

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES	
NAME OF COLLECTION:	Melbourne Beefsteak Club
ACCESSION NO:	67/11, 67/15, 71/10, 77/38, 77/110, 81/123, 81/125, 84/73, 87/87
CATEGORY:	Other, organisations
ACTIVITY/IES:	Social club
DATE RANGE:	1886 – 1984
SIZE OF COLLECTION:	120 cms
DATE OF TRANSFER:	1967-1987
ACCESS CONDITIONS:	Open
HISTORICAL NOTE:	<p>Established in 1886, the Club is Australia's oldest dining club, stemming from London's Beefsteak Club of Regency fame. The Melbourne club meets monthly for dinner and an address by one of its members or a guest speaker. Its membership once exclusively male, is drawn from academic, professional and business circles.</p> <p>Monthly meetings consist of a meal of which beef (usually steak) is an indispensable feature, the reciting of the Club "ritual" by the member elected as "Master" for the evening, and the Master's address on a light or serious topic on which members are expected to comment. Notes of the proceedings are taken by the "Recorder" and accounts are kept by the "Moneyer". During the greater part of the Club's history one guest only, the Master's, was admitted to each Dinner, but in later years three were acceptable.</p> <p>The method of electing new members after nominations have been received is described in the records of the 706th Dinner, 29th May 1959: "...the approved nominations be then submitted to the Club at the following dinner, for ballot. No guests to be present at this dinner. The qualifications of each nominee to be briefly outlined by the nominator concerned. Members of the Club to indicate their preferences – 1, 2, 3, etc. – for those nominees whose membership they approve. In the event of a member disapproving of a nominee, he will be requested to draw a line through the name of that particular nominee. Two or more disapprovals indicated in this fashion to disqualify any nominee for election..."</p> <p>Many distinguished men have been among the members and guests of the Club. The records preserve their comments on a variety of subjects. A list of members appears with this listing. (Cecily Close)</p>

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DESCRIPTION:	Dinner record books, menus, addresses, verse, financial statements and correspondence of Moneyer (Hugh G. Brain)	
FORM:	10 inch gramophone record, 33.3 rpm	
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS:	Gaps 1886 – 1889, parts of 1892, 1927 and 1932 – 45	
NOTE ON LISTINGS:		
RELATED COLLECTIONS:	94/29 (Davies, Seymour G. Pilkington)	
LISTED BY:	Cecily Close	Rose O'Shea
DATE:	1969 and 1971	11 Jul 2002

Members of the Beefsteak Club 1886-1960

Avery, Eric Nugent
Bailey, Kenneth H.
Barnes, John
Barrett, James W.
Bednall
Brain, Hugh G.
Brennan, Thomas C.
Browne, George S.
Bryant, H.W.
Burstall, Aubrey F.
Cole, Adrian T.
Collins, Joseph T.
Cowen, H. Osburn
Cowan, Ralph W.T.
Cunningham, Edward S.
Cunningham, Kenneth S.
Davies, Seymour G. Pilkington
Deegan, J.F.
Derham, David Plumley
Dickson, R.
Ellis, Alexander
Ewing, M.
Finn, Edmund
Fitts, Clive H.
Fletcher, Matthew
Floyd, Alfred E.
Gale, Walter A.
Gardner, Mark Clayson
Goldstein, Jacob R.Y.
Gunn, John Alexander
Hamer, A. W.
Hansen, N.P.
Hartnett, Laurence J.
Heinze, Bernard Thomas
Herring, Edmund F.
Hethering, J.B.

Hope
Hughes, Wilfred Selwyn Kent
Ievers, William
Law, P.C.
Lemon, Robert
Leon, Samuel
Lewers, Alexander
Lewers, W.
Lindell
McDonald, Hector
McInerney, Thomas Patrick
Meyer, Felix
Moloney, James
Monash, John
Moran, Frederick H.
Morrison, Crosbie
Myer, Kenneth
Neville,
Norris, Frank Kingsley
O'Sullivan, Michael U.
Potter, William Ian
Potts, Charles J.
Ray, Henry
Rogers, James S.
Russell, Hamilton
Ryan, Charles Snodgrass
Salway, William
Sewell, Sidney Valentine
Sholl, Reginald R.
Skeats, Ernest Wellington
Smith, J. Frank
Smith, James Taylor Vinton
Smythe, Carlyle
Solway, William
Southey, R.J.
Spencer, W. Baldwin
Stanley, Sir Arthur

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Stevens, Edward	
Stewart, J. McKellar	Tate, Frank
Strutt, C.W.	Tucker, T.G.
Stuart, Frank	Turner, Henry Gyles
Stuart, R. Leslie	Tweddle, Joseph T.
Sugden, Edward H.	
Sutcliffe, J.R.	Wadham, Samuel
Syme, George A.	

