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NAME OF COLLECTION	AUSTRALIAN TIMBER WORKERS' UNION, including AUSTRALIAN TIMBER WORKERS' UNION, No 2. Victorian Branch
ACCESSION NO	A.1984.0060
CATEGORY ACTIVITY	Labour, organisations Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1905-1983
SIZE OF COLLECTION	62 archives boxes, 1 over-sized item
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>The A.T.W.U. first obtained Federal registration in July 1918 and its Victorian counterpart was established in the same year. Saw Mill and Timber Yard employees, since the turn of the century have been covered by the Federated Saw Mill and Timber Yard Employees Federation. The new union extended coverage to workers in box and case factories, saw makers' shops, joiners workshops, carpenters, implement workers and wood working machinists. In 1940 the union filed an application and succeeded in extending its coverage to most workers employed in the timber and wood industry including cabinet makers and furniture factories. It amalgamated with the BWIU and eventually became part of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union in 1993.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	30 March 1984
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Restricted
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LISTING: Records of the Australian Timber Workers' Union, No. 2, (Victorian) Branch, held at Melbourne University Archives

ACCESSION NUMBER: 84 G 24

COLLECTION PREFIX: TATV

DATE OF TRANSFER: 30 March 1984

QUANTITY OF RECORDS: 9.0 Metres

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Australian Timber Workers' Union first obtained federal registration in July 1918. The Victorian Branch was established as the Number 2 branch in February of the same year. Saw Mill and Timber Yard employees, since the turn of the century, had been covered by an association called the Federated Saw Mill and Timber Yard Employees' Association. The new Union extended coverage to persons employed in Box and Case Factories, Saw Makers' Shops, Joiners' Workshops; persons employed preparing timber for Joiners, Carpenters, Implement Makers, Coachbuilders, Car and Wagon Builders, and persons employed as wood working machinists or in connection with hewing, splitting or falling timber. In 1948 the Union filed an application to further extend its coverage to include persons working in or preparing timber for Coopers Workshops, Furniture Factories, Wooden Sporting Goods Factories, Veneer and Plywood Factories. The diverse coverage obtained by this Union split early on into two distinct organising bases in the 'City' and 'Country'. The 'Country' records detail the harsh living and working conditions common at isolated sawmills; both 'City' and 'Country' contain considerable material on the safety aspects of the industry.

NOTE: Federal Council correspondence for the years 1944 to 1955 is contained within these records and includes considerable material relating to arbitration, awards and agreements.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1905-1983.

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MINUTESManaging Committee

- Unit 1 1. 20/3/05 - 12/11/08 (includes attendance roll)

Executive and Committee of Management

2. 11/12/18 - 2/11/18 (includes minutes of meeting constituting the Victorian Branch of the Australian Timber Workers' Union, 11/2/18)
3. 3/7/18 - 20/8/19
4. 9/3/20 - 6/4/21 (broken series) (1 - 4 in Box 1)
- Unit 66 5. 2/1/29 - 20/2/35 (includes loose copies of Federal Council Correspondence 3/11/39 and minutes Federal Council Meeting 7/11/40) (on shelf)

Executive

- Unit 2 6. 24/9/41 and undated
7. 17/1/44 - 12/12/45
8. 19/1/46 - 6/7/48
9. 12/8/48 - 19/12/49
10. 1/2/50 - 20/12/54
11. 20/1/55 - 5/4/57
12. 3/5/57 - 28/8/59 (6-12 in Box 2)
- Unit 3 13. 25/9/59 - 30/8/62
14. 31/8/62 - 4/12/64
15. 27/1/65 - 25/8/67
16. 2/2/68 - 25/11/70
17. 2/1/71 - 22/11/73
18. 22/11/73 - 22/11/74
19. 14/8/75 - 14/10/76
20. 14/10/76 - 19/10/77 (13-20 in Box 3)

Committee of Management

(Includes organisers' reports, compensation reports, some interleaved correspondence and Secretary's reports)

