



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	CASTLEMAINE TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL
ACCESSION NO	A.1978.0063
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade union peak bodies
DATE RANGE	1911-1978
SIZE OF COLLECTION	(5 archives boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	While there is some evidence of earlier attempts to organise a council of unions in the Castlemaine district, been established shortly before the First World War, and was sustained for many years by a flourishing local labour movement despite Castlemaine's failure to develop as a major provincial industrial centre. In common with some other provincial Trades and Labour Council's - Wonthaggi, Wangaratta, Maryborough - Castlemaine entered a steep decline during the late 1950s, and in 1978 was intergrated with the Bendigo Trades and Labour Council.
DATE OF TRANSFER	14 April 1978
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Minutes 1918-1963 (incomplete); correspondence - inwards 1947- 1967; correspondence outwards 1954-1968; financial records e.g. affiliation dues, receipts, ledgers 1911-1968; Castlemaine Trades Hall circulars; Geelong Trades Hall Council circulars; Provincial Trades Hall Council's Association circulars; Melbourne Trades Hall Council circulars; ACTU circulars; miscellaneous circulars; newspapers and periodicals.
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NAME: CASTLEMAINE TRADES & LABOUR COUNCIL

ADDRESS: Trades Hall, Castlemaine

MAIN ACTIVITY:

TRANSFEROR: D.A. Birnie, Secretary

DATE OF TRANSFER: 14 April 1978

GENERAL NOTE: While there is some evidence of earlier attempts to organize a council of unions in the Castlemaine district, the Castlemaine Trades & Labour Council appears to have been established shortly before the First World War, and was sustained for many years by a flourishing local labour movement (see Sheehan Collection; Castlemaine A.L.P. Collection) despite Castlemaine's failure to develop as a major provincial industrial centre.

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Box GROUP 1. MINUTES

(Roll calls are to be found in the ledger in Group 4/5)

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| 1 | 1/1 | 10 February 1918 - 7 March 1920
10 July 1921 - 7 November 1921
There are no records for the period between April 1920 and July 1921
Minutes for 26 June 1921 and 7 November 1921 are found at the front of the book |
| | 1/2 | 13 April 1938 - 10 November 1943
Records from November 1921 to April 1938 are missing
Special meetings and Committee meetings 11 May 1938(?) to 5 December 1939 start at the back of the book |
| | 1/3 | 24 November 1943 - 20 March 1952 |
| | 1/4 | 17 April 1952 - 28 July 1963 |

Box GROUP 2. CORRESPONDENCE (INWARDS)

(There are some letters still attached to circulars - see circulars section)

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| 3 | 2/1 | 1947-1948
Subjects include:
- opposition to 1948 Railways Act
- reported lack of cooperation with Union organizers
- A.C.T.U. demand for basic wage increase
- opposition to Essential Services Act |
| | 2/2 | 1949 this sequence of dates includes:
- attempt to persuade Chifley to Labor Day Celebrations 19 January 1949 et seq
- pre election comments 6 February 1949
- arrangements for Harold Blair to sing at Labor Day Celebrations 23 January 1949 et seq
- report that Doug Nicholls and Bill Onus "have a very high opinion of what has been done for the working class movement in Castlemaine" 4 April 1949 |
| | 2/3 | 1951 - 1952
Includes:
- appointment of a Justice of the Peace (V.G. Delmenico, Secretary C.T.L.C.) (all 1951)
- list of artists for 1952 Labor Day Celebrations 12 March 1952
14 April 1952 |
| | 2/4 | 1954
- various artists for May Day Celebrations |
| | 2/5 | 1955-63
Includes:
- enquiries concerning dismissal of Hospital Employees' Federation member 8 May 1957 |

Box GROUP 2. CORRESPONDENCE (INWARDS) cont.

