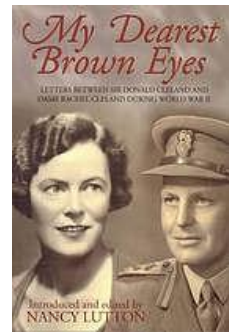


My Dearest Brown Eyes

During the Second World War, Don and Rachel Cleland wrote many letters to each other, describing their feelings about being separated, their longing for peace and the uncertainty about their future – echoing the feelings and hardships of thousands of other married couples suffering the effects of the war. These letters were published in a book, *My Dearest Brown Eyes*, introduced and edited by Nancy Lutton and launched by Wal Fife. After the war, Don Cleland was the Administrator of Papua New Guinea (1951-1966). Rachel Cleland was actively involved in politics and in many community organisations. Her book, *Papua New Guinea: Pathways to Independence*, was published in 1983.



More details on the life and times of the Clelands can be found in the Wal Fife Room at Mt Erin in Wagga Wagga. The books, *My Dearest Brown Eyes* and *Papua New Guinea*, are both in the library collection while the manuscript collection includes a file on Rachel and Don Cleland and correspondence of Wal Fife with Don Cleland.