- Unit 4 21. 20/5/44 - 17/9/45
22. 22/6/46 - 1/10/49
23. 21/1/50 - 4/12/54
24. 26/3/55 - 29/6/57
25. 14/12/57 - 25/3/61
26. 17/6/61 - 19/12/64
27. 20/3/65 - 22/10/66 (21-27 in Box 4)
- Unit 5 28. 21/1/67 - 9/12/67
29. 20/4/68 - 14/12/68
30. 22/3/69 - 13/12/69
31. 13/12/69 - 12/12/70
32. 22/1/71 - 11/12/71 (28-32 in Box 5)
- Unit 6 33. 25/1/72 - 9/12/72
34. 17/3/72 - 15/12/73
35. 15/12/73 - 7/12/74
36. 7/12/74 - 6/12/75
37. 6/12/75 - 4/12/76
38. 19/3/77 - 17/12/77 (33-38 in Box 6)

Melbourne Members' Meetings

- Unit 7 39. 10/1/44 - 10/10/45
40. 4/2/46 - 5/12/49
41. 6/2/50 - 6/12/54
42. 7/2/55 - 2/2/59

Subject files held with Minutes

43. Forests and Timber Industries' Comforts Fund 1949

44. Upper Yarra Dam Incentive Payment Scheme 1950

45. Cessation of Building Trades Federation of Victoria
1954 (39-45 in Box 7)

Rough Minute Book: Executive

Unit 8 46. 1947 - 51

Rough Minute Book: Melbourne Members' Meetings

47. 1947 - 51

Rough Minute Books: Executive and Committee of Management

48. 1951 - 54

49. 1959 - 60

50. 1960 - 62

51. 1962 - 65

52. 1965 - 66 (46-52 in Box 8)

Unit 9 53. 1967 - 68

54. 1968 - 69

55. 1969 - 70

56. 1971 - 72

57. 1974 - 75 (53-57 in Box 9)

Attendance Book: Executive and Committee of Management Meetings

Unit 10 58. 1947 - 66

Duplicate Minutes: Executive

59. 7/6/44 - 25/1/47

60. 19/2/47 - 19/12/49

Duplicate Minutes: Committee of Management

61. 3/1/44 - 1/10/49

Duplicate Minutes: Melbourne Members' Meetings

62. 1/5/44 - 5/12/49 (58-62 in Box 10)

Organiser Cyril Weekley's Minute Files

(includes agendas of Committee of Management Meetings; Minutes; Reports and Correspondence. Reports were tabled by the Secreary, Organiser and Industrial Officer. Special reports on Workers' Compensation appear regularly. The correspondence mostly concerns compensation and entitlement claims. A small quantity concerns members' expressions of dissatisfaction with the leadership. Item 64 contains a letter of resignation signed by Weekley)

Unit 11 63. 1966 - 68 (in Box 11)

Unit 12 64. 1969 - 71 (in Box 12)

FINANCIAL PAPERSQuarterly Summaries of Contributions

Unit 13 65. 1924

Day Books: Receipts

66. 1939 - 41

67. 1950 - 52

68. 1953 - 56 (65-68 in Box 13)

Unit 14 69. 1956 - 59

70. 1959 - 62 ~~(62-70 in Box 14)~~

Unit 15 71. 1962 - 65

72. 1965 - 68 (71-72 in Box 15)

Unit 16 73. 1968 - 71

74. 1971 - 73

75. 1973 - 75 (73-75 in Box 16)

Day Books: Expenditure

Unit 17 76. 1942 - 49

77. 1950 - 58

78. 1958 - 65 (76-78 in Box 17)

Unit 18 79. 1965 - 75

Mailing Expenses Book

Unit 18 80. 1961 - 64

(79-80 in Box 18)

Steward's Ledgers

(Steward's record of quarterly contributions collated by workplace)

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82. City 1961 - 63

83. Country 1961 - 63

84. Country 1962 - 63

Balance Sheets

85. Collated Balance Sheets 1942 - 71

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Cash Books

(subdivided into debits and credits)

Unit 20 86. 1926 - 30

87. 1934 - 40

88. 1941 - 56

89. 1960 - 70

~~(86-90 in Box 20)~~Wages Books: Office Staff

Unit 21 90. 1955 - 64

91. 1965 - 75

Officials' Expenses

92. M. Fennell 1940 - 66

93. J. Cameron 1967 - 76

94. E. Evans 1957 - 66

95. G. Laity 1944 - 59

Federal Council Papers96. Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June,
1982 (1 folder)~~(91-96 in Box 21)~~

RULES

Unit 22 97. Australian Timber Workers' Union 1948 (3 copies)

