



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	AUSTRALIAN BRITISH TRADE ASSOCIATION
ACCESSION NO	1964.0004
CATEGORY	Business, organisations
ACTIVITY	Lobbyists
DATE RANGE	1913-1960
SIZE OF COLLECTION	16 Boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	Founded in Melbourne in 1910 as the Australian Association of British Manufacturers and their Representatives, changed to the Australian Association of British Manufacturers in May 1928 and in August 1963 to the Australian British Trade Association. The chief branches were in Victoria and N.S.W. with "mainly ad hoc" activity in South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland. Its aim was to use co-operative agitation and propaganda to make the Australian market a favourable one for British manufacturers. It is organized on Federal lines.
DATE OF TRANSFER	January 1964
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open This collection may not be available for immediate retrieval. Please discuss with Archive staff.
DESCRIPTION	Attendance books (committees and sub-committee) 1923-1954; minute books including Federal council, Federal Executive, British Oil Engine Representatives' Association, Empire Shopping Week Council; Motor Cycle Section; Motor Trade Section, Olympia Motor Cycle Show; miscellaneous committees, 1915-1960. Cash book, arbitration material 1948-1960; press cuttings books 1913-1938.
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: Australian British Trade Association.

ADDRESS: 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

MAIN ACTIVITY: Using co-operative agitation and propaganda to make the Australian market a favourable one for British manufacturers.

DATE OF TRANSFER: January 1964.

QUANTITY: 5 feet.

GENERAL NOTE: Founded in Melbourne 1910 as Australian Association of British Manufacturers and their Representatives, changed to Australian Association of British Manufacturers, May 1928, and Australian British Trade Association, August 1963. Chief branches in Victoria and New South Wales with 'mainly ad hoc' activity in South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland. Organisation by federal and state councils in association with London societies and individual British manufacturers, trade sectional committees and sub-committees, and committees called to deal with matters as they arose.

LIST OF RECORDS:

The records are arranged as follows:

- GROUP 1. ATTENDANCE BOOKS.
- GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS.
- GROUP 3. BRITISH OIL ENGINE REPRESENTATIVES' ASSOCIATION, MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.
- GROUP 4. PRESS CUTTINGS BOOKS.
- GROUP 5. 2ND ACCESSION

GROUP 1. ATTENDANCE BOOKS.

(Cover most Committees, sub-committees and members of deputations.)

- Unit 1 1/1 13 Sept. 1923 - 11 Oct. 1927.
 1/2 21 Oct. 1927 - 14 Aug. 1933.
 1/3 5 Oct. 1933 - 5 Jan. 1942.
 1/4 21 Jan. 1942 - 20 Dec. 1954.
 4 vols.

GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS.

(These cover membership, organisation, regulations, finances, publicity, activity to do with British preferences, Australian tariffs, 'foreign competition', government tenders, freight conditions, licence restrictions. Also deal with complaints of members and advice given to British manufacturers.)

- Unit 2 2/1 Federal Council.
 Contains also Provisional Federal Council and sub-sections.
 16 March 1926 - 4 May 1928.
 3 vols.
 2/1/1 16 March 1926 - 1 March 1945.
 2/1/2 14 Nov. 1946 - 7 Dec. 1950.
 2/1/3 14 Dec. 1951 - 21 Jan. 1960.
 2/2 Federal Executive.
 3 vols.
 2/2/1 15 May 1940 - 23 Jan. 1945.
 2/2/2 8 April 1945 - 9 Oct. 1950.
 2/2/3 8 Feb. 1951 - 18 Nov. 1960.
 2/3 Executive Council, Victorian Council. Styled Victorian Council
 Dec. 1929.
 6 vols.
 2/3/1 17 Sept. 1915 - 9 Nov. 1920.
 2/3/2 2 Dec. 1920 - 25 Jan. 1924.
 2/3/3 27 July 1924 - 29 July 1925.
 2/3/4 12 Aug. 1925 - 8 June 1928.
 Unit 4 2/3/5 6 July 1928 - 8 June 1933.
 Unit 5 2/3/6 26 June 1933 - 14 Dec. 1944.
 2/4 British Oil Engine Representatives Association.
 2 vols.
 Unit 3 2/4/1 23 March 1948 - 2 Aug. 1951.
 2/4/2 24 Sept. 1951 - 6 Oct. 1960.

GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS (cont.)

