



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Ballarat Trades And Labour Council and Ballarat Eight-hours Day Celebration Committee
ACCESSION NO	1975.0060, 1987.0115, 1988.0077
CATEGORY	Labour, organisations
ACTIVITY	Trade union peak bodies
DATE RANGE	1895-1940
SIZE OF COLLECTION	18 Boxes, 1 Volume
HISTORICAL NOTE	The Ballarat Trades and Labour Council was formed in 1883 by local craft unions. With active support from Labor Party branches it became one of Australia's most influential provincial trades councils.
DATE OF TRANSFER	11 March 1975
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
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BALLARAT TRADES and LABOUR COUNCIL
AND
BALLARAT EIGHT-HOURS DAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

15/10/00
6/11/00
8/8/00
6/11/00

List of records

Historical Note

The Ballarat Trades and Labour Council was formed in 1883 by local craft unions. It became an influential provincial trades council. Most of its records are deposited with ANU Business and Labour Archives, while the remainder was deposited with us along with the Ballarat Eight-Hours Day Celebration Committee material. Like its trades council, the Eight-Hours Day Committee was a strong and active organisation; the eight-hours day processions and celebrations were grandiose indeed.

Date Range

BFLC 1883-1977 (Mainly 1890-1910)
BE-HDCC 1882-1922

Size

Sixteen archives boxes total

Condition

Poor to okay

Access

Open

Notes

Reference might also be made to the AC Williams collection (held here). Williams was an active unionist in Ballarat, and eventually became secretary of the Ballarat Trades and Labour Council. The Archives holds a list of Ballarat Trades and Labour Council records held at ANU.

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- 2 Correspondence: 1897-1906 and undated
- 3 Vouchers/receipts: 1885-1891 includes annual receipts and expenditure/balance sheets: 1886, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1892.
- 4 Vouchers/receipts: 1892-1899 includes annual receipts of expenditure/balance sheets: 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.
- 5 Vouchers/receipts: 1900-1908, 1911-1913, 1938-40.
- 6 Council Minutes: April 6 1894
Council Business Sheet: Feb. 4 1898
Council Attendance Sheets: 1893, 1896-8
Queensland Strike fund receipt book: 1891
Insurance policies: 1890, 1891
Stamps and sundries book (undated)
Mortgage documents, correspondence with solicitor: 1902
Memo form (blank) from BTLC to union secretaries re union workplaces: 1890
BTLC New Year Greeting Cards: 1903-04
- Correspondence:
Trenwith Appeal: 1896
General instructions for the second inter-colonial Trade Union Congress. (Author: W.Murphy) 1884)
- Correspondence:
- United Council for Women's Suffrage. Vida Goldstein: 1899.
- Correspondence: Chas Harris to Hurdsfield re International Socialist Congress: 1903
- Union representatives against Chinese Labour in the Transvaal.
- May Day Demonstration Committee. 1900
- Women's Franchise League 1894
- Correspondence 1891-4: concerning the establishment of the P.L.L. and the standing of candidates at elections.
- Platform of the Progressive Political League of Victoria (1893).
- Australasian Labour Federation: (broadsheet). 1891.
- Progress - prospectus 1903
- Correspondence: AWU Sydney to BTLC re 1917 Sydney General

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Strike.

Trades Hall Committee, Melbourne. Balance sheet 1884.

Correspondence: Ballarat Town Clerk to Ballarat Sustenance and Relief Workers' Union 1933.

Justice!!! Labour Trouble at the "Evening Echo" the facts of the case: 1895

Amalgamated Workers Association of Western Australia Congress: 1899.

Sports programmes: 1891, 1892, 1893, 1905.

Picture night, in support of the A.A.B.: 1919

Blind Workers Association Variety Concert: 1919

Provincial THC'c Workers! Help Smash Japanese Invasion 1942.

Speak Up for Labor and Liberty - ALP Industrial Groups 1949

Federated Miscellaneous Workers Members Card (4)

B.S.R.W.U. Peace Card 1937, 1938.

BTLC delegates form (undated). Various printed material:
Labour's ticket (3) 1947
Left Book Club meeting
Ballarat Mechanics Institute. List of books added to the Library 1900.