MEMBERSHIP

98. Resignations 1975 - 77

99. List of mills not organised (City) (n.d.)

100. List of mills and number of members in Upper Yarra and Healesville districts (n.d.)

CORRESPONDENCE: INWARDS AND OUTWARDSCorrespondence with employers

101. 1953	(1 file)	
102. 1954	(1 file)	
103. 1955	(1 file)	
104. 1956	(2 files)	(97-104 in Box 22)
Unit 23 105. 1957	(2 files)	
106. 1958	(2 files)	(105-106 in Box 23)
Unit 24 102. 1959	(6 files)	(in Box 24)
Unit 25 108. 1960	(5 files)	(in Box 25)
Unit 26 109. 1961	(4 files)	
110. 1962	(3 files)	(110-111 in Box 26)
Unit 27 111. 1963	(2 files)	
112. 1964	(3 files)	(112-113 in Box 27)
Unit 28 113. 1965	(4 files)	(in Box 28)
Unit 29 114. 1966	(6 files)	(in Box 29)
Unit 30 115. 1967	(3 files)	(in Box 30)
Unit 31 116. 1968	(2 files)	
117. 1969	(4 files)	(116-117 in Box 31)

City and Country Correspondence 1968 - 1971

(mainly correspondence with Members regarding contributions, resignations, entitlements)

Unit 32 118. A
119. B (118-119 in Box 32)

Unit 33 120. C
121. D (120-121 in Box 33)

Unit 34 122. E
123. F
124. G (122-124 in Box 34)

Unit 35 125. H
126. I
127. J (125-127 in Box 35)

Unit 36 128. K
129. L
130. M (128-130 in Box 36)

Unit 37 131. Mc
132. N
133. O
134. P
135. Q (131-135 in Box 37)

Unit 38 136. R
137. S (136-137 in Box 38)

Unit 39 138. T
139. U
140. V (138-140 in Box 39)

Unit 40 141. W
142. Y - Z (141 - 142 in Box 40)

Federal Council Correspondence

(mainly consists of material relating to arbitration, industrial agreements and awards, arranged by the year)

Unit 41	145. 1944 - 45	Arbitration
	146. 1944 - 45	Sheehan - Arbitration (P. Sheehan was the Union's industrial adviser and advocate)
	147. 1944 - 45	Australian Council of Trade Unions
	148. 1944 - 45	Accounts
	149. 1944 - 45	Interstate general
	150. 1944 - 45	Federal Officers and Delegates
	151. 1944 - 45	New South Wales
	152. 1944 - 45	South Australia
	153. 1944 - 45	Tasmania
	154. 1944 - 45	Miscellaneous and Members of Parliament
	155. 1944 - 45	Other Unions
	156. 1944 - 45	Rail Transport Department Priorities
	157. 1944 - 45	Fingal Dispute
	158. 1944 - 45	Women's Employment Board
	159. 1944 - 45	Timber Merchants' Association and Tasmanian Sawmillers (145 - 159 in Box 41)
Unit 42	160. 1946 - 47	Arbitration
	161. 1946 - 47	Sheehan Arbitration
	162. 1946 - 47	Accounts
	163. 1946 - 47	Interstate general
	164. 1946 - 47	Federal Council Delegates and Officers (includes vote count for the 1947 triennial election)
	165. 1946 - 47	New South Wales
	166. 1946 - 47	Victoria

Unit 42	167. 1946 - 47	South Australia
	168. 1946 - 47	Tasmania
	169. 1946 - 47	Miscellaneous
	170. 1946 - 47	Members of Parliament
	171. 1946 - 47	Other Unions (includes material related to Carpenters' Eligibility Agreement 1945)
	172. 1946 - 47	Timber Merchants' Association and Tasmanian Timber Association
	173. 1946 - 47	Tariff
	174. 1946 - 47	Forty Hour Case
	175. 1946 - 47	Fingal Dispute (160-175 in Box 42)
Unit 43	176. 1948	Arbitration (Items 176, 177, 179, 181-183 contain material on an application to vary the Federal Timber Workers' Award re eligibility and various conditions, including adult and juvenile rates of pay and the ratio of apprentices to journeymen)
	177. 1948	Sheehan - Arbitration
	178. 1948	Accounts
	179. 1948	Interstate general
	180. 1948	Federal Delegates and Officers
	181. 1948	New South Wales
	182. 1948	South Australia
	183. 1948	Tasmania
	184. 1948	Miscellaneous (includes correspondence with the West Australian Timber Industry Industrial Union of Workers re awards)
	185. 1948	Members of Parliament
	186. 1948	Statistician
	187. 1948	Employers' Associations, Timber Merchants and Hardwood Millers.
	188. 1948	Tariff

