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NAME OF COLLECTION	COMBINED COMMONWEALTH SHOP STEWARDS COMMITTEE, VICTORIA (Commonwealth Establishments Shop Stewards' Committee (Victoria))
ACCESSION NO	A.1979.0113
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1971
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 cm. (1 archives box)
HISTORICAL NOTE	Established around 1970, by unions representing Commonwealth employees in Victoria, this shop stewards' committee was particularly concerned with campaigns for production diversification and against retrenchments. Eric Persson was its convenor from 1972 to 1975. Perssons was also secretary of the C.U.S.C. Williamstown Naval Dockyard and member of the Ship Painters and Dockers. In 1979 he was an organiser for the Victorian Branch of the Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association.
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NAME: COMMONWEALTH ESTABLISHMENTS SHOP STEWARDS' COMMITTEE
(VICTORIA)

ADDRESS:

MAIN ACTIVITY:

TRANSFEROR: ERIC PERSSONS

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GENERAL NOTE: These papers were included among material donated by Eric Perssons, formerly secretary of the Williamstown Naval Dockyard Combined Unions Shop Committee, c.1971-75, and member of the Ship Painters and Dockers. He is now an organizer for the Victorian Branch of the Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemens' Association. Between 1972 and 1975 he was also convener of the Commonwealth Establishments Shop Stewards' Committee.

GROUP 1. MINUTES

1/1	<u>Commonwealth Establishments Shop Stewards' Committee - Delegate Meetings and Mass Meetings</u>
1/1/1	<u>1972</u>
1/1/1/1	3 February
/2	26 April
/3	9 August
/4	21 August
/5	10 October
/6	22 November
1/1/2	<u>1973</u>
1/1/2/1	17 May
/2	29 June
/3	27 August
/4	29 August (attached is report of C.E.S.S.C. delegation to Canberra, 30 August)
/5	3 September
/6	10 September
/7	24 September
/8	1 October
/9	Report back meetings, 1 October
/10	7 December
1/1/3	<u>1974</u>
1/1/3/1	19 February
/2	13 June
/3	18 June
/4	Report back meetings 25 June - 2 July
/5	13 August
/6	18 October
/7	31 October
/8	11 November
1/1/4	<u>1975</u>
1/1/4/1	30 January
/2	7 March
/3	15 August
/4	24 October
/5	27 October
/6	7 November
1/2	<u>Combined A.E.U., B.B.S. and Sheet Metal Delegates from Commonwealth Establishments</u>
1/2/1	1 November 1971
1/3	<u>Combined Commonwealth Instrumentalities Delegates Committee (N.S.W.)</u>
1/3/1	17 August 1972
1/3/2	10 May - (1972? 1973?)

GROUP 2. RESOLUTIONS CARRIED AT DELEGATE AND MASS MEETINGS

- 2/1 Re "flow on" of Metal Trades Interim Award
10 November 1971
- 2/2 Re "flow on" of Metal Trades Interim Award
3 November 1971
- 2/3 Re "flow on" of Metal Trades Interim Award
23 November 1971
- 2/4 Re "flow on" of parent awards to Commonwealth workers
17 February 1972
- 2/5 Endorsement of Commonwealth employees Log of Claims
18 July 1972
- 2/6 Re maintenance of government establishments and alternative
work
18 September 1973
- 2/7 Re alternative work, and the "right to work"
22 July 1974
- 2/8 Re Federal Government policy on alternative work
7 March 1975
- 2/9 Condemnation of the L.C.P. opposition in blocking supply
to the Federal Government
27 October 1975
- 2/10 Re moratorium upon debts and rates, incurred by the refusal
of supply by the L.C.P. opposition
7 November 1975

GROUP 3. RELATED CIRCULARS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATERIAL

- 3/1 List of Unions with members employed in the Commonwealth
Public Service Department and Instrumentalities n.d.
- 3/2 List of Commonwealth Shop Stewards
28 August 1974
- 3/3 Attendance list of shop stewards, n.d.
- 3/4 Combined Commonwealth Instrumentalities Delegates Committee
(N.S.W.)
- 3/4/1 Proposed Log of Claims 1972
- 3/4/2 Proposed Log of Claims 1973

GROUP 3. RELATED CIRCULARS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATERIAL cont.

- 3/5 A.C.T.U. circular (28/1972) relating to applications for "flow-on" of parent awards to Commonwealth employees, 1972
- 3/6 Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia, Victorian Division; circular and special bulletin supporting the 1974 campaign for increased workloads and alternative work
8 July 1974
- 3/8 Treasury Department documents, c. November 1975, relating to restrictions upon prepayment of salary
- 3/8 Amalgamated Engineering Union/Amalgamated Metal Workers Union; federal and state circulars, 1972; information bulletins, 1972; shop stewards rallies and claims, 1972; anti-Fraser pamphlets, 1975
- 3/9 Photograph of an unidentified meeting, n.d.

GROUP 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Only fragmentary, the correspondence generally relates to organizational details of, and support given, to the 1974 alternative work campaign.

