



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Liberal Party (Victorian Division)
ACCESSION NO	1985.0148
CATEGORY	Community and Political, organisations
ACTIVITY	Political parties
DATE RANGE	1903-1978
SIZE OF COLLECTION	178 archives boxes 29 over-sized boxes, 6 metres over-sized ledgers
HISTORICAL NOTE	Disunity and weakness in the non-Labor parties led federal opposition leader R.G. Menzies to call an October 1944 conference, at which 18 organizations were represented [listed in Katharine West's Power in the Liberal Party (1965,p.221,n.33)] - though not the Country Party, which chose to maintain its separate identity. Menzies emphasised the need for an extra-parliamentary organization and an Albury conference of December 1944 set about establishing a framework and drafting a constitution. Public meetings were called to establish grass roots branches; in Victoria these meetings commenced February 1945, and when 130 branches had been formed, a conference of 2 delegates from each met in Melbourne in June. Two notable features of the Victorian organization are provision for equal representation of men and women at all levels, and requirement that at least half of State Executive be members of country branches. First electoral victories were in 1947 in W.A. then in Victoria, and in 1949 the Party began a 23-year term as a federal coalition government. In Victoria it was known as Liberal and Country Party 1949-64.
DATE OF TRANSFER	1985
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Restricted

DESCRIPTION	Subject files; press releases; information services publications including Federal election reports and state election reports 1903-1968; pamphlets; newspaper cuttings 1912-1978; chronological and subject files; election material including Tasmania 1948, Senate 1953-1964, Victoria 1954-1964, Federal 1961-1966, By-elections 1964-1968; Speakers' notes 1952-1964; subject files and executive files 1945-1964; rural committees 1946-1970; state council material 1970-1972; membership records 1954-1964; mailing list files; Leo Hawkin's files; tapes; printing blocks.
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LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIAN DIVISION)

3RD ACCESSION

LIST OF RECORDS

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List of Records

Subject Files

17 boxes, alphabetical letters (B,C - W).

News, Press Releases

15 boxes, unsorted.

Government Press Statements

1 box, 1964-71.

Speeches, Press Releases

4 boxes, listed.

Platforms, Policy Speeches

1 box. Platforms 1946-65, Policy Speeches 1929-67.

Handbooks & Platforms, of other Parties

1 box.

Speeches & Addresses

1 box, 1960-72 (+ Menzies 1940).

Miscellaneous Speeches etc.

1 box, 1909-1970's.

Non-Liberal Speeches & Addresses

1 box.

Miscellaneous Writings & Publications (Non-Liberal)

1 box.

Information Services

- 9 boxes - U.S.A.
 - Central Office of Info. (London)
 - British Info. Service (6 boxes)
 - Soviet News Bulletins and Communiques.

Publications - (Including Reports)

- 31 boxes - Bland "Changing the Constitution". 1950.
- "Current Politics" (1949-57) and "Liberal Facts" (1963-67).
 - "Economic Digest" (1958-9) and "Economic Record" (1956) and "Commonwealth Digest" (1960).
 - Government Publications
 - Box 1 : Acts, 1914-58
 - Box 2 : Acts, 1958-68
 - Box 3 : "Distribution of Population" and "Regional Boundaries"
 - Box 4 : General, 1) Federal 2) State.
 - "Maritime Vigilante" (1957-60) and "Watersider" (1956-60)
 + "Wharfie" (1958-60) + WWF "Official Branch News" (1956-60)
 + "Queensland Guardian" (1954) + miscellaneous Communist journals.
 - "News from Melbourne" & "Australian Newsletter"
 - "News Review" (1955-60) & "Australian Democratic Labor" (1958) and "Youth Voice" (1948-49) and "The Worker's Voice" (1934) and "The Worker" (1938-47) & "Worker's Star" (1951).
 - "Notes: Soviet Affairs"
 - "Overseas Trading" (1966-68) x 2
 Party Research Bulletins (1960 & 1966) and miscellaneous Liberal authorised publications.
 - "Research Notes" (1961-65).
 - "Sane Democracy Journal" (1930's) "Political Reform" (1956)
 - "Wheatboard Gazette" (1963-67)

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- Statistics (4 boxes)
 1. Federal Elections (1903-25) - bound.
 2. Federal Elections (1928-43) - bound
+ Federal Elections & Referenda, various States including Victoria 1967-69 - unbound.
 3. State Elections, Victoria (1928-67) - unbound.
 4. State Elections, Victoria (1928-67) - unbound.