Unit 43	189. 1948	General	(189-190 in Box 43)
Unit 44	190. 1949	Arbitration	
	191. 1949	Sheehan - Arbitration	
	192. 1949	Accounts	
	193. 1949	Interstate general	
	194. 1949	Federal Delegates and Officers	
	195. 1949	New South Wales	
	196. 1949	Victoria	
	197. 1949	South Australia	
	198. 1949	Tasmania	
	199. 1949	Miscellaneous	
	200. 1949	Statistician	
	201. 1949	Other Unions	
	202. 1949	Employees' Associations, Timber Merchants, Hardwood Millers.	(190-202 in Box 44)
Unit 45	203. 1950 - 51	Arbitration (contains material related to an application to vary the Timber Workers' Award re apprentices and junior rates)	
	204. 1950 - 51	Sheehan - Arbitration	
	205. 1950 - 51	Accounts	
	206. 1950 - 51	Federal Delegates and Officers	
	207. 1950 - 51	Victoria	
	208. 1950 - 51	South Australia	
	209. 1950 - 51	Tasmania	
	210. 1950 - 51	Miscellaneous	
	211. 1950 - 51	Members of Parliaments	
	212. 1950 - 51	Statistician	
	213. 1950 - 51	Employers' Associations, Timber Merchants; Hardwood Millers	(203-213 in Box 45)

Unit 46	214. 1952 - 53	Arbitration
	215. 1952 - 53	Sheehan - Arbitration
	216. 1952 - 53	Accounts
	217. 1952 - 53	Federal Delegates and Officers
	218. 1952 - 53	Interstate general
	219. 1952 - 53	New South Wales
	220. 1952 - 53	Victoria
	221. 1952 - 53	South Australia
	222. 1952 - 53	Tasmania
	223. 1952 - 53	Miscellaneous
	224. 1952 - 53	Other Unions
	225. 1952 - 53	Statistician
	226. 1952 - 53	Employers' Associations (214-226 in Box 46)
Unit 47	227. 1954 - 55	Arbitration (includes claim re margins for female employees)
	228. 1954 - 55	Sheehan - Arbitration
	229. 1954 - 55	Australian Council of Trade Unions
	230. 1954 - 55	Accounts
	231. 1954 - 55	Federal Delegates and Officers
	232. 1954 - 55	Interstate general
	233. 1954 - 55	New South Wales
	234. 1954 - 55	South Australia
	235. 1954 - 55	Tasmania
	236. 1954 - 55	Hotel Bookings

- Unit 47 237. 1954 - 55 Other Unions
 238. 1954 - 55 Statistician
 239. 1954 - 55 Employers' Associations
 (227-239 in Box 47)

ORGANISING REPORTS

Organising Reports: City 1970's - c 1983

(arranged alphabetically by employer; correspondence with employers included)

- Unit 48 240. A
 241. B
 242. C
 243. D
 244. E
 245. F (240-245 in Box 48)
- Unit 49 246. G
 247. H
 248. I
 249. J
 250. K
 251. L
 252. M
 253. N (246-253 in Box 49)
- Unit 50 254. P
 255. R
 256. S
 257. T
 258. V
 259. W (254-259 in Box 50)

Organising Reports: Country

- Unit 51 260. 1959 (2 reports only)
261. A-Z 1960 (260-261 in Box 51)
- Unit 52 262. A c1970 - 1983
263. B c1970 - 1983
264. C c1970 - 1983 (262-264 in Box 52)
- Unit 53 265. D c1970 - 1983
266. E c1970 - 1983
267. F c1970 - 1983
268. G c1970 - 1983
269. H c1970 - 1983
270. I c1970 - 1983
271. K c1970 - 1983 (265-271 in Box 53)
- Unit 54 272. L c1970 - 1983
273. M c1970 - 1983
274. N c1970 - 1983
275. O c1970 - 1983
276. P c1970 - 1983
277. R c1970 - 1983
278. S c1970 - 1983 (272-278 in Box 54)
- Unit 55 279. T c1970 - 1983
280. V c1970 - 1983
281. W c1970 - 1983
282. Y c1970 - 1983
283. Index of employers (n.d.) (279-283 in Box 55)

ACCIDENTS REGISTER

- Unit 68 284. Accidents Register 1910 - 1919 (on shelf)

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- Unit56 285. Rules and Constitution: The Pulp and Paper Workers' Federation of Australia 1975.
286. Rule Book: The Trades and Labor Council and Literary Institute of Ballarat 1954.

