



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Victorian Trades Hall Council
ACCESSION NO	1991.0013 incl. 1991.0028 and 1991.0030
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade union peak bodies
DATE RANGE	1867-1977
SIZE OF COLLECTION	4 boxes; 2 OS photographs; photographs
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>On 3 December 1858 a small group of tradesmen, many of whom were involved in the eight-hours day boon achieved three years earlier, formed the first Committee of the National Trades Hall and Literary Institute and the first trades hall was erected in Melbourne in 1859 (records from this period are at the State Library of NSW) . By 1870 the Committee had decided to replace its original building with one suitable as a 'parliament' of the working-class. The present building was built between 1873 and 1925. From the outset the Trades Hall was to provide a place for the social and educational activities of workers as well as their industrial ones. The philosophy of the early Trades Hall Committee was that education was essential to social progress for workers, hence the Library was given a prominent place in the new building. The Trades Hall Council itself has always been central to the industrial and political aspirations of the labour movement in Victoria. From small, proud but parochial beginnings it has developed to spearhead campaigns on hours of work, wages, long service leave, equal pay and other industrial matters. On the social front it has interests in welfare, youth, conservation and Aboriginal affairs.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	26 Feb 1991
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Restricted

DESCRIPTION	Council Minutes, 1883-1893; Disputes Committee, 1965-1975; ACTU Circulars, 1957-1960; Trades Hall Girls' Club receipts, 1960-1961; VTHC Attendance book 1887-1893. VTHC Account Book: contains records of the Permanent Hall Building Fund, 17 May 1867-1877; later used to record accounts of funds raised by appeal for strikes, c 1906-1914; Rough minute books of the THC; texts of addresses by THC members, c. 1950s; Photographs 18? – 1990.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	Items B30/1/41 and B30/1/43 are unavailable for access.
NOTE ON LISTING	The list details a small number of documents, found at Trades Hall during renovations, which date from before 1974 and are therefore contemporary with the first accession. It consolidates Accession Numbers 1991.0013, 1991.0028 and 1991.0030. Originally these accessions were integrated intellectually and, where possible, physically into the first accession. These have since been removed and are now physically separated from the first accession. The original series numbering has remained i.e. where an item fitted into an existing first accession series it had been numbered as a continuous part of the series with a 'B' added as a prefix to indicate the different accessions. The list which follows therefore has a discontinuous numbering system, but must be read in conjunction with the main published guide to the VTHC records. The items in this accession have not been integrated into the VTHC published indexes.
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Box No.	Archival No.	Description and Date Range
	<u>B1</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>
	<u>B1/1</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
	<u>B1/1/1</u>	<u>PROPER</u>
M/form	B1/1/1/2A	1883-1893. The minutes, on microfilm, include the missing volumes, December 1883 - October 1888. [10 RR]
	<u>B1/4</u>	<u>DISPUTES COMMITTEE</u>
	<u>B1/4/2</u>	<u>ROUGH</u>
Box 1	B1/4/2/2	7 July 1965 - 3 May 1976.
Box 1	B1/4/2/3	4 March 1969 - 26 July 1977.
Box 1	B1/4/2/4	1 December 1975 - 15 November 1977.
Box 1	B1/4/2/5	Volume consists of rough notes of Industrial Court and Wages Board matters, 25 March 1965 - 4 February 1969, pp.1-73; and Disputes Committee proceedings, 3 May 1977 - 30 November 1977, pp.74-153; also includes few Workers' Compensation Committee and On-Going Activities Committee rough minutes within the date range.
	<u>B5</u>	<u>FINANCIAL</u>
	<u>B5/3</u>	<u>BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS</u>
Box 1	B5/3/30	Balance sheets and cash statements as at September 1956.
	<u>B5/4</u>	<u>STRIKES AND APPEALS ACCOUNTS</u>
Box 1	B5/4/10	Donations to strikes and appeals, c. January 1906 - 9 November 1914. <u>N.B.:</u> This volume began as Receipts and Expenditure of Permanent Hall Building Fund, 17 Mat 1867 - 30 September 1876.
	<u>B5/7</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>
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	<u>B5/12/4</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>
Box 1	B5/12/4/2	General Fund Receipt Book S176, 13 August 1956 - 14 December 1956.
	<u>B6</u>	<u>INSURANCE</u>