Reports - Government Publications: 2 boxes

1. Federal : 1929, 1947, 1959, 1968, 1965, 1970, 1971.
 2. State: 1951-1970.
- Reports (miscellaneous) (Non Liberal or Government) 1951-57.
 - Report of Royal Commission re. Espionage, Canada (1946).
 - Report of Rural Reconstructions
 - Report of Trades Union All Australia Confernece (1921)
+ Report of 9th Commonwealth Conference of A.L.P. (1921).

Pamphlets : 4 boxes

- Conservative Party pamphlets (2 boxes).
- Miscellaneous Government Pamphlets: Vic. Year Books (1952-3) League of Nations, (1926) Farming in Canada (1950), Youth Services in Britain (1955)
- Partisan pamphlets, mainly right wing.

Newspapers : 24 boxes

- "The Australian Liberal" (1971-4) and "The Young Liberal" (1967) and "The Vic. Liberal Leader" (1971) and "The Liberal Speaker" (1974) and "Jewish News" (1966) and "Labor 1972" and "Today" (1964-5).
- "Farrago" (1967, 1970, 1971, 1969) and "Scrag" (1971)
- "Guardian" : 3 boxes
 1. 1962-64 approx.
 2. Aug. 1963 - Jan. 1965 (and odd copies)
 3. Jan. 1965-Dec. 1966.

- "Tribune" 2 boxes
 1. Jan.-Aug. 1967 (and odd copies)
 2. Aug. 1967-Mar. 1969 (and 1 copy July 1972) and "Century" (July 1972) and "Vanguard" (Sept.-Oct. 1963).
- Newspapers miscellaneous.

(Flat Boxes)

- "The Victorian Dairy Farmer" : 8 boxes
 1. 1961 (1 copy), 1962
 2. 1963
 3. 1964
 4. 1965
 5. 1966
 6. 1967
 7. 1968, 1969
 8. 1970, 1971, 1972.
- "The Victorian Wool and Wheat Grower" : 3 boxes
 1. 1961 (1 copy), 1962, 1963
 2. 1964, 1965
 3. 1966, 1967, 1968.
- "The Victorian Farmer" : 2 boxes
 1. 1968, 1969
 2. 1970, 1971, 1972.]
- "The Countryman" : boxes
 1. Feb. 1960 - Sept. 1963
 2. Oct. 1963 - Oct. 1966
 3. Oct. 1966 - Mar. 1972

Press Cuttings: Chronological : 68 Bound volumes + 18 boxes

- 1912 - 1914
 - 1923 - 1929
 - 1929 - 1935
 - 1944
 - 1944 and 1949 miscellaneous (Box)
 - 21st August 1945 - 25th January 1946
 - 29th January 1946 - 4th June 1946
 - June 1946 - October 1946
 - Federal Elections - September 1946
 - October 1946 - March 1947
 - April 1947 - August 1947
 - August 1947 - November 1947
 - November 1947 - March 1948
 - January 1947 - March 1949 magazine articles
- These probably compiled by Austⁿ women's National League - many cuttings re Austⁿ (Con. Powers Referendum); poss. compiled by Austⁿ Constitutional League*

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- March 1948 - June 1948
 - June 1948 - September 1948
 - September 1948 - November 1949
 - December 1948 - February 1949
 - February 1949 - April 1949
 - April 1949 - June 1949
 - June 1949 - September 1949
 - (Missing - September 1949 - November 1949)
 - November 1949 - January 1950
 - January 1950 - March 1950
 - March 1950 - June 1950
 - June 1950 - September 1950
 - September 1950 - November 1950
 - November 1950 - March 1951
 - March 1951 - June 1951
 - June 1951 - October 1951
 - October 1951 - February 1952
 - February 1952 - May 1952
 - May 1952 - August 1952
 - August 1952 - November 1952
 - November 1952 - February 1953
 - February 1953 - May 1953
 - May 1953 - July 1953
 - July 1953 - September 1953
 - September 1953 - November 1953
 - November 1953 - January 1954
 - January 1954 - March 1954
 - March 1954 - June 1954
 - June 1954 - August 1954
 - August 1954 - October 1954
 - October 1954 - December 1954
 - December 1954 - March 1955
 - March 1955 - April 1955
 - April 1955 - June 1955
 - June 1955 - August 1955
 - August 1955 - October 1955
 - October 1955 - December 1955
 - December 1955 - February 1956
 - February 1956 - April 1956
 - April 1956 - May 1956
 - May 1956 - August 1956
 - August 1956 - November 1956
 - November 1956 - April 1957
 - April 1957 - July 1957
 - July 1957 - October 1957
 - October 1957 - January 1958
 - January 1958 - April 1958
 - April 1958 - July 1958
 - (Missing July 1958 - September 1958)
 - September 1958 - December 1958