SUBJECT FILES

287. Notebook containing newspaper cuttings and correspondence, re the Federal Council Injunction against the West Australian Branch 1926-28.
288. Deputation from the Australian Timber Workers' Union to the Minister for Education re the Mansfield school bus 1969.
289. Log of claims prepared by the Australian Timber Workers' Union and associated correspondence 1983.

CIRCULARS

290. Topics for Sleeper Hewers September 1935.
291. Draft of Long Service Leave adopted at Conference of Representatives of Collingwood, Richmond and Port Melbourne held at the Town Hall, Port Melbourne on 6th October, 1944.
292. The Timber Worker September 1933 (series includes material on health and safety; youth; job committees; Forty Four Hour Week. The series title is shared by the Union Journal).
293. The Timber Worker 4 October 1934.
294. The Timber Worker 16 October 1934.
295. The Timber Worker 19 November 1934.
296. The Timber Worker May 1935.
297. The Timber Worker October 1935.
298. The Timber Worker November 1935.

Unit 56 299. The Timber Worker January 1936. (285-299 in Box 56)

NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS AND ASSOCIATED MATERIAL

The Timber Worker: Official Organ of the No 2 (Victorian) Branch

(Newspaper format 1913 - 1959; journal format 1960 onwards)

300. February 1913 - February 1918 (1 volume)

301. 1918 - 1920 (1 volume)

302. 1921 - 1922, 1923 - 1924 (1 volume)

303. 1925 - 1926 (1 volume)

304. 29/1/27 - 15/12/27 (unbound volume)

Unit 63 305. 1928 - 1959 (broken series. loose copies)

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items 300 - 304
not held at UMA

Units 57, 58 & 59 306. 1960 - 1973 (in Boxes 57-59)

The Timber Worker: issued by the Executive, Timber Workers' Union

307. May, 1936 (1 issue)

The Timber Worker: Official Organ of the Tasmanian Branch

308. 1943 - 50 (6 copies, broken series)

The N.S.W. Timber Worker

309. 1948 - 49 (3 copies, broken series)

The New Zealand Timber Worker: Official Organ of the New Zealand Timber Workers' Union

310. February 1946; August 1949

Westralian Worker: Official Organ of the W.A. Labor Party

311. 22nd June, 1951

(307-311 held elsewhere)

Material collated for the Victorian Timber Worker

Unit 60 312. 1958-80 (4 files, includes material on health and safety, Workers' Compensation, piece work, Long Service Leave, rates of pay, ACTU Congress 1967)

items 307 -
311 not held
at UMA

Mailing Lists

- Unit 60 313. City 1969
314. Country 1968- 69
315. Interstate 1969
316. Overseas 1969

~~(157 x 161 x 11 x Box 60)~~

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

- Unit 67 317. 1912 - 22 (includes material on accidents, workers' compensation, strikes and the Timber Workers' application to the Federal Arbitration Court 1919) (on shelf)
- Unit 61 318. 1960 - 82 (includes material relating to the Victorian Trades Hall Council split 1968, Equal Pay, Timber Industry, Australian Economy and Trade Union Movement) (in Box 61)

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Photographs currently not identified - please ask for assistance from an archivist
319. Henry's Sawmill, head of Barwon River, Otway Ranges, 1920s. (11 photographs showing Mill houses, school, logging line, steam locomotive and bogies, sawdust heap)
320. Unidentified photographs of sawdust heap, bogies, mill hut and bush held with photos of Henry's Sawmill (4 photographs) (n.d.)
321. Explosion of steam powered log-hauling winch 1934. (2 photographs)
322. Mt. Sabine Mill and huts, early 20s (2 photos)
323. Picnic 1918
- Unit 64 324. Conference 1929

~~NB. Photographs are held at Barry Street (info well)~~

Box 62

LATE FINDS

Asbestos

ACTU Material

Account Book

Correspondence files: H, 1967; S, 1965; M, 1964.

ACTU CEEP Act Campaign

Organisers' Reports, nd.

Estray

Late find

Report on imported timber tariff c. 1942