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<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS' UNION, VICTORIAN BRANCH
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	2001.0038
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Labour, organisations
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Trade Union; Industrial Relations; Metal Trades; Art and Working Life
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1959-1996
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	17 archi boxes; 5 archive boxes

<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>While directly stemming from the Amalgamated Engineering Union (q.v.) the AMWU has formed and reformed from amalgamations of many metal trades unions. In 1972 it became the AMWU joining the AEU, Sheet Metal Workers (q.v.), Boilermakers and Blacksmiths (q.v.), Federated Jewellers Watchmakers &amp; Allied Trades Union of Aust. In 1976 it joined the Federated Shipwrights &amp; Ship Constructors Assoc. of Aust. to become Amalg. Metal Workers &amp; Shipwrights Union. In 1983 joined the Federated Moulders (Metals) Union of Aust. (q.v.) to become Amalgamated Metals Foundry and Shipwrights Union. It reverted to the name AMWU in 1985. A further round of amalgamations since 1991 has seen it change its name many times. It became the Metals and Engineering Workers' Union in 1991, the Automotive Metals and Engineering Union in 1993, the Automotive, Food, Metals and Engineering Union in 1994 and then the Automotive, Food, Metals, Engineering, Printing and Kindred Industries Union, with the amalgamation of the PKIU in 1994. From 1995 it has been known as the Metals Division of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	<p>21 March 2001</p>
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	<p>Access: Open</p>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Correspondence files; National Administrative Committee (1987- 1994); State Organisers' Reports to Council; industrial files, including working files, dispute files, many relating to SEC matters; union publications including AMWSU (and predecessor unions) journals (1969- 1983); AMWU (and predecessor unions) rules (1959-1988); subject files on matters on interest to the union, such as industrial democracy.</p>

<p><b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b></p>	<p>This is the fourth accession of Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union, Victoria Branch records and includes records created after the many union amalgamations from 1991, which culminated in the establishment of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union in 1995.</p> <p>Series include correspondence files; National Administrative Committee (1987-1994); State Organisers' Reports to State Council; industrial files, including working files, dispute files, many relating to SEC matters; union publications including AMWSU (and predecessor unions) journals (1969-1983); AMWU (and predecessor unions) rules (1959-1988); subject files or matters of interest to the union, such as industrial democracy.</p> <p>The collection includes records from an Art and Working Life Project based at the union.</p>
<p><b>NOTE ON LISTING</b></p>	<p>The finding aid to the records is a box list prepared by Senga Hateley, the Records Manager of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union. The records have not been arranged into series. This is a draft list.</p>
<p><b>LISTED BY</b></p>	<p>Senga Hateley</p>
<p><b>DATE</b></p>	<p>January 2001</p>

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**Access:** Restricted. Secretary's permission expected to be required, but arrangements to be confirmed.

**Date Range:** 1952 - 1996

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**Related Collections:** Previous AEU and AMWU and metal trades unions amalgamating accessions

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AMWU Correspondence-State Rivers & Water Supply Victoria 1967-1986  
AMWU Correspondence-The Victorian Hospitals' Assoc Ltd 1965-1986  
AMWU Correspondence-Australian Railways Union 1967-1986  
AMWU Correspondence-Victorian Railways 1978-1986

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AMWU Correspondence-J.Ray McDermott (Aust) Pty Ltd 1975-1987  
Williamstown Dockyards-Retrenchments/New Working Arrangements  
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Amalgamated Metal Workers and Shipwrights Union-1980 Victorian  
State Conference

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State Organisers' Reports to State Council July 1988 - Mar 1989  
State Organisers' Reports to State Council Mar 1989 - Nov 1989  
State Organisers' Reports to State Council Dec 1989 - Sep 1990  
State Organisers' Reports to State Council 1990 - May 1991

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State Organisers' Reports to State Council May 1991 - Feb 1992  
State Organisers' Reports to State Council Feb 1992 - Oct 1992  
The Operative Painters & Decorators' Union of Australia Bulletins -  
Paint Hazards 1989

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Working File Peters Ice Cream 1969 - 1976  
Working File On Thompsons Castlemaine 1972 - 1979  
Working File on Repco Rebuilt Reservoir 1972 - 1979  
Working File on Loy Yange Latrobe Valley 1970 - 1979  
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AMWSU working File on Shipbuilding Industry 1955 - 1982  
Working File on Brownbuilt Lysaghts 1973 - 1985

