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Vashti's Voice / Vashti

The (undated) first issue of Vashti's Voice was put together by women from the Carlton Workshop Group of WL and came out in June, 1972 (approximately). Vashti's Voice was a quarterly publication which kept women informed about what was happening in the WLM and served as a forum for issues of importance to feminists. Over its nine years of operation VV included many articles on local WL groups including the WL Centre and Women's Liberation Halfway House, film and book reviews, letters, illustrations, short stories, reports of conferences and articles on controversial issues to provoke discussion, for example, Wages for Housework.

By issue 16, Spring 1976, Vashti's Voice changed its name to Vashti. And the format changed from a newspaper to a magazine with issue 17, Summer 1976 / 1977. The publication was named after Queen Vashti who was ordered to by her husband but refused to be paraded before the people to show them her beauty and was subsequently banished to prevent other women following her example.

Sybylla Press took over the printing of Vashti in 1977. The last issue of Vashti, number 30, came out in Spring 1981.

The three remaining members of the Vashti collective set about choosing the best of Vashti's numerous articles and short stories for an anthology. After an anonymous donor gave them the money for publishing costs they were able to publish the Voices of Vashti Anthology: Melbourne Women 1972 - 1981 which was launched at the Kingston Hotel on 12 April, 1986.