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| NAME OF COLLECTION | Boyd, Brian |
| ACCESSION NO | 101/49 |
| CATEGORY | Labour, Individuals |
| ACTIVITY | Trade Unions; Trade Union Officials |
| DATE RANGE | 1951-2002 (mainly 1970s-1980s) |
| SIZE OF COLLECTION | .25m (1 type 1 archive box; 1 type 2 archive box) |
| HISTORICAL NOTE | <p>Brian Boyd became a builders' labourer in Gladstone, Queensland in late 1970. In 1971 he joined the Victorian BLF and worked as a part-time builders' labourer while finishing his tertiary studies. While a student, he was also active in the anti-Vietnam War movement. In 1976 he became a full time builders' labourer and in 1979, a part-time organiser for the BLF. From 1980 he was successively a full-time on- the-road organiser, organiser for the Melbourne central business district, national industrial officer and later, national asbestos and health and safety officer. In 1988 he resigned from the BLF and became an elected Industrial Officer at the Victorian Trades Hall Council (VTHC). In 1991 he published <i>Inside the BLF</i>, an account of the deregistration of the BLF in the 1980s under Norm Gallagher. He was elected Secretary of the VTHC in 2005.</p> |
| DATE OF TRANSFER | May 2001; July 2002 |
| ACCESS CONDITIONS | Open |
| DESCRIPTION | Publications, papers, audiocassette recordings and folder of photographs and related papers (folder received in 2002) concerning the Builders Labourers Federation, Victorian Branch, particularly the relationship between the BLF and the Victorian state government in the 1980s. |
| NOTE ON COLLECTIONS | This collection supplements the Brian Boyd accession 91/99 |
| NOTE ON LISTING | This is a draft list based on lists supplied by the depositor |
| LISTED BY | Brian Boyd; Sarah Brown |
| DATE | May 2001; March 2005 |

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| | 1 | Research files, publications, correspondence | 1957-2001 |
| | | <i>Series note</i> Contains disparate items received with the list below; they have not been rearranged | |
| 1 | 1/1 | BLF Custodian Reports (32, 39, 40, 43, 50) | 1995-2001 |
| 1 | 1/2 | BLF false Melbourne Sun banner: "BWIU/FEDFA Leadership sell out Building Workers' 9 day fortnight" [A3 sheet] | 1987 |
| 1 | 1/3 | Reflections – Australian poems by Clive Rogers (BLF WA sponsored) | 1987 |
| 1 | 1/4 | Assorted BLF photographs, leaflets, newspaper articles, files [all individually dated. Photographs in this file have been removed to photographic storage system] | |
| 1 | 1/5 | 1998 Tasmanian State Election (BLF link) | 1998 |
| 1 | 1/6 | Hobart Trades Hall Council – Rules [original and copy] | 1957 |
| 1 | 1/7 | BLF Superannuation – internal officers - scheme | 1981 |
| 1 | 1/8 | BLF correspondence between VTHC, Government, ACTU [includes VTHC file material] | 1985-1989 |
| | 2 | Audiocassettes | 1978-1992 |
| | | <i>Series note</i> There are copyright restrictions for audiocassettes taped off air | |
| 2 | 2/1 | Right Wing in Australia – Four Corners, ABC TV | 1 Nov 1978 |
| 2 | 2/2 | ABC Radio Melbourne on BLF, Michael Schilberger | 27 Aug 1984 |
| 2 | 2/3 | Broad Left Conference, 3CR tape | 1986 |
| 2 | 2/4 | Interviews re: police raid on Victorian BLF offices 13 Oct 1987, including Norm Gallagher, Rogers, Dot Lewis, Norman Wallace, Mick Lewis | 27 Nov 1987 |
| 2 | 2/5 | Norm Gallagher's daughter, Sharon Klimowich, on police raid on BLF offices, 13 Oct 1987 | Nov 1987 |
| 2 | 2/6 | Interview with Brian Boyd on Government code against BLF | 25 Nov 1987 |
| 2 | 2/7 | "The Concrete Gang", 3CR BLF radio show | 10 Jul 1988 |
| 2 | 2/8 | The future of the BLF | 15 Jul 1990 |