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Working File (WF) - ICI Venues 1959-1983 (2 files)  
WF - Machine Dynamics 1987  
WF - Steel Mains (Tubemakers) 1980 - 1985  
WF - Precision Elevators - Precision Engineering 1981 - 1985  
WF - Metropolitan Mechanical Maintenance 1989  
WF - Wilson Electric Transformer Co. 1987 - 1988  
WF - BTR Siletbloc 1987 - 1988  
WF - Alfa Laval Hamilton 1980 - 1987  
WF - Dunlop Pacific Group 1980 - 1993  
WF - Process Heat Transfer Kilsyth 1987  
WF - Interskin Bendigo 1981 - 1985  
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WF - Dunlop Olympic Footscray & Somerton Sites- 1982 - 1984  
WF - Pacific Dunlop 1985-1990  
WF - Goodyear Superannuation 1986  
WF - Bridgestone Australia Ltd. -Restructuring & Efficiency Agreement 1987  
WF - Apel Belting 1984 - 1995 including Agreement 1995  
WF - Beltline Services La Trobe Valley Certified Agreement 1995  
WF - Kirby Zenford - including Labour Hire Certified Agreement 1994  
WF - Mills Rubber springvale 1985  
WF - Gardner & Naylor Group 1976 - 1994 (In Liquidation)  
WF - Haden Engineering - 1972 - 1987  
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WF - Pacific Dunlop Rubber Group (Bayswater Site) EBA 1995  
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WF - Sandhurst Engineering 1981 - 1984  
WF - McNiece Bendigo - 1979 - 1984  
WF - Reva Plastics Pty Ltd 1982 - 1987  
WF - Trio Insulation Loy Yang Power Station Certified Agreement 1994  
WF - ICI Sites 1980 - 1990  
WF - Joubert Joubert - 1983 - 1987  
WF - Hendersons No-Sag Industries 1981 1985  
WF - ACI Plastics Packaging 1982 - 1995 incl. EBA 1993  
WF - South Pacific Tyres - Redundancy Agreement 1991  
WF - MMBW 1987  
WF - Melb Water Corp Business Improvement Agreement 1995  
WF - Seymour Mechanical Contractors 1984 - 1989  
WF - Gas & Fuel Corp 1984 - 1991 (2 files)  
WF - Aust Defence Industries Ltd - Agreement - 1986 - 1988  
WF - Mulwala Explosives Factory 1972 - 1988  
WF - Aust govt Clothing Factory 1981 - 1984  
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AMWU National Admin Committee 1992  
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National Council Meetings Minutes & Documents 1987  
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Correspondence Greg Harrison 1987 - 1989  
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WF Rank General Electric 1974 - 1986  
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WF Gas & Fuel Corporation 1976 - 1987  
WF Woodside Offshore Petroleum Agreement 1987



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ACTU Congress 1983 Industry Development Policy  
Working File (WF) Descolour Containers Altona 1980-1983  
WF Patons Brakes Replacements 1972 - 1984  
WF Westaflex West Heidelberg 1987  
WF Thomas & Coffey Construction Clifton Hill 1985  
WF Milk Processors (Ballarat) 1979-1982  
WF Colac Dairy company 1981  
WF Meat Industry 1980 - 1984  
WF Union Carbide Australia Limited Altona 1978 -  
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WF Victorian Transport Authority Restructuring 1982  
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History of Wage Rates 1970  
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SEC Kiewa and Eildon 1970  
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Power Station Hazelwood - 1969 - 1976  
SEC Victoria - Briefings 1982  
SEC -v- ETU - Demarcation 1967  
Railways - Metropolitan Correspondence 1977-1983  
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Rates of Pay - Various Industries 1966 - 1967  
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Copies of Union Rules:  
AEU Rules 1959, 1963, 1968 1969, 1972,  
AMWU Rules 1974,  
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AMFSU Rules 1983  
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**OLD AMWU RECORDS RE "ART IN WORKING LIFE"**

**BOX - A1**

VARIOUS RECORDS FROM THE AMWU CONCERNING  
"ART IN WORKING LIFE" 1990

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"ART IN WORKING LIFE" 1990

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**BOX - A3**

VARIOUS RECORDS FROM THE AMWU CONCERNING  
"ART IN WORKING LIFE" 1990-1996 (Artist - Robert Manion)

**BOX - A4**

VARIOUS RECORDS FROM THE AMWU CONCERNING  
"ART IN WORKING LIFE" 1990-1996 (Artist - Robert Manion)

**BOX - A5**

VARIOUS RECORDS FROM THE AMWU CONCERNING  
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