- 3 2/6 1966-67
Includes:
- procedures of delegate to Geelong T.H.C. Geelong Cultural Committee and Geelong Dramatic Society 19 May 1966
 - improving industrial position of Castlemaine n.d.
 - proposed statewide petition on price control 7 June 1966
 - public facilities etc around City of Castlemaine 16 August 1966 9 May 1967
 - Trade Union Clinic & Research Centre Fund raising 17 August 1966
 - Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study 23 May 1967 Conference re "Human Problems of Industrial Development"

Box GROUP 3. CORRESPONDENCE (OUTWARDS)

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- 3/1 Letterbooks
9 November 1954 - 27 August 1963
- 3/2 19 March 1956 - 12 March 1962
- 3/3 15 November 1960 - 28 February 1966
- 3/4 4 March 1966 - 28 September 1966
- 3/5 28 September 1966 - 10 July 1967
- 3/6 20 July 1967 - 18 July 1968

Box GROUP 4. FINANCE ETC

- 2
- 4/1 Affiliation dues. (mainly 1966 and 1968)
- 4/2 Receipts (1954-1964)
- 4/3 Receipt books (mainly for affiliation dues) (5)
- 4/4 Unused receipt books (2)
Cheque book (1957-1960)
Bank Book (1963-1965)
- 4/5 Ledger
Contains:
contributions March 1911 - June 1920
roll calls 1942-1964
- 4/6 Ledger
Income & Expenditure September 1935 - October 1948

BOX	GROUP 5.	CIRCULARS
4	5/1	<u>Castlemaine Trades Hall Council</u>
	5/1/1	Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary (no date)
	5/1/2	Organization of 1947 Labour Celebrations (15 February 1947)
	5/1/3	Notice and agenda of meeting 7 May 1948 (3 May 1948) (3 copies) Matters include general apathy of local unionists and press representatives at Council meetings
	5/1/4	"A Monkey's Viewpoint" (poem) (n.d.) (2 copies)
	5/1/5	Balance sheet for 1948 Labour Day Celebrations (n.d.)
	5/1/6	Re poor efforts of fund raising (1948)
	5/1/7	Notice accompanying raffle tickets for 1949 Labour Day Celebrations fund raising (n.d.)
	5/1/8	Notice similar to above
	5/1/9	Re 1951 8 Hours Day Celebrations (n.d.) (multiple copies)
	5/1/10	Re 1952 Labour Celebrations (n.d.)
	5/1/11	Re 1954 8 Hours Day Celebrations (n.d.) (multiple copies)
	5/1/12	Copy of Resolution to Melbourne T.H.C. condemning the suspension of four Metal Trade Federation Unions from Melbourne T.H.C. (1967)
	5/2	<u>Geelong T.H.C. (and Bendigo T.H.C.)</u>
	5/2/1	(Bendigo) Resolution urging Government to restrict imports of low quality comic strips, books, magazines and novelettes. Other related information (27 October 1948)
	5/2/2	(Geelong) Report of Executive meeting of G.T.H.C., 28 March 1966
	5/2/3	" 12 April 1966 (handwritten)
	5/2/4	" 26 April 1966 (handwritten)
	5/2/5	" 9 May 1966
	5/2/6	" 23 May 1966
	5/2/7	" 6 June 1966
	5/2/8	" 19 June 1967
	5/2/9	Accompanying report of 19 June meeting written by Castlemaine delegate 22 June 1967
	5/2/10	Report of Executive meeting G.T.H.C. 3 July 1967 Accompanying report of 3 July meeting written by Castlemaine delegate 11 July 1967
	5/3	<u>Provincial Trades Hall Council's Association</u>
	5/3/1	Preparations for P.T.H.C.A. conference 16 December 1948
	5/3/2	Re Essential Services Act 3 December 1948
	5/3/3	Re Meeting 23 July 1966 1 July 1966
	5/3/4	Constitution of P.T.H.C.A. sent with 5/3/3 (2 copies)
	5/3/5	Minutes of Executive Meeting 23 July 1966
	5/3/6	Minutes of Executive Meeting 26 August 1966
	5/3/7	Agenda of Annual Conference 22-23 October 1966
	5/3/8	Minutes of Annual Conference 22-23 October 1966
	5/3/9	Letter from Secretary accompanying minutes 30 November 1966
	5/3/10	Rights of provincial councils viz M.T.H.C. 27 December 1966 plus letter Central Gippsland T.L.C. to M.T.H.C.
	5/3/11	ditto plus striking aboriginal workers at Wave Hill 30 December 1966
	5/3/12	ditto M.T.H.C. reply 19 January 1967 (2 copies)
	5/3/13	ditto accompanying letter from Secretary 11 February 1967
	5/3/14	ditto plus notice of meeting 3 April 1967
	5/3/15	Notice of meeting (13 May 1967) 10 May 1967
	5/3/16	Minutes of meeting 13 May 1967

