



**Helen Haenke (1916–1978)** was an artist and a writer of poetry, prose, short stories and plays. She lived in the historic home of Rockton, and during that time she was involved in a vibrant cultural and creative scene. Along with many of her contemporaries—Rodney Hall, Thomas Shapcott, Bruce Dawe, Oodgeroo Noonuccal—she was actively engaged in the arts community of south-east Queensland.

Rockton is one of Ipswich's oldest homes and is listed by the National Trust. It has now been the home for the Haenke/Geertsma family for nearly one hundred years.

*Helen Haenke at Rockton — A creative life* (UQ Press 2017).

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Cover: Ipswich, looking north from the roof of Rockton. Helen Haenke. 1949. Left: Helen Haenke at Rockton. 1974.



# Beyond the Rockton Window

Ipswich author and artist Helen Haenke remembered

**Sunday, 19 March 2017**

**2.45pm for 3pm**

Launch of *Helen Haenke at Rockton—A creative life* (UQP)

Panel discussion followed by light refreshments

## Rockton

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**RSVP essential by Friday, 10 March**

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**Helen Pullar** was Head of Drama at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School for many years. As a member of Ipswich Little Theatre, Helen was closely involved at the period when Helen Haenke was providing great support to the company who staged several of her plays. More recently Helen has devoted a great deal of time to collating and documenting the Haenke collection of literary works prior to it being housed in the Fryer Library.

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Helen Haenke