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NAME OF COLLECTION	AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS' UNION, VICTORIAN BRANCH
ACCESSION NO	A.2001.0046
CATEGORY	Labour organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade Union; Industrial Relations; Tramways; Metal Trades
DATE RANGE	1940-1988
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1 archive box

HISTORICAL NOTE	<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 & Allied Trades Union of Aust. In 1976 it joined the Federated Shipwrights & Ship Constructors Assoc. of Aust. to become Amalg. Metal Workers & 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>
DATE OF TRANSFER	21 march 2001
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Conference Reports, Minutes, Correspondence, Constitution and Objects of Committee, Membership Cards, Publication - Booklet
LISTED BY	Sarah Brown
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Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union, Victorian Branch

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Note on Collection:

This accession is a collection of records donated to the AMWU by an official (?) Jack Brown and transferred by the union to the Archives. The bulk of the material is handwritten minutes at local branch and shop committee level. The names of many activist union members and officials of the 1960s to 1980s appear, such as John Arrowsmith, Percy Johnston, Jim Frazer, Ron McNolty and issues discussed and debated range from specific workplace issues to union support for the anti-Vietnam Moratorium and concern with other social and political issues.

The records consist of printed copies of Amalgamated Metal Workers' State Conference agenda, reports and decisions, 1972 and 1973; Preston Workshops Inter-Union Shop Committee minute book and associated correspondence and notes, 1969 - 1973; AMWU Coburg Branch minute books, 1975 - 1988 and correspondence book, 1978-1986; Keith McIver AMWU membership cards 1975, 1976, 1983, 1990; booklet *Trade Unionism: its operation under Australian law*. Victorian Labor College, 1940.

Note on Listing:

The finding aid to the records is a series list.

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

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Related Collections: .

Previous AEU and AMWU and metal trades unions amalgamating accessions;
Australian Tramways and Motor Omnibus Employees' Association, Victorian Branch

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Date: June 2001

Box No.	Series Number	Description
1	1	Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union Victorian State Conference First Victorian State Conference 1972 Reports and Decisions Victorian State Conference 1973 Agenda, Reports and Decisions (Printed copies secured in foolscap folder titled with hand written label "Keith McIver, Newport Railway Workshops East Block Block [sic]Union Pappers. [sic] Boilermakers")
	2	Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union Coburg Branch
	2.1	Minutes
	2.1.1	Minute book (handwritten) December 1975 - May 1986
	2.1.2	Minute book (handwritten) June 1986 - August 1988
	2.2	Correspondence (handwritten carbon copies) August 1978 - November 1986
	3	Preston Tramways Workshops Inter-Union Shop Committee Minute book (handwritten) October 1969 - September 1973 Includes typescript containing Constitution and Objects of the Committee; inwards and outwards correspondence; reports; notes
	4	Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union Membership cards Membership cards for Keith McIver 1975; 1976; 1983; 1990 (Contained in transparent sleeve secured within folder described in Series 1)
	5	Publication Booklet: <i>Trade Unionism: its operation under Australian law</i> . Published by the Victorian Labor College, Melbourne. 1940. (Removed from folder described in Series 1)