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- December 1958 - March 1959
 - March 1959 - June 1959
 - June 1959 - August 1959
 - August 1959 - December 1959
 - December 1959 - March 1960
 - March 1960 - May 1960
 - May 1960 - June 1960

 - Federal Election 1951-52, Federal Election 1954
 - Federal Election 1953, Federal Election 1958, Victorian Election 1970
 - State Elections, 1949-54 (General), Federal Election 1951, Senate Election 1953
 - Federal Election 1955
 - Federal By-Elections 1959-60, Senate Election 1967
 - Federal Election 1961
 - Federal Election 1963
 - Federal Election 1966: 2 boxes
 1. April - November 22, 1966
 2. November 22 - December 15, 1966, and Electorates and Candidates, and death of Holt.
 - Federal Election 1969
 - Challenge to Gorton (November 1 - November 8, 1969) and ouster of Gorton (March 1971) and ouster of Gorton from the Ministry
 - Federal Politics - Miscellaneous, Prime Ministers, Menzies - Holt 1964-65
 - Miscellaneous 1964-66
 - Miscellaneous 1965-68
 - Miscellaneous 1967-72 approx. 4 boxes
 - Death of Menzies 1978.

Press Cuttings: Subject (6 Bound Volumes and 32 boxes)

- "Labor Speaks" and "Labor Says", 1953-59
- "Labor Speaks" and "Labor Says", 1960-62
- "Liberal Voice" and "Liberal Opinion", 1953-59
- "Liberal Voice" and "Liberal Opinion", 1960-62
- "D.L.P. View" and "D.L.P. Says", 1957-62
- "Country Party Voice" and "Country Party Comment", 1957-62

Boxes (32 boxes)

- "C.P. Voice", "C.P. Comment", "D.L.P. View", "D.L.P. Says", "Labor Says", "Labor Speaks", "Liberal Voice", "Liberal Opinion", 1964-72
- A : Arbitration (1965), Aborigines (1965), Australian Development (1960-64), Automation (1962-64), A.C.T.

- (1960-64), Atomic Bomb and Atomic Energy (1961-64), Anti-Communist Labor (1956-57), Army (1961-64).
- A : Advertising.
 - B : Bay Sewerage (1967-69).
 - C : Communism-Sharples, Communism (1948-49), Communism-Royal Commission (1954).
 - C : Communism (1950), Communism (1965-1969), Capital Punishment (1962-63), Country Party (1954-55), Censorship (1965, 1969, 1971), Crime and the Law (1965, 1971).
 - E : Equal Pay (1961-64), Electricity (1961-64).
 - F : Foreign Affairs (1957-64), Foreign Affairs (1961-62), Foreign Affairs (1963, 1965, 1971), Fruit and Vegetables (1957, 1961-64), Forests (1961-64), Finance (1961-63), Food (1949, 1962-1964), Fish and Game (1961-64), Fuel (1962-64), Foreign Investment (1965, 1966).
 - G : General Correspondence (1960-65), Gas (1964), Gambling (1961-64).
 - H : Hospital Benefits (1961-64), Health (1961-64), Health (1964, 1966, 1971), Hire Purchase (1954-63), Housing (1961-64), Hours-Trading (1961-64).
 - H : Health-Dental (1959-64).
 - I : Indonesia (1963-64), Insurance (1961-63), Iron & Steel (1961), Inflation (1961-64), Import Licensing (1961-62), International Affairs (1961-64), Industrial Development (1962-64), Industrial Relations (1961-64).
 - J-K: Judiciary (1961-64), King Street Bridge (1956-63).
 - L : Labor Party (1952, 1955-1961).
 - L : Labor Party (1954), Labor Party (January-April 1955), Labor Party (May-December 1955), Labor Party (1956-57), Labor Party (1958).
 - L : Labor Party (1961-62), Labor Party (1964-66), Liberal Party-Country Party (1954-62), Liberal Organisation (1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971).