Box	GROUP 5.	CIRCULARS	cont.
4	5/3	<u>Provincial Trades Hall Council's Association</u>	cont.
	5/3/17	Resolution carried at 13 May meeting re M.T.H.C. authority over provincial councils 13 May 1967 (multiple copies)	
	5/3/18	Re 13 May resolution, letter from V.P.T.H.C. Secretary to M.T.H.C. Secretary 27 May 1967	
	5/3/19	Copy of reply from M.T.H.C. to V.P.T.H.C. 14 June 1967	
	5/4	<u>Melbourne Trades Hall Council</u>	
	5/4/1	Business Sheet, meeting 19 May 1966 (letter attached 20 May 1966)	
	5/4/2	Negotiations with State Government re annual leave 20 May 1966	
	5/4/3	Business Sheet, meeting 26 May 1966 plus report from C.T.H.C. delegate covering M.T.H.C. meetings 26 May 1966 - 23 June 1966	
	5/4/4	Report re S.E.C. log of claims negotiations 30 May 1966	
	5/4/5	Business Sheet, meeting 2 June 1966 (see A.C.T.U. circular 5/5/1)	
	5/4/6	Business Sheet, meeting 9 June 1966	
	5/4/7	Business Sheet, meeting 16 June 1966 (see A.C.T.U. circular 5/5/1) plus results of June half-yearly elections	
	5/4/8	Summary of Events in Workers Compensation Field by M.T.H.C. Research & Information Bureau 16 June 1966	
	5/4/9	Business Sheet, meeting 23 June 1966	
	5/4/10	Negotiations with State Government re annual leave 30 June 1966	
	5/4/11	Business Sheet, meeting 30 June 1966 plus report from C.T.H.C. delegate concerning M.T.H.C. meeting 30 June 1966 - 28 July 1966	
	5/4/12	Business Sheet, meeting 7 July 1966	
	5/4/13	Decision of Workers Compensation Board in Lucas v. Ogden Industries 12 July 1966	
	5/4/14	Business Sheet, meeting 14 July 1966 plus Report of Trade Union Clinic and Research Centre Ltd. to Unions	
	5/4/15	Resolution re basic wage decision at Arbitration Commission 18 July 1966	
	5/4/16	Business sheet, meeting 21 July 1966	
	5/4/17	Business Sheet, meeting 28 July 1966	
	5/4/18	Re Workers Compensation 4 August 1966	
	5/4/19	Negotiations with State Government re annual leave 8 August 1966 (two copies)	
	5/4/20	Notice of meeting between Provincial T.H.C.'s and M.T.H.C. Executive 15 August 1966	
	5/4/21	Re Price Control and Tasmanian Royal Commission on Prices and Restrictive Trade Practices 23 August 1966	
	5/4/22	Re amendments to Industrial Disputes rule 25 November 1966	
	5/4/23	Business Sheet, meeting 30 March 1967 plus report of C.T.H.C. covering meetings 30 March 1967 - 20 April 1967	
	5/4/24	Business Sheet, meeting 6 April 1967	
	5/4/25	Business Sheet, meeting 13 April 1967 plus notice of motion by Electrical T.U. re Information on M.T.H.C. finances	
	5/4/26	Report on Workers' Compensation 13 April 1967	
	5/4/27	Re precarious financial position of M.T.H.C. 20 April 1967	
	5/4/28	Business Sheet, meeting 20 April 1967	
	5/4/29	Business Sheet, meeting 4 May 1967 plus report from C.T.H.C. delegate covering meetings 4 May 1967 - 25 May 1967 plus M.T.H.C. Statement of Accounts, year ended September 30, 1966	

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GROUP 5. CIRCULARS cont.