Sydenham/Braybrook picture nights ticket: 1919

Vogues entertainment ticket 1920

Christmas card N.Z. Department of Labour 1903

Christmas card Ballarat Co-operative Distribution Society: 1903

Ballarat Fire Brigade subscription book (undated)

Postcard "Wattle I do love without thee?" 1916

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United Ironworkers Cricket club

Cashbook, with members, clippings 1897-98

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Subscription lists in support of striking timberworkers 1923-29

Pamphlets:

Liquor Trade Arbitration award (Ballarat) 1923-24

ALP election leaflets: 1943

- "The digger gets a raw deal"

- "Primary producers in perilous position"

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- "The Commonwealth Bank"

1928-29 Timberworkers Strike

- Melbourne Trades Hall Council leaflets 1,2,3

ALP State Election: early 30's

"The Labor Government refused to make the unemployed work for sustenance".

"Labor's agricultural policy".

Australian Council for Civil Liberties 1940

"Make amendment of the National Security Act a Federal election issue". (2 varieties)

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Ballarat and District Trades Union Directory 1940 ??

Rules of The Trades and Labour Council and Literary Institute of Ballarat 1954.

Regulations for the Management of the THC Melbourne T.H.C. on Long Service Leave 1957

T.H.C. on Inquiry into Factories and Shop Act 1950

Ballarat Labor Day Dinner 1974

Vote for Alan Williams - Labor's candidate for Ballarat 1963.

Union Pamphlets

The Queensland Railway Strike 1946.

(J.V.Stout) Brief history of unionism in England and Australia 1947.

(A. McNolty) Workers' conditions in England and Western Europe 1952.

The penal clauses and what they mean to you. 1957.(3)
Automation, mechanisation, new trends in the building industry. 1960

Automation (Metal Trades Federation) (2)

Report of A.E.U. delegation from Australia to the U.S.S.R. 1958.

(OPDU) The struggle against lead poison in the printing trade 1958.

Equal Pay (2 pamphlets)

1. Multilingual (Italian, Greek)
2. Speakers notes.

(AWU) Constitution and general rules: 1949-50

(AEU) Abolish the penal clauses: 1956 (2 copies)

(MTF) The Commonwealth basic wage 1907-1953: 1953

Australia's economy endangered (Common Market) (3 copies)

AMWSU and FEDFA amalgamation proposals: 1977 (4 copies)

Rail and tram stop work meetings 1977 proposed resolutions

Textiles Workers Union - Long service leave calculator: 1971

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Political pamphlets

ALP-DLP Facts for Catholic voters: 1961
The truth about the DLP and its false claims 1958
(B.A. Santamaria) The Peace Game 1959

Differences in the communist movement: views of the
CPA: 1963

Combined Pensioners Association News, Vol.2 (3)

Medibank slashed: What next? Support Labor (bumper stickers)

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Eight Hour Day Committee Correspondence: 1882-1894

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Eight Hour Day Committee Correspondence: 1895-1907
and undated. 8 hour day subscription list (undated).

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Eight Hour Day Committee Receipts/Vouchers: 1882-1894

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Eight Hour Day Committee. Receipts/Vouchers:
1895-1907. Undated. Balance sheets - 1883-1885, 1888,
1891-1892.

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Eight Hour Day Committee -
Bank account: 1895 - 1901
Ticket receipt book: 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916
Other fund raising receipts: 1913
Rough cash book: 1884
Cheque Book: 1891

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Eight Hour Day Committee and printed material-

Ticket book: 1885, 1887 (list)
Sports programmes: 1892-1894; undated
Sports entries: 1917-1922
Sports pay sheet: 1889, 1890
Grand celebration programme: 1885
Drawing of art union: 1886
Newspaper report: 1884
Executive and Committeemen placard (2) 1885
Committeemen's badge

Refreshment tickets
Decision of special committee on dispute re
chairmanship of Eight Hours Committee 1904.

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Eight Hour Day Committee
Sports entries bicycle races: 1894

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1. THC Committee meetings and other meetings: Minutes 1886-1888.
2. Executive officers and union delegates: Roll Book 1913-1945.
3. Accounts Book 1882-1908 (also includes: Social Committee Meeting 1932-1933 and Accounts: Eight-Hour Anniversary Committee 1935)
4. Accounts Book 1909-1925.
5. Societies Accounts and rooms rent 1907-1911.
6. Accounts book 1887-1910.
7. Accounts book 1911-1931.
8. Accounts book 1913-1914.
9. Hall floor accounts 1937-1942.

"The Songs of Labour", rights workers'
Songs sung to traditional tunes

NB This list should be
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