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Box Number	Series Number	Description
	1	Monthly Dinner Proceedings and Addresses 1889 - 1984
1	1/1	Dinners 33 – 63, May 1889 - April 1892, handwritten version
1	1/2	Dinners 33 – 63, May 1889 – April 1892, typewritten version
1	1/3	Dinners 71 – 75, 3 rd Dec 1892 – 6 th May 1893
1	1/4	Dinners 76 – 89, 5 th Jun 1893 – 7 th Jul 1894
1	1/5	89 th dinner minutes and addresses - 4 th Aug 1894, in loose leaf form, slipped into rear cover of book for Dinners 76 – 88
1	1/6	Retrospect for the Year 1893 – 1894, in loose leaf form, slipped into rear cover of book for Dinners 76 - 88
1	1/7	Dinners 90 – 97, 6 th Sep 1894 – 3 rd Aug 1895
1	1/8	Dinners 98 – 106, 7 th Sep 1895 – 4 th Apr 1896, includes Retrospect for the Year 1895 – 1896 and two loose leaf items, possibly a meeting address
1	1/9	Dinner 106 in loose leaf form, slipped into rear cover of book for Dinners 98 - 106
1	1/10	Dinners 107 – 114, 1 st Aug 1896 – 3 rd Apr 1897
1	1/11	Dinners 115 – 125, 29 th Apr 1897 – 16 th Apr 1898, includes Retrospect for the Year 1897 – 1898
1	1/12	Loose leaf paper, 1-10 pp. possibly address or minutes, slipped into rear cover of book for Dinners 115 - 125
1	1/13	Dinners 126 – 135, 14 th May 1898 – 15 th Apr 1899
1	1/14	Dinners 136 – 146, 13 th May 1899 – 21 st Apr 1900, book commences with Retrospect for the Year 1898 - 1899
1	1/15	Dinners 147 – 154, 12 th May 1900 – 8 th Dec 1900, book commences with Retrospect for the Year 1899 – 1900
2	1/16	Dinners 155 – 166, 9 th Feb 1901 – 10 th May 1902
2	1/17	Dinners 167 – 172, 4 th Jun 1902 – 13 th Dec 1902
2	1/18	Dinners 173 – 185, 14 th Feb 1903 – 12 th Apr 1904
2	1/19	Retrospect for the Year 1903 – 1904
2	1/20	Dinners 186 – 204, 14 th May 1904 – 10 th Mar 1906
2	1/21	Dinners 205 – 224, 14 th Apr 1906 – 18 th Jul 1908
2	1/22	Dinners 225 – 232, 8 th Aug 1908 – 12 th Jun 1909
2	1/23	Dinners 233 – 245, 10 th Jul 1909 – 8 th Oct 1910
2	1/24	Dinners 247 – 254, 10 th Dec 1910 – 14 th Oct 1911
2	1/25	Dinners 255 – 266, commences with continuation of minutes for Dinner 254, Dinner 255, 11 th Nov 1911 – 14 th Dec 1912, includes Brother Turner's address "Beefsteak Clubs Ancient and Modern".
2	1/26	Dinners 267 – 274, 15 th Mar 1913 – 8 th Nov 1913
2	1/27	Dinners 275 – 288, 13 th Dec 1913 – 12 th Jun 1915
2	1/28	Buckram bound booklets (x 2) with cover title "Melbourne Beefsteak Club", title page "Records of the 300 th Dinner of the Melbourne Beefsteak Club", held at Scott's Hotel, Saturday October 14 th 1916, by the Recorder, William Lewers.