- Unit 3 2/5 Empire Shopping Week Council.
Contains also formation of the Empire Shopping League 1936 and proposals for a national organisation in Australia.
1 vol.
11 April 1930 - 21 June 1938.
- Unit 6 2/6 Motor Cycle Section.
Concerned especially with publicity - shows and trials - and efforts to make cycling more profitable, enjoyable, and respectable, e.g. concern about minimum licence age, sales tax, uniform second hand valuations, rowdyism on cycles, etc.
1 vol.
30 Sept. 1931 - 27 Aug. 1941.
- 2/7 Motor Cycle Parts and Accessories Section.
Includes wholesalers' applications for 'best (buying) terms' and lists those granted.
2 vols.
2/7/1 30 Aug. 1935 - 27 April 1955.
2/7/2 10 Aug. 1949 - 16 Feb. 1955.
- 2/8 Motor Trade Section
1 vol.
9 March 1927 - 30 Sept. 1931.
- Unit 7 2/8/1 Victorian Motor Section
9 March 1927 - 8 July 1931.
- 2/8/2 Motor Cycle Section
14 March 1928 - 30 Sept. 1931.
- 2/8/3 British Heavy Truck Distributors.
24 July 1929 -
- 2/8/4 Empire Day Motor Vehicle Procession Committee
10 May 1929 - 22 May 1929.
- 2/8/5 Motor Propaganda Committee
25 May 1929 - 12 Aug. 1929.
- 2/8/6 British Motor Truck Distributors
26 Feb. 1929 - 13 Jan. 1930.
- 2/8/7 Victorian Motor Distributors
14 Oct. 1930 - 21 Oct. 1930.
- 2/9 Olympia Motor Cycle Show.
1. vol.
21 Dec. 1928 - 24 Feb. 1939.

GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS (cont.)

2/10/1-2/10/14 contained in units 7 & 8

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Miscellaneous Committees

3 vols.

Unit 7 2/10/A 5 March 1924 - 22 May 1929.

Unit 8 2/10/B 30 May 1929 - 15 Sept. 1947.

2/10/C. 15 Oct. 1958 - 23 Nov. 1961.

2/10/1 Federal Executive.

2/10/1/1 Executive Council Committees:

Advisory Committee 17 June 1927;

Association Development 17 Feb. 1925 - 2 March 1925;

All British Motor Show 2 Feb. 1925 - 20 April 1925;

Executive Committee 9 May 1927.

2/10/1/2

Executive Council Sub-Committees:

Association Journal 11 Nov. 1925 - 21 Jan. 1926;

Financial 12 May 1924;

Government Contracts 7 May 1924;

Propaganda 9 Oct. 1924 - 25 Jan. 1925;

Special 1 May 1925 - 11 Sept. 1925.

2/10/2

China, Earthenware, etc.

China and Earthenware Trade Section 17 Sept. 1932 - 24 May 1960;

New South Wales China and Earthenware Trade Section 9 Oct. 1958 - 29 Nov. 1960;

Victorian Earthenware, China and Glassware Section 29 Jan. 1930;

Members affected by embargo on import of tiles 6 Nov. 1930;

Members interested in sanitary earthenware 8 Aug. 1930;

Members interested in domestic china and earthenware

8 Aug. 1930 - 27 May 1932;

Members interested in tiles and earthenware 12 April 1930.

Representatives of United Kingdom Earthenware, china and glassware manufacturers, 12 Nov. 1943;

Retailers and manufacturers representatives for British pottery

15 March 1961 - 23 Nov. 1961;

Sub-committee of retailers and manufacturers representatives for British pottery promotion 1 Aug. 1960 - 14 June 1961.

2/10/3

Cutlery.

Victorian cutlery section 5 April 1940 - 27 July 1943;

Victorian cutlery section advisory panel 9 May 1944.

2/10/4

Engines:

Industrial Diesel Engine Trade Section 18 Jan. 1961;

Internal Combustion Engine Trade Section, 13 Feb. 1947;

Members interested in British crude oil engines 9 March 1932 - 12 April 1932;

Members interested in gas and oil engines, 12 May 1930 - 3 June 1930;

Representatives of British manufacturers of crude oil engines,

10 Jan. 1936 - 11 March 1936.

GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS (cont.)

2/10/1-2/10/14 contained in units 7 & 8

2/10 Miscellaneous Committees (cont.)