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- 5/4 Melbourne Trades Hall Council cont.
- 5/4/30 Business Sheet, meeting 18 May 1967
- 5/4/31 Business Sheet, meeting 25 May 1967
- 5/4/32 Business Sheet, meeting 8 June 1967 plus report covering
8 June 1967 - 22 June 1967
plus election material critical of management of M.T.H.C.
finances (3 items)
- 5/4/33 Business Sheet, meeting 15 June 1967
- 5/4/34 Business Sheet, meeting 22 June 1967 (see A.C.T.U. circ. 5/5/5)
- 5/4/35 Notice of meeting of Shop Stewards and Job Delegates re National
Wage Judgement of the Arbitration Commission 3 July 1967
- 5/4/36 Financial report, year 1966-67 (see A.C.T.U. circ. 5/5/6)
- 5/5 Australian Council of Trade Unions
- 5/5/1 Decision of A.C.T.U. Executive meeting 2-6 May 1966 Section 1
(re Trade Practices & Price Control) (see M.T.H.C. circ. 5/4/3
and 5/4/5)
- Decisions of A.C.T.U. Executive Section 2 (see M.T.H.C. circ.
5/4/3 & 5/4/7)
- 5/5/2 Trade Union Youth Week 12 August 1966
Details of activities and President's address
- 5/5/3 Decision of A.C.T.U. Executive meeting 21-25 November 1966 Section 1
(re Wages Claims)
- Decisions of A.C.T.U. Executive meeting 21-25 November 1966
Section 2
- 5/5/4 Decisions of A.C.T.U. Executive meeting 27 February - 3 March 1967
Section 1 (2 copies)
Section 2 (2 copies)
- 5/5/5 Decisions of A.C.T.U. Executive meeting 8-12 May 1967 Section 1
Section 2 (see M.T.H.C. circ. 5/4/34)
- 5/5/6 Resolution of A.C.T.U. Executive re National Wage Judgement
23 June 1967 (see M.T.H.C. circ. 5/4/35)
- 5/6 Miscellaneous
- 5/6/1 Australian Textile Workers' Union
Victorian Branch, re drive for 100% membership
- 5/6/2 Australian Textile Workers' Union
Provincial Division
Notice to Shop Stewards re wage rates and conditions of
Employment for females on shift work
- 5/6/3 A.T.W.U., Prov. Div., to Shop Stewards
Questions to Minister of Labour and his answers re Man
Power Regulations
- 5/6/4 Building Workers' Industrial Union of Australia, Vic. Branch
re Tax deductions for travelling and fares 21 June 1967
- 5/6/5 Federated Ironworkers Association of Australia Vic. Branch
16 July 1948
re "vicious campaign being waged against trade unionism by
A.L.P. Industrial Groups, Press, and other enemies of the
working class"
- letter from Sec.
 - pamphlet re basic wage
 - copy of resolution of State Management Committee
 - copy of press statement

<u>Box</u>	<u>GROUP 5.</u>	<u>CIRCULARS</u>	<u>cont.</u>
4	5/6	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	cont.
	5/6/6	Federated Moulders' (Metals) Union of Australia	8 May 1967
	5/6/7	Victorian Branch re position on T.H.C. New Building Fund Hiroshima Day Committee	25 July 1966
	5/6/8	Plans for Hiroshima Day project, plus leaflet Jewellers, watchmakers and Dental Workers Union of Australia Dental plan submitted to Federal minister of Health	11 January 1949
	5/6/9	Resolution - Outline - November 1948 edition of J.W.D.W.U.A. Journal United Nations Association of Australia	6 June 1966
		Re publications of the I.L.O.	