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- L : Land Sales (1961-64), Labour, Industries (1962-64), Land Settlement (1961-63), Libraries (1961-64), Landlord & Tennant (1961-63), Loan Council and Premiers' Conference (1961-64), Liquor Licensing (1961-66), Local Government (1963-64), Local Government (1965).
 - L : Local Government (1961-62), Long Service Leave (1952-64).
 - M : Malaysia (1962-64), Marketing (1961-64), Marriage (1961-64), Milk (1961-63), Miscellaneous (1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969).
 - M : Meat Industry (1961-64), Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (1961-63), [Monopolies and] Restrictive Trade Practices (1965), Migration (1961-63), Migration (1965), Mining (1961-63), Mining (1965).
 - N : Nazi Party (1964-71), New Zealand (1961-64), Northern Territory (1961-63), New Guinea (1961-63).
 - P : Personalities (1956-67), Personalities (1961-63).
 - P : Personalities (1968-71), Parliament-Commonwealth (1961-64), Political Surveys (1955, 1956-1966).
 - P : Peace Congresses (1962-63), Pensions (1961-63), Poisons and Drugs (1961-63), Petrol and Oils (1961-63), Private Enterprise (1961-63), Prices (1961-63, 1971, 1972), Press and Newsprint etc. (1961-63).
 - P-Q: Police (1961-63), Public Works (1961-63), Public Service (1961-65), Parks (1962-63), P.M.G. (1961-63), Public Accounts Committee (1961-62), Prisons (1961-63), Ports and Harbours (1961-62), Quarantine (1962-63).
 - R : Railways (1963-66), Road Safety (1961-63), Rhodesia - including letters (1966), Rural-General (1964-66).
 - R : Roads (1956-60), Redistribution (1950-60), Rehabilitation (1948-54), Rehabilitation (1963), Redistribution (1961-63), Railways (1961-62).
 - S : Schools (1962-64), Schools and Education (1965,

1966, 1969, 1971), Sugar (1961-62), State Politics-Victoria (1964-66, 1971), State Politics - Other States (1965, 1968, 1971).

- T : Taxation (1961), Taxation (1962-63), Taxation (1956, 1958, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969), Transport (1962-63), Transport (1964-66, 1971), Traffic (1961-63), Transport (1961).
- T : Trade Unions (1955, 1957, 1958, 1960-62), Trade Unions (1962-63, 1965, 1971), Tariff (1961-63, 1967), Tuberculosis (1962-63).
- U-V: Unity Tickets (1961-63), U.S.A. (1961-63), Vietnam (1965, 1966, 1969, 1971), Vandalism (1961-63), Vermin and Noxious Weeds (1961-63).
- W : Wool (1961), Wool (1964, 1965, 1968), Wheat (1961-63), Wheat (1965), Water Conservation (1961-64, 1967), Wages and Wages Boards (1961-63).

Elections : 21 Boxes

- Tasmania (1948)
- Senate (1953, 1961, 1964)
- Victoria: list of candidates (1954-5), list of polling places in metropolitan area (1950), maps of electoral boundaries (1954-6), directions for polling booth workers (1955)
- Victoria (1958)
- Victoria (1961) : 4 boxes
 1. Electorate files - Albert Park - Midlands
 2. Electorate files - Mildura - Yarraville
 3. General
 4. General
- Victoria (1961-64) - Province files, applications for endorsement
- Federal (1961) : 4 boxes
 1. General
 2. Campaign notes
 3. Federal Electorate file - Balaclava - Kooyong
 4. Federal Electorate file - Lalor - Yarra
- Federal (1963)

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- Victoria (1964) : 2 boxes
 - 1. Electorate files - Albert Park - Toorak
 - 2. General and electoral survey statistics
 - Federal (1966)
 - Victoria (1967) : 3 boxes
 - 1. General
 - 2. Legislative Assembly Pre-selection etc. files, Albert Park - Heatherton
 - 3. Legislative Council Pre-selection
 - Victoria (1970)

By-Elections : 3 boxes

- South-eastern (September 1964), South-western (September 1965), Kooyong (April 1966)
- East Yarra (1964), Corio (1967), Bendigo (1969)
- Higinbotham (February 1967), Higgins (February 1968)

Speakers Notes : 4 boxes

- Federal and State Elections 1931-61
- 1952-64
- Victorian Election (July 1961)
- By-Election South-Eastern Province (1964), and Victorian Election (June 1964).

