



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT CENTRE
ACCESSION NO	1995.0014 and 1988.0113
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Lobbyists Trade unions
DATE RANGE	1983 - 1988
SIZE OF COLLECTION	10 Boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The main centre was established in 1983, while the Western Region Office was opened in 1985, and was run by Alan Aithorpe. Both became defunct in 1986. It was funded through the affiliation fees of thirty-eight left-wing unions, with additional funds from the Department of Labour and Industry. It provided support and information to the unemployed, and researched and lobbied for the creation of new jobs. It had links with shop stewards committees, the ALP, and other left-wing and Western Region organisations. The main centre operated at the Trades Hall Council under Peter Green.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	07/03/1995
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	<p>Collection consists of some series from the TUUC Library including the TUUC publication Close Ranks, and the Right to Work news. Other publications reflect the housing and unemployment concerns of the mid-1980s. 60 cms A.1995.0014 1995.0014 Subject files, petty cash, blank registration forms, Establishment of Centre</p>
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ACCESSION 95/14

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Trade Union Unemployment Centre was set up in July 1983 by the Trade Union Committee Against Poverty and Unemployment. It was funded by union affiliation fees (35 unions were affiliated at 1985) and a State Government grant. The Centre had an office in Victorian Trades Hall until its closure in 1988 [?], and also a branch office at Slater & Gordon Solicitors in Footscray. The Centre acted as a advocacy and policy group for unemployed workers, and had strong links with the Metal Workers Union and the Western suburbs.

The TUUC was involved in campaigns, lobbying and policy development on various issues. These included industry development, job creation and socially useful work, abolition of youth wages, welfare and social security issues, development of a log of claims for the unemployed. The collection of the TUUC Library was placed with the VTHC after the closure of the TUUC in c.1987/1988.

It sat in the VTHC Library as a separate collection until the VTHC Library move forced a cull of it in 1994. The collection was barely used in this period and was a collection of working subject boxes and files, rather than a planned developed collection. As such, much of the material was well out of date and no longer relevant.

Working from the TUUC produced index to the collection, the VTHC Librarian culled and disposed the bulk of the material available elsewhere. Material relating to unemployment was offered to the University of Melbourne Archives and is contained in this collection. Notes on what the collection originally contained and what was disposed are contained in the first file in this collection.

See the TUUC Western Region Office Collection for material other than publications.

DATE OF TRANSFER: 7 March 1995

TRANSFEROR: Sarah Brown, Victorian Trades Hall Library

ACCESS: Open. Copyright applies.

SIZE: 24 cms

DATE RANGE: 1980s

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RELATED COLLECTIONS: Trade Union Unemployment Centre, Western Region
Office (First Accession 88 113)

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INDEX TO PUBLICATIONS OF:

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WESTERN REGION RIGHT TO WORK COMMITTEE

CAMPAIGN FOR REAL JOB CREATION

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION

NORTHERN TASMANIAN UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION

WELLINGTON UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION

NATIONAL UNION OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

VICTORIAN COALITION AGAINST POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT (CAPU)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

TENANTS UNION AND SQUATTERS UNION

WILLIAMSTOWN DOCKYARD COMBINED UNIONS SHOP COMMITTEE

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TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT CENTRE

Box 1

- 1 History of the TUUC Library Collection written by Sarah Brown, VTHC Librarian, including a complete list of the contents of the TUUC Library which was transferred to VTHC Library when the Centre disbanded. List includes notes on disposal of the TUUC Library Collection. The publications most central to the TUUC and the issue of unemployment were transferred to the University of Melbourne Archives.
- 2 Trade Union Unemployment Centre, leaflet and application form listing affiliated unions, n.d.
- 2 'Log of Claims for the Unemployed', published by the TUUC, mid-1980s.
- 3 Close Ranks, Newsletter of the Trade Union Unemployment Centre:
No. 1, March 1985 (2 copies)
Vol.1 No. 1, May 1985 (2 copies)
Vol.1 No. 2, June 1985 (2 copies)
Vol.1 No. 3, July 1985 (2 copies)
Vol.1 No. 4, August 1985 (2 copies)
Vol.1 No. 5, October 1985 (2 copies)
Vol.1 No. 5, October 1985
Vol.1 No. 6, December 1985
Vol.2 No. 1, March 1986
Vol.2 No. 2, May 1986 (2 copies)
Vol.2 No. 3, June 1986 (2 copies)
Vol.2 No. 3 [4?], July 1986
Vol.2 No. 5, August 1986 (2 copies)
Vol.2 No. 6, October 1986 (2 copies)
Vol.2 No. 7, November 1986 (2 copies)
Vol.2 No. 8, December 1986 (2 copies)
Vol.3 No. 1, February 1987 (2 copies)
Vol.3 No. 2, May 1987 (2 copies)
Vol.3 No. 3, November 1987 (2 copies)
- 3 Traineeship Newsletter, published by the Defend Youth Incomes Committee: Youth Affairs Council, Victorian Council of Social Services, Trade Union Unemployment Centre, Unemployed Workers Union, Coalition Against Poverty and Unemployment, Under 18 Income Campaign, Sunshine Unemployment Action Group and Work For Today, December 1985, (2 copies).

