



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Federated Rubber and Allied Workers' Union of Australia, Federal Council.
ACCESSION NO	1973.0054 including 1976.0051, 1980.0102
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1912-72
SIZE OF COLLECTION	19 Boxes 1 bound volume
HISTORICAL NOTE	Federated and registered in 1914, the Union and Council was influenced by the increasing importance of motor transport within the Australian economy. In common with textile and clothing unions, the Rubber and Allied Workers' Union has sought to deal with problems associated with a high turnover of labour, and with improving the position of migrant labour in Australian industry. After amalgamating with the Storemen and Packers Union in 1988 to form the National Union of Storeworkers, Packers, Rubber & Allied Workers, it became part of the National Union of Workers in 1991.
DATE OF TRANSFER	20 September 1973, 12 July 1976, 16 July 1980
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open

DESCRIPTION	<p>These records, mainly of the Federal Council of the Federated Rubber and allied Workers' Union of Australia, cover the period 1922 to 1972, and contain useful material about relations between the union and major rubber companies, such as Dunlop Rubber Co, Goodyear Tyre Co. (Aust.) Ltd, Olympic Tyre and Rubber Co. The collection includes Minutes, management records, correspondence, awards and determinations, Arbitration material and a collection of ACTU circulars for 1963-66.</p> <p>The formation of a Federal Council of the union in 1914 was preceded by the formation of Victoria NSW branches in 1908 and 1912. Branches in SA and WA were not formed until 1964. The union changes its name in 1940 from the Federated Rubber Workers' Union of Australia.</p> <p>Among these records, there is interesting information concerning female rubber workers during the wartime period. Among volumes of bound correspondence for the years 1937 to 1942, for instance, there are accounts of Dunlop Rubbers' employment of female labour on jobs previously done by men, the 1939 strike of women workers at Dunlop, and a union request for equal pay in 1941-42. In addition, transcripts of Arbitration material during the operation of National Security Regulations, 1941 to 1946, include examinations of union and management witnesses, which provide information about wages and conditions of female workers in the rubber trade.</p>
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Tarek Sharaf from partial listing made at time records were accessioned
DATE	July 2011

		Final Notices	1959-70
7		Monthly and Annual statements of accounts, receipts & expenditure. Volume 1: "Ledger" April 1928-June 1941 Volume 2: "Ledger" July 1941-March 1947	1928-41 1941-47
8		Monthly and Annual statements of accounts, receipts & expenditure. Volume 3: "Day Book": listing of expenditure/receipts covering April, 1947 to October, 1952. Pass-book from the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia.	1947-52 1947-52 1943-45
9		Bound Volume, "Membership Register" Cashbook Miscellaneous expenditure	1928-61 1921-43
10		Correspondence: General Correspondence Dunlop Wage Rates	1943-82 1963-82 1947-75
11		Correspondence: Manilla Folder: <i>Federal Correspondence</i> Manilla Folder: <i>Other Union Leaflets</i>	1971-83 1975-81
12		Correspondence: A.L.P. V.T.H.C.	1977-84 1944-82
13		Correspondence. Miscellaneous materials.	1960-62
14		A.C.T.U. Circulars.	1959-74
15		Secretary's Reports. T.U.T.A. Correspondence.	1960-83 1981-82
16		Correspondence: Victorian Chambers of Manufactures; December, 1960 – October, 1981.	1960-81
17		Victorian Trade Hall Council circulars.	1942-79
18		A.L.P. Correspondence.	1977-82
19		Wage rates. Notices. Includes correspondence and press clippings.	1976-81 1972-81
20 (vol)		Bound Scrap book Contains: Press Clippings. Minutes (A.C.T.U.). Policy papers (A.C.T.U.).	1925-74

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