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Collection/Series Title: **MINUTES: DIVISIONAL COUNCILS**

Creator	Australian Red Cross Society, Victorian Division
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Charities - Community organisations
Creator's Historical Note	
<p>Note: University of Melbourne Archives holds records of the Australian Red Cross National Office and the Victorian Division of the Australian Red Cross. Records of other state Divisions are not held by the University of Melbourne.</p> <p>The Victorian Division of the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society was formed on 21 August 1914, days after the establishment of the Branch itself. The inaugural President was Lady Margaret Stanley, wife of the Governor of Victoria. For much of the twentieth century the state Divisions of the Red Cross held primary responsibility for the delivery of Red Cross services, especially during peacetime. Blood transfusion services, missing persons tracing, hospital and convalescence, fundraising, disaster relief and a wide range of other community services largely have their origins in the state Divisions rather than the National Office. However during the latter part of the twentieth century coordination of services gradually shifted from state to national level. Organisational restructuring in the late 1990s consolidated this shift.</p> <p>For a summary of the history and activities of the Australian Red Cross as a whole see the entry Australian Red Cross Society - National Office in University of Melbourne Archives online catalogue. Other sources include:</p> <p>Melanie Oppenheimer: <i>The Power of Humanity: 100 Years of Australian Red Cross 1914-2014</i> (Sydney, Harper Collins, 2014) Australian Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org.au (accessed June 2015) Australian Red Cross Blood Service web site: http://www.donateblood.com.au/about-us (accessed June 2015) Australian Red Cross has donated 100 years of archives to the University of Melbourne: http://www.redcross.org.au/gift-to-the-nation.aspx (accessed June 2015) Australian War Memorial, First World War Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files: https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/wounded_and_missing/ Australian Womens Register entry for the Australian Red Cross: http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0715b.htm (accessed June 2015). See also Register entries for individual women prominent within the Red Cross.</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1914-1999
Size/Extent	13 units (2.0m)
Access Conditions	Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

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Agendas and Minutes from the governance committee of the Victorian Red Cross Divisional Council. This series can be divided into two record sets. The first set comprises minutes for years 1914-1939 (2016.0066.00001 - 2016.0066.00006) which are numbered loose leaf sheets that include financial reports. An alphabetical index covering minutes of council, executive, general, annual meetings, as well as convalescent homes and home hospitals committees controls this set. (2016.0066.00016)

The second set comprises minutes for 1938-1981 (2016.0066.00007 - 2016.0066.00012) which are numbered and pasted into volumes. Minutes for 1981-1991 (2016.0066.00013 - 2016.0066.00014) are numbered and on loose leaf sheets. Minutes for 1992-1999 (2016.0066.00015) are bound in individual year volumes. Of these items only (2016.0066.00007) has an alphabetical index, and (2016.0066.00011) has a summary index organised by date. See also EXECUTIVE OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE (2015.0026) Council Correspondence, Minutes and Reports

Researchers should note that under the Geneva Conventions Act 1957 protections govern the use of the Red Cross emblem. For further information see Archives staff.

Collection Category	Community and Political, organisations
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Box/Unit	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2016.0066 Unit 1	2016.0066.00001	Council Minutes - Meetings #1	1914-1917	Typed minutes, roneo copied, signed. Index for years 1914-1939 see (2016.0066.00016) Unit 13.
2016.0066 Unit 2	2016.0066.00002	Council & General Committee Minutes 125-198	1921-1927	Typed minutes on loose foolscap pages, signed. Index for years 1914-1939 see (2016.0066.00016) Unit 13.
2016.0066 Unit 2	2016.0066.00003	Council Minutes 199-233	1928-1931	Typed minutes on loose foolscap pages, signed. Index for years 1914-1939 see (2016.0066.00016) Unit 13.
2016.0066 Unit 2	2016.0066.00004	Council Minutes 234-263	1931-1933	Typed minutes on loose foolscap pages, signed. Index for years 1914-1939 see (2016.0066.00016) Unit 13.
2016.0066 Unit 3	2016.0066.00005	Council Minutes 264-269	1934-1938	Typed minutes on loose foolscap pages, signed. Index for years 1914-1939 see (2016.0066.00016) Unit 13.
2016.0066 Unit 3	2016.0066.00006	Council Minutes 270-310, 3/1-3/6, 322-323	1938-1939	Typed minutes on loose foolscap pages, signed. Index for years 1914-1939 see (2016.0066.00016) Unit 13.
2016.0066 Unit 4	2016.0066.00007	Council Minutes	1938-1947	Typed & signed Minutes, pasted into volume. Includes index.
2016.0066 Unit 5	2016.0066.00008	Council Minutes	1947-1953	Typed & signed Minutes, pasted into volume.
2016.0066 Unit 6	2016.0066.00009	Council Minutes	1953-1962	Typed & signed Minutes, pasted into volume.
2016.0066 Unit 7	2016.0066.00010	Council Minutes	1962-1968	Typed & signed Minutes, pasted into volume.
2016.0066 Unit 8	2016.0066.00011	Council Minutes	1968-1974	Typed & signed Minutes, pasted into volume.
2016.0066 Unit 9	2016.0066.00012	Council Minutes	1974-1981	Typed & signed Minutes, pasted into volume.
2016.0066 Unit 10	2016.0066.00013	Council Minutes	1981-1985	
2016.0066 Unit 11	2016.0066.00014	Council Minutes	1986-1991	Typed Minutes in folders.
2016.0066 Unit 12	2016.0066.00015	Council Minutes	1992-1999	Typed minutes bound in years.

2016.0066 Unit 13	2016.0066.00016	Index to Minutes of Council Meetings and Sub-committees	1914-1939	Alphabetical index - Council, Executive, General, Annual Meetings, Convalescent Homes & Home Hospitals Committees. Includes an monthly Attendance Roll (1932-1937) for meetings.
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