

Reference Number: **2016.0068**  
Collection/Series Title: **MINUTES: DIVISIONAL COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Creator</b>	Australian Red Cross Society, Victorian Division
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Charities - Community organisations
<p><b>Creator's Historical Note</b></p> <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: The Power of Humanity: 100 Years of Australian Red Cross 1914-2014 (Sydney, Harper Collins, 2014)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross web site: <a href="http://www.redcross.org.au">www.redcross.org.au</a> (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross Blood Service web site: <a href="http://www.donateblood.com.au/about-us">http://www.donateblood.com.au/about-us</a> (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross has donated 100 years of archives to the University of Melbourne: <a href="http://www.redcross.org.au/gift-to-the-nation.aspx">http://www.redcross.org.au/gift-to-the-nation.aspx</a> (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian War Memorial, First World War Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files: <a href="https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/wounded_and_missing/">https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/wounded_and_missing/</a></p> <p>Australian Womens Register entry for the Australian Red Cross: <a href="http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0715b.htm">http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0715b.htm</a> (accessed June 2015). See also Register entries for individual women prominent within the Red Cross.</p>	
<b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>	1921-2004
<b>Size/Extent</b>	16 units (3.47m)
<b>Access Conditions</b>	Access: Open

**Scope and Content of Collection/Series**

[Red Cross Archives series reference: V92]

Comprises minutes of the Red Cross Victorian Divisional Council Executive, typed loose sheets pasted into bound volumes which includes finance committee.

On 8th November 1920 the Australian Red Cross Council unanimously resolved that the then current Advisory Committee cease to exist and be subsumed by the Victorian Division Executive Committee - so as to contain representatives of the various activities (See: Annual Report for 1920-21 page 5 item B. Item: 2015.0027.00002) See series 2016.0067 for VICTORIAN DIVISIONAL COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. [Red Cross Archives series reference: V91].

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.

<b>Collection Category</b>	Community and Political, organisations
<b>This document dated</b>	10/04/2017

Box/Unit	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2016.0068 Unit 1	2016.0068.00001	Executive Minutes	1921-1925	
2016.0068 Unit 1	2016.0068.00002	Executive Minutes	1926-1938	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 2	2016.0068.00003	Executive Minutes	1939-1944	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 3	2016.0068.00004	Executive Minutes	1944-1948	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 4	2016.0068.00005	Executive Minutes	1948-1951	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 5	2016.0068.00006	Executive Minutes	1951-1958	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 6	2016.0068.00007	Executive Minutes	1958-1962	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 7	2016.0068.00008	Executive Minutes	1963-1966	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 8	2016.0068.00009	Executive Minutes	1967-1971	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 9	2016.0068.00010	Executive Minutes	1971-1975	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 10	2016.0068.00011	Executive Minutes	1975-1980	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 11	2016.0068.00012	Executive Minutes	1980-1981	Signed minutes pasted into volumes.
2016.0068 Unit 12	2016.0068.00013	Executive Minutes	1982-1986	Bound volumes, 1 per year in A1 boxes.
2016.0068 Unit 13	2016.0068.00014	Executive Minutes	1987-1993	Bound volumes, 1 per year in A1 boxes.
2016.0068 Unit 14	2016.0068.00015	Executive Minutes and Finance Committee	1994-1996	Bound volumes, 1 per year in A1 boxes.
2016.0068 Unit 15	2016.0068.00016	Executive and Finance Committee	1997-2000	Bound volume 1997, Loose pages in file, 1 per year.
2016.0068 Unit 16	2016.0068.00017	Executive and Finance Committee	2001-2004	Loose pages in file, 1 per year.

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