| 2 | 2/9 | Sigrid Balk, Social Welfare Union Trades Hall Council delegate, on the book <i>Inside the BLF</i> , "On the Picket Line", 3CR radio show | 12 Jan 1992 |
| | 3 | Photographs and related papers arranged by Brian Boyd | c.1951-2002 |

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| | 3/1 | Photographs | |
| 2 | | Victorian Builders Labourers meeting with a young Norm Gallagher second from right, second row from front (photo courtesy Malcolm McDonald former Secretary Victorian FEDFA) - one black and white photo | c.1951 |
| 2 | | Victorian Building Unions Workers' Compensation march and rally to Parliament House Spring Street (17 black and white photos) | 26 Jun 1979 |
| 2 | | ACT – building Workers (BLF) – Workers' Compensation Protest. Insurance Office in Canberra occupation (6 black and white photos) | 11 Nov 1979 |
| 2 | | Victorian Building Workers picnic – Dandenong Show Grounds – one photo BLF tug-of-war team. | 1 Dec 1980 |
| 2 | | BLF ban on the removal of the 'yellow peril'/vault sculpture from Melbourne City Square broken by non-union contractor – 13 colour photos. | 12 Jul 1981 |
| 2 | | The BLF – FIA demarcation dispute re construction of power lines between Loy Yang and Portland Smelter – 2 colour photos of BLF picket line at Ascom YARD, Clayton Victoria. | Aug-1981 |
| 2 | | In September 1982 a contingent of Victorian BLF officials went to Sydney to assist the NSW BLF branch in its elections. ON 5th September Steve Black BLF NSW Secretary gave his Victorian 'guests' a tour of Sydney Harbour. 3 colour photos: (A) Norm Gallagher and 2 others at boat ramp car park; (B) Steve Black (Left) in boat as it passes the opera house (C) Brian Boyd, Victorian BLF official on bow of boat | 5 Sep 1982 |
| 2 | | BLF Picket – 3 photos | 17 Dec 1982 |
| 2 | | BLF Picket – 2 photos | 21 Dec 1982 |
| 2 | | Melbourne May Day – 2 colour photos: (A) Norm Gallagher inspects BLF Float preparations; (B) BLF float in march. May Day March (B24?) | 1 May 1983 |
| 2 | | Victorian BLF branch send a contingent to support squatters being evicted by Victoria and Commonwealth Police from the "Bona Vista" mansion, Hawthorn after Telecom sold it into private hands; 15 colour photos. | 7 Oct 1983 |
| 2 | | First full-time Asbestos Safety Officer for union movement. Photo of Brian Boyd when appointed BLF's National Asbestos Safety Officer. | 14 Jun 1984 |
| 2 | | BLF donates \$10,000 to the British Miners Strike in Thatchers Britain. 3 colour photos: (a) BLF official Brian Boyd on behalf of Norm Gallagher hands over cheque to British Coal Miners Union representative with BWIU Assistant Secretary Ray Collins looking on, upstairs John Curtin Hotel Lygon Street Carlton, | 13 Jul 1984 |

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| | | opposite Trades Hall. (B) and (C) further photos | |
| 2 | | Victorian BLF officers, 11 Lygon Street Carlton - one colour photo. | 10 Jan 1985 |
| 2 | | 1 x photo of anti-Gallagher graffiti | 14 Mar 1985 |
| 2 | | 3 x photos of pro-Gallagher graffiti. | 16 Mar 1985 |
| 2 | | Melbourne May Day – 3 colour photos: (A) BLF float being prepared outside BLF's Headquarters Danaher House, 8 Orr Street Carlton; (B) Norm Gallagher (red jumper) marching with BLF contingent (C) Victorian Confectioners Union marching with BLF | 3 May 1987 |
| 2 | | Post-deregistration BLF picket for "right of entry" of BLF officials Construction Engineering project Northland Shopping Centre Melbourne. 2 colour photos (A) Mick Lewis, BLF organiser on picket line outside site gate. (B) L to R: Martin Greany, Norm Rust, Don Rust, Mick Young and 2 unidentified BLF people on the picket line. | 5 May 1987 |
