



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION

Victorian Trades Hall Council

ACCESSION NO

1990.0067 with 1991.0013, 1991.0028 and 1991.0030

CATEGORY

Labour, organisations

ACTIVITY

Trade union peak bodies

DATE RANGE

1867-1977

SIZE OF COLLECTION

3 boxes; photographs

HISTORICAL NOTE

On 3 December 1858 a small group of tradesmen, many of whom were involved in the eight-hours day boon achieved three years earlier, formed the first Committee of the National Trades Hall and Literary Institute and the first trades hall was erected in Melbourne in 1859 (records from this period are at the State Library of NSW). By 1870 the Committee had decided to replace its original building with one suitable as a 'parliament' of the working-class. The present building was built between 1873 and 1925.

From the outset the Trades Hall was to provide a place for the social and educational activities of workers as well as their industrial ones. The philosophy of the early Trades Hall Committee was that education was essential to social progress for workers, hence the Library was given a prominent place in the new building. The Trades Hall Council itself has always been central to the industrial and political aspirations of the labour movement in Victoria. From small, proud but parochial beginnings it has developed to spearhead campaigns on hours of work, wages, long service leave, equal pay and other industrial matters. On the social front it has interests in welfare, youth, conservation and Aboriginal affairs.

DATE OF TRANSFER

26 Feb 1991

ACCESS CONDITIONS

Access: Open

NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	Photographs have been stored separately
NOTE ON LISTING	<p>The list consolidates Accession Numbers 1990.0067, 1991.0013, 1991.0028 and 1991.0030. The small number of documents were found at Trades Hall during renovations, which date from before 1974 and are therefore contemporary with the first accession. Therefore, this material was once integrated intellectually and, where possible, physically into the first accession. These items have since been listed here and are now physically separated from the first accession.</p> <p>The original series numbering has remained, ie where an item fitted into an existing first accession series it had been numbered as a continuous part of the series with a 'B'. The list which follows therefore has a discontinuous numbering system and should be read in conjunction with the main published guide to the VTHC records (Call No.016.331880994 Univ, also available with accession 1978.0082 in the University of Melbourne Archives online catalogue)</p>
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Box No.	Archival No..	Description / Date Range
	B1	<u>MINUTES</u>
	B1 /1	COUNCIL
	B1 /1/1	PROPER
	B1 /4	<u>DISPUTES COMMITTEE</u>
	B1 /4/2	ROUGH
Box 1	B1 /4/2/2	7 July 1965 - 3 May 1976.
Box 1	B1 /4/2/3	4 March 1969 - 26 July 1977.
Box 1	B1 /4/2/4	1 December 1975 - 15 November 1977.
Box 1	B1 /4/2/5	Volume consists of rough notes of Industrial Court and Wages Board matters, 25 March 1965 - 4 February 1969, pp.1-73; and Disputes Committee proceedings, 3 May 1977 - 30 November 1977, pp.74-153; also includes few Workers' Compensation Committee and On-Going Activities Committee rough minutes within the date range.
	B5	<u>FINANCIAL</u>
	B5/3	BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS
Box 1	B5/3/30	Balance sheets and cash statements as at September 1956.
	B5/4	STRIKES AND APPEALS ACCOUNTS
Box 1	B5/4/10	Donations to strikes and appeals, c. January 1906 - 9 November 1914. N.B.: This volume began as Receipts and Expenditure of Permanent Hall Building Fund, 17 Mat 1867 - 30 September 1876.
	B5/7	BUILDING FUND
unavailable	B5/7/9	THC Building Fund Levy receipt book 1957-1958, 10/- per ticket, ticket nos. 21141-21150.
	B5/12/4	VOUCHERS
Box 1	B5/12/4/2	General Fund Receipt Book Sl76, 13 August 1956 - 14 December 1956.

Box No .	Archival No .	Description / Date Range
	B6	<u>INSURANCE</u>
Box 2	B6/6	VTHC Schedule of Insurances, asat the 23rd November 1970.
	B7	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>
Box 3	B7/11	THC COMMITTEES
Box 3	B7/11/1	LABOUR DAY COMMITTEE
Box 3	B7/11/1/7	Labour Day Dinner Lists, 1953-1957.
Box 3	B7/11/1/8	Labour Day Dinner Lists, 1958.
	B8	<u>PERSONAL FILES</u>
	B8/4	K.C. STONE
Box 2	B8/4/5	Collection of A.C.T.J. rules, constitutions' standing orders, and decisions, 1953-1969. (Fifteen items).
	B11 ,.	<u>SUBJECT FILES</u>
Box 2	B11/99	Silicosis Sub-committee, 1953-54.
	B12	<u>TRADES HALL COUNCIL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION BUREAU</u>
	B12/4	AWARDS AND DETERMINATIONS
Box 2	B12/4/21	Circulars, notes and correspondence re arbitration and award matters; includes Metal Trades Award, 1958, and apprenticeship conference 1949. c.1949-1960.
	B15	<u>OTHER ORGANISATIONS</u>
	B15/2	AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS
	B15/2/1	MINUTES
Box 2	B15/2/1/22	Interstate Executive Minutes, loose, 1957 to 1959.
Box 2	B15/2/1/23	Minutes of meetings with various unions, loose, 1957.
Box 3	B15/2/1/24	Minutes of meetings with various unions, loose, 1958.
Box 3	B15/2/1/25	Minutes of meetings with various unions, loose, 1959.
	B15/2/9	CIRCULARS
Box 3	B15/2/9/5	Circulars and correspondence to officers and various unions, March 1958 to July 1960.
	B21	<u>UNION RULES</u>
Box 1	B21/102A	Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees ' Union of Australia, <u>R</u> ules, 1966.

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B 30 PHOTOGRAPHS, POSTERS, HANDBILLS, RIBBONS, EPHEMERA

OSBB 4	B30/1/37	Delegates at Annual Conference FEDFA, Perth, 3 April 1914
BWP 6	B30/1/38	Delegates at THC meeting. Photo addressed to Mr. K. McLean, T.J.T.A., 82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide, from M.O.A. Federal Executive, 1-30'Connell Street, North Melbourne, c. December 1980(?), 25.5x18.5cms.
BWP 5	B30/1/39	Meeting at Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne. Photo addressed as above. 23x18.2cms.
BWP 24	B30/1/40	Maryanne Mccubbin (Author and Labour Archivist, University of Melbourne Archives) with John Halfpenny, Secretary, VTHC, at launch of VTHC List and Indexes, 1990. 16.5x23.5cms.
OSBA 3	B30/1/41	Trades Hall, 1929. 27x36cms, mounted.
OSBB 3	B30/1/42	Thirty-six workmen at Trades Hall, 18?, 40.5x45.5cms.
OSBA 2	B30/1/43	Delegates in front of Trades Hall, c.1912-24, 25x30cms.
	B30/5	EPHEMERA
BWP 39	B30/5/12	Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union of Australia, Melbourne Branch, Membership Card and Contribution Card for M. Pobego, 16 October 1959.

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