



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Operative Bakers' Union
ACCESSION NO	1985.0114
CATEGORY ACTIVITY	Labour, organisations Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1960-1980
SIZE OF COLLECTION	8 archives boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	Operative Bakers established an industrial organisation in 1862 and assumed the name Operative Bakers' Society of Victoria in 1888. The union joined the Baking Trade Employees Federation of Aust. in 1914, but broke with the federal body after the war and reformed as the Operative Bakers' Union of Vic. The major industrial issues tackled by the Union have been the campaign to shorten hours and to limit baking to six days. At least two attempts have been made to establish formal links with Victorian Bread Carters, despite the connections the organisational structures have remained separate. In 1975 the Operative Bakers' Union amalgamated with the Pastrycooks to form the PBBATU.
DATE OF TRANSFER	March 1983, January 1985
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Restricted

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Unit 1 17. Minutes

- 17/1 Minutes of special summons meetings 1973, 1974
- 17/2 Agenda and State Decisions State Council Meeting, 4.3.67.
- 17/3 Minutes, Board of Management 1973-4, including State Council meeting (also inc. wage rates).

Unit 1 18. Reports to Meetings

- 18/1 Secretary's reports and correspondence for State Council 1964-66
- 18/2 Amalgamation talks 1972

Unit 1 19. Membership

- 19/1 Associate Membership 1978
- 19/2 Membership returns 1951-75
- 19/3 Summary of various unions' contribution rates and arrangements 1973

Unit 1 20. Finance

- 20/1 Balance sheets 1954-64
- 20/2 Balance sheets 1959-73
- 20/3 Balance sheet 1980
- 20/4 Miscellaneous Union financial records 1961-74
- 20/5 Receipts 1974
- 20/6 Tax records 1967-71
- 20/7 Day book 1977-80

Unit 1 21. Legal

21. M. Blackburn (solicitors) correspondence
1963-71

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Unit 2 22. Wages Board

22/1 Margins claim 1954 (inc. Board Determinations
in 1947-50)

22/2 Bread Trade Determinations 1961-73

22/3 Bread Carters Determinations 1963-69

22/4 wage Claims 1964-66

22/5 wages board correspondence 1965-66

22/6 Wages and Hours claim 1972-5

22/7 Wage and leave claims (also inc. Mt Isa
strike appeal) 1972-3

22/8 36 hour week claim & Sunday loading 1973

22/9 Wages claim (also inc. apprenticeship
material) 1973-5

22/10 Wages Board general correspondence 1973-4

22/11 Notes and circulars re. hours and wages
1973-6 (inc. 1973 claim for double time
Sunday).

22/12 wage claim 1974

22/13 Double time for Sunday claim 1974-5

22/14 Research material for Wage Board claims
1974-7

22/15 Log of Claims 1975

22/16 Exhibits 1976

22/17 Research materials 1975-77

22/18 NSW Award and Acts 1948-66

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Unit 3 23. Industrial Appeals Court

23/1 Court file 1930-63
23/2 Judgement, December 1963
23/3 Determinations 1963-4
23/4 Correspondence 1964
23/5 Notice of Appeal 1966
23/6 Documents for Appeal 1967
23/7 Notice of Appeal 1972

Unit 3 24. Other Court Cases

24/1 Morton vs Cain 1960
24/2 Chenoweth vs Bessells 1963

Unit 3 25. Comments on Royal Commission; summary of evidence 1963

SUBJECT FILES;Unit 3 Weekend Baking

26/1 General Correspondence 1948-67
26/2 Report of offences 1964-5
26/3 weekend Baking Committee correspondence 1965
26/4 Transcript of deputation to Minister of Labour 1965
26/5 Resolution, mass meeting 1966
26/6 Illegal Baking cases; transcript and evidence 1966-67
26/7 Labour and Industry (Bread) Bill, 1967 with suggested amendments and statement by Assistant Secretary W. Morton.
26/8 1967 Bill: Bread Manufactures of Victoria submission and union objection

Unit 3 26/9 Employees leaving trade since new hours
introduced - list c. 1968

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Unit 4 Reports and correspondence re factories

27/1 Notes on bakeries 1965
27/2 Report on visits 1966
27/3 Bakeries list and membership notes 1971
27/4 Pentridge; re. baking and distributing
bread, 1973
27/5 List of bakeries and hot bread shops and
various 1973
27/6 Home Pride 1973
27/7 Nabisco: Awards, correspondence and
arbitration 1958-80
27/8 Prestige Baking Co.; correspondence re
collapse 1974
27/9 Quaker Products Co. superannuation 1980
27/10 Sunicrust Bakeries 1970-72

Unit 4 28. Correspondence with Bread Manufacturers Associations

28/1/1 Bread Manufacturers of Victoria (Melbourne);
correspondence 1947-66
28/1/2 As above, 1969-75
28/2/1 Bread Manufacturers of Victoria (Country);
correspondence 1968
28/2/2 As above 1970-76
28/3 Victorian Independent Bakers Association,
correspondence 1964-69
28/4 Correspondence and circulars re. various
employer organisations 1964-75
28/5 Correspondence re. registration of Retail
Traders Association under Commonwealth

Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1973.

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Unit 5 29. Department of Labour and Industry correspondence

- 29/1 Correspondence re. permits for outside hours
baking 1964-9
- 29/2 Correspondence re breaches of Act 1967-68

Unit 5 30. Circulars

- 30/1 Re. wages and conditions 1960-68
- 30/2 Re. wages and conditions 1967-75

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Unit 6 31. Organizers files

- 31/1 Maconachy's file - correspondence, notes and
circulars re. weekend baking, Wages Board,
Compensation, Bread Trade committee 1960-77
- 31/2 Assistant Secretary - Gippsland 1965
- 31/3 Notices of meetings, agenda papers 1967-8
- 31/4 Notes on wages, State Council 1968
- 31/5 Various working papers inc. Sunday baking,
state of bread trade 1971-3
- 31/6 Assistant Secretary's reports 1971-4
- 31/7 Assistant Secretary C.R. Hill's file - notes
on various subjects 1971-4
- 31/8 Organizers' report, Deane Wells 1975
- 31/9 Claims file; notes, correspondence and
various circulars

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Unit 7 32. Industrial Subject files

32/1 Apprenticeship
32/1/1 Apprentices Trade Committee, with notes and
correspondence 1963-67
32/1/2 William Angliss College 1967
32/1/3 Apprenticeship Commission and Bread Trade
Committee 1968-73
32/1/4 Apprentices Extra Proportions 1970-77
32/1/5 Apprenticeship Commission 1973
32/1/6 Apprenticeship/Industrial Training Bill 1975
32/1/7 Apprenticeship Syllabus 1975
32/1/8 William Angliss College 1977
32/1/9 Bread Trade Apprenticeship Committee 1980

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32/2 Long Service Leave 1964-65
32/3 Shift work/hours of work 1963-80
32/4/1 Workers Compensation; T.H.C. circulars
1966-75
32/4/2 Workers Compensation rates 1965-73 and notes
on cases 1970-73

Unit 7&8 33. Publications

33. Publications and correspondence relating to
Publications 1964-8

Unit 8 34. Miscellaneous

34/1 List of Government Bread contracts 1973-74
34/2 Outline of conditions in trade c.1970
34/3 Political circulars, various 1972-76
34/4 Models and Mannequins Guild wages claims
1979-83
34/5 Certificates of burial rights for members
1914-28

Death certificates

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