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3	1/30	Dinners 289 – 304, 10 th Jul 1915 – 17 th March 1917
3	1/31	Dinners 305 – 317, 11 th May 1917 – 10 th Aug 1918
3	1/32	Dinners 318 – 331, 14 th Sep 1918 – 12 th Jun 1920
3	1/33	Dinners 332 – 342, 17 th Jul 1920 – 13 th Aug 1921, includes Retrospect for the Year, 1920 - 1921
3	1/34	Dinners 343 – 354, 10 th Sep 1921 – 9 th Dec 1922
3	1/35	Dinners 355 – 369 (part D370), 14 th Apr 1923 – 15 th Nov 1924
3	1/36	Dinners 370 – 385, 13 th Dec 1924 – 11 th Dec 1926
		Gap in numbering sequence
3	1/37	Dinner 395, 10 th Mar 1928, loose leaf form, typed
3	1/38	Dinners 402 – 417, 13 th Oct 1928 – 9 th Aug 1930
		Gap in numbering sequence
4	1/39	Dinners 422 – 430, 14 th Mar 1931 – 11 th Dec 1931, loose leaf, typed
4	1/40	Gleanings from Records of Melbourne Beefsteak Club 1886 – 1939
		Gap in numbering sequence
4	1/41	Dinners 576 – 600, 29 th Mar 1946 – 27 th Aug 1948
4	1/42	Dinners 601 – 624, 24 th Sep 1948 – 31 st Mar 1951
4	1/43	Dinners 625 – 672, 27 th Apr 1951 – 25 Nov 1955
4	1/44	Dinners 674 – 723, 23 rd Mar 1956 – 9 th Dec 1960
O/S	1/45	Dinner 727, Gramophone recording of the 727 th Dinner, University House, 30 th Jun 1961
O/S	1/46	Dinners 724 – 768, Mar 1961 – 30 th Jul 1965 (volume)
5		Gap in numbering sequence
5	1/47	Dinners 779 – 839, 27 th Aug 1965 – 27 th Aug 1971
5	1/48	Dinners 840 – 887, 24 th Sep 1971 – 25 th Jun 1976
O/S	1/49	Dinners 888 – 935, 30 th Jul 1976 - 29 th May 1981, includes Speech Notes by Brother Leslie, Dinner 934 24 Apr 1981 at rear of volume
5	1/50	Dinners 936 – 965, 26 th Jun 1981 – 25 th May 1984. Dinner 962 inaugurates policy of allowing women to attend as guests.
5	1/51	Dinner 727, Audio cassette recording from gramophone recording
6	1/52	Published book of club Rules, form for installation of the Master, an account of the Origin and Foundation of the Club, Monthly Dinner Proceedings (Dinners 3-32) April 1886 – April 1889 and Annual Retrospect 1889, 3 rd Anniversary Dinner 4 th May 1889 (spine title reads "Melbourne Beefsteak Club" red buckram spine, russet cardboard covers). (Accession No. 81/125)
6	1/53	Published book of club Rules, form for installation of the Master, an account of the Origin and Foundation of the Club, monthly dinner proceedings (Dinners 3-32) April 1886 – April 1889 and Annual Retrospect 1889, 3 rd Anniversary Dinner 4 th May 1889 (spine title reads "Chronicles of the Beefsteak Club 1886-1889", tan leather, gold

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		embossed title and horizontal bands on spine, tan buckram covered cardboard covers, detailed book plate "V.S. Hewett" title page indicates book printed by Alex. McKinley & Co, Melbourne 1890).
6	1/54	Commemorative Dinner Menus 200 th – 800 th , 16 th Sep 1905 – 29 th Sep 1967 (15 copies). (Accession No. 67/11) Blank invitation card 1890s (1 item). (Accession No. 67/15) Monthly Dinner Notice 2 nd Dec 1932 (1 item).
	2	Monthly Dinner Proceedings Agendum
6	2/1	Agendum of monthly dinner proceedings, D833, 5 th Mar 1971 – D890, 29 th Oct 1976, listing attendance and apologies, business of the meeting, appointment of Master and Writer for following monthly meeting.
	3	Conduct of Dinner Proceedings & Members Elections
6	3/1	Listing of members, dinner attendances, fees, nominations and election procedure
6	3/2	Beefsteak Rituals – Installation of the "Master", the "New Boots". Schedule for conduct of the dinner, including rules for numbers of guests
	4	Addresses, Prose and Verse
6	4/1	Examples of verse addressed to assembled members of the herd at monthly dinners. These are loose copies of material already present in the books and volumes recording monthly dinner proceedings and addresses.
6	4/2	Addresses given to Meetings:- a) Notes on London clubs, derived from "London Clubs" by Ralph Nevill, Chatto & Windus, 1911. b) "Beefs Ancient and Modern" an address to the Club at its 961 st Meeting. (2 copies) c) Addresses given to 1986 meetings (Accession No. 87/87) Harvey Barnett on bird watching, 2 May Beresford King on animal liberation, 30 May John Lewis on John Manifold, 29 Aug Ray Marginson on community action, 26 Sep John Bayly on immigration and multiculturalism, 31 Oct Sir Ninian Stephen on the history of Beefsteak Clubs, 28 Nov (Melbourne Club's 100 th Anniversary)
6	4/3	"A Short History of the Melbourne Beefsteak Club" compiled by Robert S. Lawson. Possibly intended for publication.
	5	Financial Records
6	5/1	Statements of receipt and expenditure 1928 – 1976, financial statements, occasional examples of the Moneyer's report in verse
6	5/2	Moneyer's correspondence relating to members' subscriptions, dinner

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		costs, disbursements, 1936 – 1969. While the correspondence is in general about the financial aspects of the Club, the tone is often humorous and every so often remarks about matters beyond the Club occur. The position of Moneyer was held by Sir Hugh G. Brain for some twenty-five years, commencing in the late 1940s.
6	5/3	Moneyer's correspondence relating to member's subscriptions, dinner costs, disbursements, 1970 - 1976 While the correspondence is in general about the financial aspects of the Club, the tone is often humorous and every so often remarks about matters beyond the Club occur.