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TRANSFEROR: Mr. Ted Dugdale

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NOTE ON COLLECTION:

The collection consists of major documents collected by Mr. Dugdale in his role as a member of the Canterbury Branch and Treasurer of the Party.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Progressive Reform Party (Mary Owen) Collection.

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1. Constitution

- 1/1 Interim Constitution of the Progressive Reform Party (PRP), n.d. (c. February 1970)
- 1/2 First draft Constitution of the PRP, n.d. (c. February 1970), two copies - one annotated and revised.
- 1/3 Second draft Constitution of the PRP, 21 March 1970, three copies - two annotated and revised.
- 1/4 Third draft Constitution of the PRP, 31 March 1970, two copies.
- 1/5 Final draft Constitution of PRP, 6 May 1970; one annotated copy including three drafts of page 3.

2. Minutes and Policy Documents

- 2/1 Rough minutes of PRP meetings 15 April 1970 - 24 May 1970, (three MS. pages).
- 2/2 Suggested agenda for initial Branch Meetings, 2pp., t.s., c.early February 1970.
- 2/3 PRP 'Proclamation' Preamble, 2pp., t.s., n.d. (c. February 1970).
- 2/4 PRP Election Policies, third draft 2 April 1970. Issued by G. Hardy, 7pp., t.s., (four copies).
- 2/5 Submission for the PRP's Policy on Consumer Protection, by G. Hardy. 5pp., t.s., n.d.
- 2/6 Minutes of PRP General Meeting, 15 February 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/7 Interim Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 22 February 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/8 Agenda for Interim Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 26 February 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/9 Handwritten and typed drafts of 'Dr. B.B. Wainer Personal Appeal' letter, five copies.
- 2/10 Minutes of Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 1 March 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/11 Electoral campaign sub-committee report, 4 March 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/12 Minutes of the Co-ordinating Committee, 8 March 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/13 Agenda and Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 15 March 1970, 3pp., t.s.

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- 2/14 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 22 March 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/15 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 5 April 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/16 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 12 April 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/17 Liberal Party election fund appeal letter, 13 April 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/18 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 19 April 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/19 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 26 April 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/20 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 3 May 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/21 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 10 May 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/22 Nine suggested policy points for PRP, n.d., 1p., t.s.
- 2/23 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 17 May 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/24 Notice of Inaugural General Meeting of PRP, 24 May 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/25 Printed copy of 'Dr. B.B. Wainer Personal Appeal' letter, n.d., 1p., t.s., (see also 2/9 above).
- 2/26 Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the PRP held 24 May 1970, and Agenda for Second General Meeting 17 September 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/27 Order of Adoption of the Party Constitution at Inaugural General Meeting, 24 May 1970, 3pp., t.s., (Ted Dugdale's copy).
- 2/28 PRP membership application form, 1p., t.s., n.d.
- 2/29 PRP Dinner Dance Invitation for 20 August 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/30 Agenda and Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee, 7 June 1970, 7pp., t.s., (pages printed out of order).
- 2/31 Minutes of Interim Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 21 June 1970, 4pp., t.s.
- 2/32 Policy suggestions from PRP Footscray Branch re publication of Ombudsman, 2pp., t.s., n.d.
- 2/33 Invitation of comments on suggested series of public debates, 1p., t.s., n.d.

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- 2/34 Executive Notices, 1p., t.s., n.d. (post May 1970).
- 2/35 Fund-raising letter from E.F. Dugdale, Treasurer of PRP to Members, 22 June 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/36 Agenda and Notices for Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 5 July 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/37 Minutes of Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 5 July 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/38 Minutes of Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 19 July 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/39 Agenda and Reports and Submissions to Sub-committees, 2 August 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/40 Minutes of Co-ordinating Committee Meeting, 2 August 1970, 4pp., t.s.
- 2/41 Minutes of Co-ordinating Committee, 16 August 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/42 Agenda and Minutes of Progressive Reform Party Meeting, 27 August 1970; Minutes of Second General Meeting of the PRP, 17 September 1970, 4pp., t.s.
- 2/43 Letter from Mr. George Hardy (Senior Vice-President of PRP) to Mrs. Owen (Secretary) resigning, 17 September 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/44 Agenda for PRP Executive Meeting, 24 September 1970, 1p., t.s.
- 2/45 PRP Meeting, 15 October 1970, 2pp., t.s.
- 2/46 Eastern Metropolitan Regional Assembly, precis of ideas about 'Use of Local Newspapers by Branch Public Relations Officers', 18 October 1970, 3pp., t.s.
- 2/47 PRP Meeting Agenda and Minutes, 5 November 1970, 4pp., t.s.
- 2/48 Letter from Robert Clark to members, 3 December 1970, 1p., t.s.
3. Canterbury Branch Minutes
- 3/1 Minutes of PRP Canterbury Branch Meetings, 11 February - 26 March 1970, 1 volume.
4. Membership
- 4/1 List of PRP members as at 14 August 1971.
- 4/2 PRP Membership receipt for Mr. Ted Dugdale, n.d.
5. Working Papers and Policy Documents

5/1 Working Papers of Mr. Ted Dugdale, Treasurer of PRP, and member of Canterbury Branch. File includes handwritten and typed working drafts of Constitution which pre-date those in 1/1 - 1/5 above; invitation to Mr. Dugdale from Dr. Wainer to attend the inaugural meeting of PRP on 5 February 1970; policy documents; original signed copy of the Dr. B.B. Wainer Personal Appeal letter, c. February-March 1970.

5/2 'Family by arrangement: What it's all about', family planning leaflet produced by the PRP, n.d.

6. Finance

6/1 Correspondence and accounts re the Bertram Wainer Trust Fund, 1970-1972. Includes letter of thanks from Dr. Wainer to those who organised the Fund, 16 June 1970.

7. Publications, PRP and Other

7/1 Ombudsman, No. 1., The Policy of the Progressive Reform Party, c. May 1970, (eleven copies).

7/2 Progressive Reform Party Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1970.

7/3 Progressive Reform Party Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 2, January 1971.

7/4 Progressive Reform Party Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 4, March/April 1971, Election Issue.

7/5 Proportional Representation Society of Victoria, Proportional Representation Manual, Canterbury, n.d.

7/6 Proportional Representation Society of Victoria, Your Vote - effective or wasted?, leaflet, n.d.

8. Election Campaign

8/1 Handbill of PRP in support of John Clarkson as Box Hill Candidate, n.d., (two copies).

8/2 How to Vote cards for Mitcham and Templestowe; three cards ALP, DLP, and Defence of Government Schools, n.d.

8/3 How to Vote cards for Kew and East Yarra. Three cards: ALP, DLP and Liberal Party, n.d.

8/4 How to vote cards for Box Hill and Templestowe. Three cards: ALP, DLP and Liberal, n.d.

8/5 How to Vote cards for Camberwell and East Yarra. Six cards: ALP, DLP and Liberal, n.d.

8/6 State Electoral Office Notice re littering at Polling Places.

8/7 State Electoral Office Notice re penalties for failure to vote and explaining preferential voting system.

8/8 State Electoral Office Notice explaining how to vote in a
conjoint election.

8/9 PRP Courtesy Car stickers.

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15 February 1991