GROUP 5. PAMPHLETS

- 5/1 Advertising Mass Meeting, 3 December 1971, re "flow on" of parent awards to Commonwealth employees
- 5/2 "Liberal government sacks workers"; call for mass action against retrenchments
n.d. (1972)
- 5/3 Advertising Mass Meeting, 18 September 1973 re alternative work
- 5/4 Advertising Mass Meeting, 22 July 1974, re "right to work"
- 5/5 Report of meeting of union officials and commonwealth establishment delegates, 7 November 1975, protesting at refusal of supply

- GROUP 6. INCREASED WORKLOADS AND ALTERNATIVE WORK CAMPAIGNS AND INQUIRIES 1974-74
- 6/1 Redundancy and Alternative Work: A.L.P. Federal Government Policy (c.1973)
- 6/2 Aeronautical Research Laboratories
- 6/2/1 Outline of the Work of the Aeronautical Research Laboratories n.d.
- 6/2/2 Actual and potential areas for application of A.R.L. skills and physical resources n.d.
- 6/3 Commonwealth Government Engine Works
- 6/3/1 Notes on advantages of maintaining A.G.E.W. 1974
- 6/3/2 Extract from A.G.E.W. Submission to I.A.C., May 1974
- 6/3/3 Extract from A.N.L. Submission to I.A.C., May 1974
- 6/3/4 Letter, A.G.E.W. Shop Committee to Frank Crean, M.H.R., 25 June 1974
- 6/3/5 Telegram A.G.E.W. Shop Committee to Bob Hawke, 28 June 1974
- 6/3/6 Telegram A.G.E.W. Shop Committee to Gough Whitlam, 6 June 1974
- 6/3/7 Typescript (for pamphlet), outlining capabilities of the A.G.E.W., n.d.
- 6/3/8 Department of Supply, Commonwealth Government Engine Works, n.d. (1973?)
- 6/4 Government Aircraft Factory
- 6/4/1 Report of Working Party of Committee of Enquiry into Workloads in Australian Defence Establishments regarding Government Aircraft Factories, November 1973
- 6/4/2 Comments by Eddie Scott, A.M.W.U., on the report of the working party, 27 November 1973
- 6/4/3 Submission from G.A.F. Combined Unions Shop Stewards' Committee on Industrial Democracy at the G.A.F., (n.d.)
- 6/5 Victorian Ordnance and Ammunition Factories
- 6/5/1 Letter, R.V. Garland, re retrenchments at Footscray Ammunition Factory, 16 June 1972
- 6/5/2 A.C.T.U. circular regarding retrenchments at Footscray Ammunition Factory 19 June 1972
- 6/5/3 Typescript, outlining commercial work potential of ammunition factories, n.d.
- 6/5/4 Typescript, outlining commercial work potential of Ordnance Factory, Maxilbyrnong, n.d.
- 6/5/5 Submission re Defence Funds Allocation and Bendigo Ordnance Factory presented to Lance Barnard, Min. for Defence 25 September 1973
- 6/5/6 Letter, Stewart Anderson, President, Bendigo A.M.W.U. Branch to Kep Enderby, Min. for Manuf. Industry, regarding commercial possibilities at Bendigo Ordnance Factory, 8 July 1974
- 6/5/7 Additional Work (Navy) possible for Bendigo Ordnance Factory, n.d.
- 6/5/8 Additional Work possible for Ammunition Factory, Footscray, n.d.
- 6/5/9 List of companies interested in supplying work to Ammunition Factory, Footscray, n.d.

GROUP 6.	<u>INCREASED WORKLOADS AND ALTERNATIVE WORK CAMPAIGNS AND INQUIRIES 1973-74</u> cont.
6/5/10	Letter from Ammunition Factory management, soliciting outside orders and providing details and specifications of work possible at the factory, n.d.
6/5/11	Table of gap hours at the Footscray Ammunition Factory, 1974-75
6/5/12	Tables of projected workforce and production at the Munitions Filling Factory, St. Marys, N.S.W., 1974
6/5/13	List of work done for private industry by the Lithgow Small Arms Factory, N.S.W. n.d.
6/5/14	<u>Committee of Inquiry into Workloads in Munitions Factories, 1974</u>
6/5/14/1	Purpose and Terms of Reference
6/5/14/2	List of Working Groups
6/5/14/3	Suggested Operating Procedure
6/5/14/4	Letter relating to inspection of various establishments
6/5/14/5	A.C.T.U. circular regarding the Inquiry and trade union representation, August 1974
6/5/14/6	Comments upon the enquiry by Brian Baxter, A.M.W.U. organizer, 6 September 1974
6/6	<u>Williamstown Naval Dockyard</u>
6/6/1	"Bid of the Workforce at Naval Dockyard Williamstown for its Survival" - need for outside work at the dockyard, n.d.
6/6/2	Alternative work possible at the Dockyard, n.d.
6/6/3	List of contractors/sub-contractors doing work for the Navy Dept/or possible to do at the Dockyard. (note - establishes whether it is union/non-union labour), n.d.