Subject Files : 6 boxes

- 40 Hour Week Case (1941-56)
- Defence (1942-67)
- Milk Board Enquiry (1952)
- Basic Wage (December 1956-February 1957)
- Dairying (Australian Primary Producers' Union)
: 2 boxes
 - 1. General
 - 2. Annual General Meetings - Victorian Division

Executive Files : 6 boxes

- Correspondence (1945 - June 1946)
- Correspondence (June 1946 - June 1947)
- Correspondence (June 1947 - June 1948)
- General and President's File (1950-1963)
- General and Correspondence (1950-1958)
- General and Secretary's File (1959-1964)

Accounts : 6 boxes and 2 bound volumes

- Cash Books, Ledgers, Election Registers (1953-71).
- Cash Books, Ledgers, Collection Registers, Receipt Books (1953-71)
- Cash Books, Ledgers (1947-55)
- Cash Books (1949-63)
- Salaries Books (1949-51, 1964-66, 1967-69, 1969-71)
- Finance Letters (October 1970-August 1971) and Taxation (1948-50)
- Ledger (1945-52) [bound volume]
- Ledger (1949-63) [bound volume]

Committees : 7 boxes

- Rural Committee: Minutes - Victoria (1946-57) and Minutes - Other States
- Rural Committee: Minutes - Victoria (1957-66) and Justice and Social Welfare Committee (1962-63) and P.R. Staff Planning Committee (1960) and Special Senate Campaign Committee (1953) and Federal Campaign Committee (1955).
- Rural Committee - Federal: Minutes, Research Notes, Correspondence (1952-1960 approx.) and Rural Committee - Victoria: Notes, Miscellaneous Papers, Notes and Minutes (1970).
- Migrants from U.K. Committee: Minutes (1951-52) and Migration Committee (1968-1973) and miscellaneous statements, speeches, etc. on immigration.

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- Branch Development and Maintenance Committee: Minutes (1945-52) and Public Relations Committee. Finance Sub-Committee: Minutes (1953) and New Australian Executive: Minutes (1951-53).
 - Justice and Social Welfare Committee, State Development Committee on Timber Resources, Municipal Affairs Committee, Orderly Marketing Committee, Federal Elections Research Committee, Primary Production and Marketing Committee, Trade and Economic Affairs Committee.
 - Joint Standing Committee on State Policyn (1953-66) and Education Committee (1966-67).

State Council : 1 box

- Miscellaneous (1970-72).

Membership Records : 2 flat boxes, 5 bound volumes, 1 box

- Office Bearers and Representatives (1954)
- Office Bearers and Representatives (1955-56)
- Office Bearers and Committee (1961-62)
- Office Bearers and Committee (1964-65)
- State Council and Representatives (1961-62)
- State Council and Representatives (1962-63)
- State Council and Representatives (1964-65)
- Electorate Committee Office Bearers (1958-61).

Branch Records : 2 flat boxes and 3 boxes

- Membership Statistics : 2 boxes
 1. 1950-53, 1954-55, 1955-56
 2. 1956-57, 1958-59, 1959-60
- Branch Records: 3 boxes
 1. Mooroolbark (1956-66), Dennis-field (1954-65)
 2. Echuca (1960-64)
 3. Ormond: Receipt Books and Minutes (1955-59), Queen's: Cash Book and Correspondence (1946-51), East and West Preston: Miscellaneous (1949), Coburg: Minutes, Doutta Galla (1958), Notices of

Branch Meetings.

Electorate Committee Records : 1 box

- Prahran: Minutes (1952-54), Melbourne: Minutes (1946-47), Fawkner: Report on Senate Election (1967).

Mailing Lists : 3 boxes

Parliamentary Party : 1 box

- Bulletins (1955-57) and Summary of Bills (1958-70).

Leo Hawkins : 1 box

- Personal Papers (November 1965 - June 1967).

Tapes : 1 box

- Miscellaneous

Printing Blocks : 1 box

- Miscellaneous

24th May 1983