s	Clothing;
00:15:50	Chinatown, Dixon Street	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>
00:17:30	Nightclub, Clover	Clover;
00:19:50	Mardi Gras, no barricades, memories of mardi gras	Mardi Gras;
00:24:50	Parties at people's houses, daytime recovery parties, Beresford	Beresford Hotel;
00:26:00	Not our Mardi Gras anymore, straight people, disillusioned, bars,	,
	physically threatening, straight men, in the 80s it felt safer	
00:30:00	Leather outfits, [refers photos 1995/6] collar worn if taken, arm bands,	Leather; S & M; Star
	handkerchief, S&M scene, shows, marching devils at Mardi Gras,	Observer;
	answered add in Star Observer, making things for parade or Fair Day.	
00:34:00	Hand in Hand	Hand in Hand;
00:35:30	Inquisition	Inquisition;

00:36:00	[Referring to numerous images]	
00:37:15	Mardi Gras thoughts – social, fun	Mardi Gras
00:37:30	Award for Mardi Gras art	
00:40:25	Diaries started 1995	
00:41:00	Papers: LOTL, butch dyke, Dawn O'Donnell, Star Observer, found at	Lesbians on the
	bars	Loose; Butch; Dawn
		O'Donnell; Star
		Observer;
00:42:45	Lizard Lounge above Exchange hotel, Dyke exhibitions	Lizard Lounge; Art
		Exhibitions;
00:43:00	Women's baths, sunbath naked, women only pool, Coogee	Coogee Women's
		Baths;
00:44:45	Gay games opening ceremony dance	Gay Games;
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00:00:30	Mardi Gras art, floats	Mardi Gras Art;
00:01:20	Marching girls [refers to images]	Marching Girls;
00:02:40	Twenty year anniversary of Mardi gras	Mardi Gras
00:06:25	Gay games opening ceremony, danced, rainbow colours, costumes	Gay Games
	[refers to multiple sources]	Opening Ceremony;
00:13:40	Interview ends	