<u>Box</u>	<u>GROUP 6.</u>	<u>PAMPHLETS</u>
5	6/1	Special Edition, The Seamen's Journal May 1966
	6/2	"Seamen for Peace - The Boonaroo and Vietnam Pamphlet authorized by various unions supporting E.T.U. demand for democratic representation on the Melbourne T.H.C. (n.d. 1966?)
	6/3	Australian Seminar Services 31 May 1967
	6/4	Seminar in Fund Raising Techniques
	6/5	The Sebel Report (chair advertisement) The Duke of Edinburgh's Third Commonwealth Study Conference (The Human Problems of Industrial Development & Re-development in Commonwealth Countries) 1968 (two different pamphlets)
	6/6	"What Is To Be Done" by Race Mathews Re Crisis of A.L.P. (circa mid 1960s)
	6/7	Seminar on "Rising Prices and Control of Prices" Including "The Worker and Rising Prices" by W.P. Evans "The Economics of Control of Prices" by J. E. Isaac "The Politics of Control of Prices" by Frank Crean
	6/8	"The Need for Selective Price Control in Victoria" submitted to State Govt. 29 July 1966
	6/9	Flyer for Education Week Seminar, Castlemaine R.S.L. Hall, organized by A.L.P. (multiple copies)

<u>Box</u>	<u>GROUP 7.</u>	<u>NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS</u>
5	7/1	<u>The Age</u> 3 May 1954 beginning (and setting) of 1954 Federal Election campaign
	7/2	<u>Bendigo Advertiser</u> , 3 May 1954 (includes some 1954 election matters)
	7/3	<u>Castlemaine Mail</u> 10 March 1966 (includes report on Foundry Moulder's strike at Thompson's)
	7/4	<u>Comment</u> , August 1966 and November 1966 (re L.B.J. visit?)
	7/5	<u>Common Cause</u> 10 July 1965 18 June 1966 (unopened) 23 July 1966 30 July 1966 20 August 1966
	7/6	<u>The Courier</u> (Ballarat) 24 October 1966 (re L.B.J. visit)
	7/7	<u>Industrial and Political News</u> (Castlemaine T.H.C. and Local A.L.P. branch)
	7/8	<u>Information and Research Bulletin</u> (M.T.H.C.) 23 August 1968 Re Conciliation & Arbitration Act
	7/9	<u>International</u> (Australian section of Fourth International) April 1966, May-June 1966, July 1966 (mainly on Vietnam War)
	7/10	<u>Labor</u> (A.L.P. Vic Branch) March - April 1955 Report of the 1955 A.L.P. split (2 copies)
	7/11	<u>Reality</u> (1962?)
	7/12	<u>Trades Hall Council NEWS</u> (Geelong T.H.C.) March 1966
	7/13	<u>The Union Carter</u> (T.W.U, Melb.Sub Branch) November 1939
	7/14	Various newspaper cuttings

<u>Box</u>	<u>GROUP 8.</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
5	8/1	Unused forms, Castlemaine T.H.C. - Attendance of delegates (5 copies) - Fund raising (5 copies) - Notice of meeting (5 copies) - Affiliation fees due (5 copies) - Setting affiliation fees (5 copies)
	8/2	Other forms - Application for Postal Ballot-paper, Legislative Assembly (9) - Castlemaine Sewerage Authority, Application to Install Connections - Instructions for Renewal of Third Party Insurance Programmes
	8/3	- Labor Day Social 18 April 1953 (includes list of Labour Celebrations Committee) - Citizens' Appreciation Night to honour James Michael "Jim" Sheehan 15 April 1966 (includes resume of Sheehan's career) (7 copies) Plus minutes of meeting of Committee for the James Sheehan Appreciation Night, 31 May 1966 (2 copies) (includes plans for unveiling of Sun Dial and Bird Bath)
	8/4	Photograph Eight Hours Day Committee, Castlemaine, 30 March 1940

<u>Box</u>	<u>GROUP 8.</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	<u>cont.</u>
5	8/5	- draft of pledge of support for a Community Centre in Castlemaine - attendance of delegates, 30 June 1966, 30 March 1967, 29 June 1966 - partial list of dinner tickets sold	

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