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Collection/Series Title: **MINUTES: DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Creator	Australian Red Cross Society, Victorian Division
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Charities - Community organisations
<p>Creator's Historical Note</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: www.redcross.org.au (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross Blood Service web site: http://www.donateblood.com.au/about-us (accessed June 2015)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Australian War Memorial, First World War Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files: https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/wounded_and_missing/</p> <p>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	1938-1996
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Scope and Content of Collection/Series

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Minutes of the Victorian Division Annual General Meetings, typed and signed by the Victorian Division Chairman and pasted into bound volumes.

All minutes are proceeded with a public notice, published in local newspapers announcing and inviting persons to the forthcoming annual meeting. These notices contained information on meeting date, place and order of business. Additionally all years contain the Agenda, Minutes as well as the published Annual Report.

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
2016.0070 Unit 1	2016.0070.00001	Annual General Meeting Minutes	1938-1973	Typed Minutes, signed by Chairman and pasted into bound volume. Includes Annual Reports and public notices.
2016.0070 Unit 2	2016.0070.00002	Annual General Meeting Minutes	1974-1996	Typed Minutes, in early years signed by Chairman and pasted into bound volume. Includes Annual Reports and public notices.

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