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Box 2	B6/6	VTHC Schedule of Insurances, as at the 23rd November 1970.
	<u>B7</u>	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>
Box 3	B7/11	<u>THC COMMITTEES</u>
Box 3	B7/11/1	<u>LABOUR DAY COMMITTEE</u>
Box 3	B7/11/1/7	Labour Day Dinner Lists, 1953-1957.
Box 3	B7/11/1/8	Labour Day Dinner Lists, 1958.
	<u>B8</u>	<u>PERSONAL FILES</u>
	<u>B8/4</u>	<u>K.C. STONE</u>
Box 2	B8/4/5	Collection of A.C.T.U. rules, constitutions' standing orders, and decisions, 1953-1969. (Fifteen items).
	<u>B11</u>	<u>SUBJECT FILES</u>
Box 2	B11/99	Silicosis Sub-committee, 1953-54.
	<u>B12</u>	<u>TRADES HALL COUNCIL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION BUREAU</u>
	<u>B12/4</u>	<u>AWARDS AND DETERMINATIONS</u>
Box 2	B12/4/21	Circulars, notes and correspondence re arbitration and award matters; includes Metal Trades Award, 1958, and apprenticeship conference 1949. c.1949-1960.
	<u>B15</u>	<u>OTHER ORGANISATIONS</u>
	<u>B15/2</u>	<u>AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS</u>
	<u>B15/2/1</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>
Box 2	B15/2/1/22	Interstate Executive Minutes, loose, 1957 to 1959.
Box 2	B15/2/1/23	Minutes of meetings with various unions, loose, 1957.
Box 4	B15/2/1/24	Minutes of meetings with various unions, loose, 1958.
Box 4	B15/2/1/25	Minutes of meetings with various unions, loose, 1959.
	<u>B15/2/9</u>	<u>CIRCULARS</u>
Box 4	B15/2/9/5	Circulars and correspondence to officers and various unions, March 1958 to July 1960.
	<u>B21</u>	<u>UNION RULES</u>
Box 1	B21/102A	Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia, <u>Rules</u> , 1966.

Box No.	Archival No.	Description and Date Range
	<u>B27</u>	<u>TRADES HALL GIRLS' CLUB</u>
	<u>B27/2</u>	<u>FINANCE</u>
Box 1	B27/2/10	Receipt book, 1960-61.
	<u>B30</u>	<u>PHOTOGRAPHS, POSTERS, HANDBILLS, RIBBONS, EPHEMERA</u>
	<u>B30/1</u>	<u>PHOTOGRAPHS</u>
O/S OSBB4	B30/1/37	Delegates at Annual Interstate Conference FEDFA, Perth, 3 April 1914. (45 x 35cms) (Damaged).
BWP 6	B30/1/38	Delegates at THC meeting. Photo addressed to Mr. K. McLean, T.U.T.A., 82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide, from M.O.A. Federal Executive, 1-3 O'Connell Street, North Melbourne, c. December 1980(?), 25.5x18.5cms.
BWP 5	B30/1/39	Meeting at Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne. Photo addressed as above. 23x18.2cms.
BWP 24	B30/1/40	Maryanne McCubbin (Author and Labour Archivist, University of Melbourne Archives) with John Halfpenny, Secretary, VTHC, at launch of VTHC List and Indexes, 1990. 16.5x23.5cms.
O/S unavailable	B30/1/41	Trades Hall, 1929. 27x36cms, mounted.
O/S OSBB3	B30/1/42	Thirty-six workmen at Trades Hall, 18?, 40.5x45.5cms.
O/S unavailable	B30/1/43	Delegates in front of Trades Hall, c.1912-24, 25x30cms.
	<u>B30/5</u>	<u>EPHEMERA</u>
BWP 39	B30/5/12	Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union of Australia, Melbourne Branch, Membership Card and Contribution Card for M. Pobego, 16 October 1959.

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