| 2 | | Victorian Building Workers in Victoria Street Carlton outside PGEU offices - new wages/hours campaign post BLF deregistration. | 27 Oct 1987 |
| 2 | | A photo of Nubrik House, 271 William Street Melbourne. The 5th floor housed the special Victoria Police BLF taskforce 1979-86, for Winneke Royal Commission into BLF and deregistration proceedings. | 3 Dec 1987 |
| 2 | | Victorian Building Workers Picnic - Moonee Valley Racecourse. One Photo - BLF contingent post deregistration flying the flag - selling T-shirts etc. | 7 Dec 1987 |
| 2 | | Victorian BLF moves out office printing press to a safe location, fearing further police raids post 13 October 1987 raid two months earlier. Gallagher viewed the ability to print propaganda a top priority. 2 colour photos: (A) Hire trucks in rear laneway behind 11 Lygon Street Victorian BLF offices: (B) Printing Press being loaded, BLF officials John Cummins (top), Martin Creany (below) depicted. | 16 Dec 1987 |
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| | 3/2 | Related papers | |
| 2 | | High Court of Australia decision re BLF Assets. | 2 Sep 1998 |
| 2 | | High Court upholds Victoria's Appeal in BLF Case - a Department of State and Regional Development 3 page report. | 9 Sep 1998 |
| 2 | | Dead former BLF Leader Norm Gallagher haunts Liberal Party Leader Ron Walker from the grave. SMH.com.au report. | 2 Jun 2000 |
| 2 | | Report on BLF Assets Court Battle - theage.com.au | 13 Aug 2000 |

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| 2 | | Government Media Release regarding BLF Custodian and BLF assets. | 8 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Report on BLF assets issue - The Age. | 9 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Report on BLF assets issue Herald-Sun p 25. | 10 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Report on battle over Norm Gallagher's estate. Herald-Sun p17. | 11 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Report on then upcoming Cole Royal Commission and how ex-BLF links may be involved - article by Gerard McManus | 12 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Report on ex- BLF WA CFMEU union official Kevin Reynolds and battle with CFMEU national secretary John Sutton - Sunday Times (Perth) p2. | 19 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | BLF Custodian Report No 52. | 31 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Age article re ex - BLF official Jim Bacon now Premier of Tasmania. | 31 Aug 2001 |
| 2 | | Workplace Express newsletter report on CFMEU peace deal and ex BLF officials new role. | 24 Jun 2002 |
| | 4 | Photographs | |
| BWP 23,670 | | Federal Council 1978. Kevin Reynolds, BLF West Australian Secretary | 1978 |
| BWP 23,671 | | Federal Council 1978. Norm Wallace, BLF Victorian Branch, Assistant Secretary. | 1978 |
| BWP 23,672 | | Federal Council 1978. Steve Black, BLF New South Wales Secretary. | 1978 |
| BWP 23,673 | | Stop Work meeting. May 1979. Norm Gallagher speaking. | 1979 |
| BWP 23,674 | | George Crawford, Secretary Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union. Mid 1980s. | c.1980s |
| BWP 23,675 | | Protest rally at Parliament House. | 1984 |
| BWP 23,676 | | Protest rally at Parliament House. Men running up stairs. | 1984 |
| BWP 23,677 | | Protest rally at Parliament House. Men running up stairs. | 1984 |
| BWP 23,678 | | Protest rally at Parliament House. | 1984 |
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| BWP 23,681 | | Injured policeman receiving aid. | 1984 |
| BWP 23,682 | | Protest rally at Parliament House. Three police holding man on the ground. | 1984 |
| BWP 23,683 | | Injured policeman receiving aid. | 1984 |
| BWP | | Protest rally at Parliament House. | 1984 |