WESTERN REGION RIGHT TO WORK COMMITTEE

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4	<u>Right to Work News</u> , monthly publication of the Western Region Right to Work Committee, Footscray: November 1983 [first issue, two copies] December 1983 February 1984 March 1984 April 1984 May 1984 (2 copies) June/July 1984 (2 copies) August 1984 (2 copies) September 1984 October 1984 November 1984
4	<u>Fringe Benefits</u> , publication of the Western Region Right to Work Committee, Footscray, two copies, c. 1985.

CAMPAIGN FOR REAL JOB CREATION

5	'Campaign for Real Job Creation', flier re rally in Melbourne City Square, 23 November 1984.
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UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION

6	<u>Unemployed Workers Union Newsletter</u> , Victorian Branch of the UWU: June, July, August, October, December 1983; April (2 copies), May, June, July, Spring 1984; January, Autumn (2 copies), November (2 copies), December 1985; May, July, September 1986; two undated copies.
6	<u>Doing a course - and getting the dole</u> , UWU leaflet, n.d. [mid-1980s].
6	<u>Fight Back - Join the UWU</u> , leaflet, n.d., [mid-1980s].
6	<u>Unemployed Bulletin</u> , Issue 4, March 1985; Issue 9, March 1986; February 1986, UWU.
6	<u>School's out 1984: Unemployment the Facts</u> , UWU, 1984 (2 copies).

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NORTHERN TASMANIAN UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION

7 Unemployment Action, Northern Tasmanian UWU Inc. Newsletter: Six Issues, n.d., [c.mid-1980s].

WELLINGTON UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION

7 Leaving School, Wellington UWU, New Zealand, n.d. [c. mid-1980s].

NATIONAL UNION OF UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE

8 Right to Work, Issue 1, May 1985.

8 National Union of Unemployed Workers, National Conference Bulletin No. 1, n.d., [c. mid-1980s].

VICTORIAN COALITION AGAINST POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT (CAPU)

9 Graham, Sue, Children Speak Out on Poverty, Children and Poverty Campaign c/o CAPU, c.1984.

9 CAPU, The People's Budget, 1984.

9 CAPU, People's Tax Summit Proceedings, c.1984, (2 copies).

9 CAPU, People's Budget, August 1983.

9 CAPU, (Some Preliminary Comments On) The Record of the Hawke Government as Viewed by Those Without Property, Privilege or Power, May 1986.

9 CAPU, People's Budget Campaign and Dignity Financial Counselling Service, Changes to Social Security, 1987.

9 CAPU Annual Report, 1987.

9 CAPU, Broad ID Card Opposition, n.d.

9 CAPU, bumper stickers: Jobs For All Make the Rich Pay!; Tax the Rich Not the Poor! Capital Gain\$ Tax. (3 stickers).

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

- 10 Harry Van Moorst, Unemployed Youth - A Special Case?, Urban and Social Research Centre, Footscray Institute of Technology, May 1985.
- 10 Harry Van Moorst, Unemployed Workers and Dole Bludgers - A Stereotype Re-examined, Special Report No. 4, Urban and Social Research Centre, Footscray Institute of Technology, December 1983.
- 10 Harry Van Moorst, From Dole Bludging to Dole Pathology - The Transformation of an Ideology, Special Report No. 5, Urban and Social Research Centre, Footscray Institute of Technology, March 1984.
- 10 Social-Political Action Booklet: A Handbook of Advice on Successful Organising, Anne Samuels (ed), Co-Media Press, n.d. [c.mid 1980s], (2 editions).

TENANTS UNION AND SQUATTERS UNION

- 11 Tenants' Rights Handbook, Tenants Union of Victoria, May 1984; The Tenants Union Worker's Manual, Tenants Union of Victoria, 1984; Opening Doors: Victorian Squatters Union Manual, 1984.

WILLIAMSTOWN DOCKYARD COMBINED UNIONS SHOP COMMITTEE

- 12 CUSC, 'Response to Minister Beazley's Statements on Restructuring of Defence Establishments', media release, April 1986.
- 12 WND Worker: a Workforce Publication, a CUSC publication: November 1984; No. 14, July 1985; No. 15, September 1985; No. 17, February 1986; No. 18, June 1986; Special Edition, n.d. (2 copies); No. 21, November 1986 (2 copies); 1986, (2 copies).

SOCIALIST NEWSPAPERS

- 13 Red Flag, Marxist Workers Organisation, 12 issues November 1983-May 1987.

[Other copies of Tribune, Guardian, The Beacon, The People (US newspaper of

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the Socialist Labor Party), were not kept as not directly concerned with unemployment.]

13 Tom O'Lincoln, The Militant Minority: Organising Rank and File Workers in the Thirties, A Socialist Action Pamphlet, 1986.

UNION EDUCATION

14 A.M.F.S.U. Unions Schools Project Report, report by Shaun Murtagh, c.1985.
[From TUUC Union Education Subject Box]