- 2/10/5 Floor coverings:
 Carpet exhibitions committee 6 Feb. 1959 - 7 April 1959;
 Carpet trade section 10 Oct. 1939 - 26 April 1961;
 Carpet trade section committee and representatives of Wholesaler
 Floorcoverings Association of Australia 15 Feb. 1961;
 Carpet trade section committee on operation of carpet wholesalers'
 discount 22 July 1959;
 Carpet trade section prices committee 9 Dec. 1940 - 22 Oct. 1941;
 International trade fair carpet agents' committee 6 Jan. 1959;
 Linoleum and carpet trade section 29 March 1927 - 1 Aug. 1944;
 Linoleum Trade Section 29 Nov. 1937 - 11 Nov. 1960;
 Meeting of British carpet manufacturers' agents 9 June 1960.
- 2/10/6 Hardware:
 Hardware Trade Section 31 March 1924 - 29 March 1941;
 Hardware Trade Section, Kitchenware sub-section 1 May 1925.
- 2/10/7 Metals, machinery, tools, etc.
 Alloyed steel tool section 6 Feb. 1928 - 29 June 1928;
 Brass and copper sub-section 10 Aug. 1926 - 27 Sept. 1926;
 Electrical machinery trade section 24 June 1925;
 High grade alloy and tool steel sub-section 9 Jan. 1930 - 21 Nov. 1932;
 High grade and alloyed steel sub-section 6 May 1929;
 High speed tools, alloy tool steel, and stainless steel section
 11 April 1940;
 Iron and steel trade section 4 Aug. 1924 - 2 April 1940;
 Machinery, machine tools, and engineers' suppliers section
 29 March 1940;
 Members interested in metal and machinery tariff increases,
 28 Nov. 1929;
 Members interested in Tariff Board enquiry into tools of trade,
 10 June 1931 - 17 June 1931;
 Members interested in tendering for steel plate and sheets to the
 Victorian Railways, 4 May 1928;
 Members interested in tool steel, 2 Dec. 1927 - 16 Dec. 1927;
 Victorian hand tools section 3 Oct. 1946 - 4 Nov. 1946;
 Victorian high-grade carbon and alloyed steel sub-section,
 27 Aug. 1930;
 Victorian machine tools trade section 21 Dec. 1959 - 20 Feb. 1961;
 Victorian non-ferrous metals trade section, 16 May 1928 - 5 April 1940;
 Victorian tools of trade section, 1 April 1940 - 11 Oct. 1946.
- 2/10/8 Motor cars and cycles, spare parts:
 Cycle parts and accessories section 12 April 1940;
 Factory representatives of British motor manufacturers committee,
 6 Dec. 1926 - 17 Feb. 1927;
 Factory representatives British motor and cycle and accessories
 committee 27 July 1926;
 Members interested in Victorian vehicle highways bill, 22 Feb. 1925;
 Motor accessories trade section 5 March 1924 - 13 March 1927;
 Motor cycle trade section 3 April 1940;
 Motor trade section 9 April 1940.

GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS (cont.)

2/10/1-2/10/1/14 contained in units 7 & 8

2/10 Miscellaneous Committees (cont.)

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Paper:

Paper trade section 30 Sept. 1924 - 12 April 1940.

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Precision Goods:

Electrical trade section 28 Sept. 1926 - 28 March 1940;

New South Wales scientific and industrial investments trade section
3 Nov. 1960;

Representatives Australian Investment Manufacturers and members

Australian Association of British Manufacturers 30 Nov. 1960;

Representatives British manufacturers of scientific and industrial
instruments 15 Oct. 1958;

Representatives British radio manufacturers 1 Oct. 1928 - 17 May 1929;

Victorian representatives British typewriter manufacturers,
26 Nov. 1928 - 23 May 1939.

2/10/11

Textiles:British agents panel on procurement of cotton piece goods from
the United Kingdom, 28 June 1943;

Irish linen trade section 25 Feb. 1960 - 17 March 1960;

Members interested in artificial silk, 9 April 1929;

Members and others interested in Tariff Board enquiry - towels,
towelling from Japan, 11 Sept. 1933;

Members interested in twill sheets 22 June 1945 - 16 July 1945;

New South Wales Irish linen trade section, 13 May 1960;

Representatives U.K. cotton exporters meeting re Cotton Board
promotion, 3 Aug. 1961 - 6 Nov. 1961;Representatives British manufacturers of cotton piece goods,
9 June 1933;

Representatives British manufacturers of cotton yarn, 7 June 1933;

Representatives British manufacturers Denims, drill, dungarees, etc.
9 June 1933;Representatives British manufacturers of textiles, 26 April 1933 -
7 Feb. 1936;

Textiles and apparel trade section 28 March 1940;

Textile piece goods advisory panel 5 April 1944;

Victorian cotton piece goods advisory panel, 2 Aug. 1943 - 2 Dec. 1946;

Victorian textile trade section 8 April 1924 - 5 Feb. 1946;

Victorian textile trade section advisory committee, 29 Oct. 1940;

Victorian textile trade section, Australian Association of British
Manufacturers, and Manchester Chamber of Commerce trade mission
3 March 1929;Victorian textile trade section woollen piece goods sub-section
1 May 1925 - 5 May 1925;

Yarns and cordage, ropes and twines, trade section 3 April 1940.

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Toys:

N.S.W. toy trade section 5 May 1960 - 24 May 1960;

Representatives British toy Manufacturers 12 Nov. 1958 - 17 Nov. 1958;

Representatives British toy manufacturers exhibiting at the Melbourne
Toy Fair 18 Feb. 1960 - 27 May 1960.

GROUP 2. MINUTE BOOKS (cont.)

2/10 Miscellaneous Committees (cont.)

2/10/13 Wall papers etc:
Wall paper, paints, colours and varnishings trade section,
9 April 1940.

2/10/14 Miscellaneous:
Representatives of organisations affected by Japanese competition,
10 May 1933 - 16 Oct. 1933;
Stevedore Companies and Australian Association of British Manufacturer
4 Sept. 1935;
Victorian advisory committee, 6 Aug. 1934;
Victorian centenary committee, advisory council, 17 July 1931 -
11 Sept. 1935;
Victorian Chamber of Manufacturers and Australian Association of
British Manufacturers, 1 Oct. 1928 - 17 May 1929.

GROUP 3. BRITISH OIL ENGINE REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION, MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

- Unit 10
- 3/1 'Australian Standard General Conditions of Tendering and Contract for Civil Engineering Works', by Standards Association of Australia. 1 copy, printed. 1952.
 - 3/2 'Australian Standards General Conditions of Tendering and Contract for Supply or Supply and Erection of Plant and Machinery'. Standards Association of Australia. 1 copy, printed. 1957.
 - 3/3 B.O.E.R.A. 'Conditions of Sale' draft clauses. 1 bundle, t.s. no date.
 - 3/4 Cash book 1 vol. 24 April 1948 - 18 June 1960.
 - 3/5 Correspondence.
 - 3/5/1 S.F. Ferguson (director, A.A.B.M., Melbourne) to A.W. Burton S.A.A. 'Conditions of Sale', and Sydney meeting to discuss them. 18 March 1957.
 - 3/5/2 A.W. Burton (State secretary) to S.F. Ferguson Arrangements for Sydney meeting to discuss 'Conditions of Sale'. 21 March 1957.
 - 3/5/3 S.F. Ferguson, circular to members. Availability of B.O.E.R.A. 'Conditions of Sale'. Also attached extract minutes B.O.E.R.A. meeting 25 June 1956. 13 Sept. 1957.
 - 3/5/4 T.L. McCrohan to secretary B.O.E.T.A. Standards Association of Australia 'Standard conditions of Tendering'. 18 Feb. 1957.

GROUP 4. PRESS CUTTINGS BOOKS

Cuttings from Australian metropolitan and country newspapers, major British newspapers, and trade periodicals. Being letters, articles, and information concerning Australian trade policies, tariffs, protection, trade with Japan and Germany; Imperial trade; party policies; Interstate Commission and Tariff Board proceedings.
12 vols.

Unit 9	4/1	5 Jan. 1913 - 2 May 1919.
Unit 10	4/2	22 Feb. 1920 - 23 March 1922.
	4/3	29 Nov. 1929 - 21 Dec. 1929.
	4/4	6 March 1930 - 3 Oct. 1931.
Unit 11	4/5	9 Nov. 1932 - 6 Nov. 1933.
	4/6	27 July 1933 - 28 March 1934.
	4/7	28 March 1934 - 4 July 1934.
Unit 12	4/8	4 July 1934 - 20 May 1935.
	4/9	20 May 1935 - 28 Dec. 1935.
	4/10	4 Jan. 1936 - 15 May 1936.
Unit 13	4/11	15 May 1936 - 27 July 1936.
	4/12	17 July 1936 - 9 Feb. 1938.

Units 14, 15 & 16 are unlisted

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