

D1 Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union - NSW Branch

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| History | The origins of the NSW Branch of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union lie with the unions of urban journeymen butchers of the 1880's. Most of these unions failed to survive the depression years of the 1890s. Several unions were established in the early years of the twentieth century through the initiatives of the Sydney Trades and Labour Council. In 1905, these unions became part of the Australasian Federated Butchers' Employees' Union whose establishment was effected to take advantage of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act (1940). The initiative for the federation came from the Victorian Amalgamated Butchers' Union. By 1911, the categories of workers belonging to the union had greatly diversified and its name was changed to the Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union. |
| Record Summary | Minutes 1922 - 70; correspondence 1937 - 68; financial 1920 - 69; arbitration material 1927 - 61; printed matter. |
| Date | 1920 - 72. |
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- 28 24 Jun 1969 - 16 Jun 1970

- 3 Minutes - Poulterers' Committee 1945 - 46 1 v. 2 cm.

Rough minutes of meetings held by the committee to discuss matters relating specifically to member of the union employed in the processing of poultry.

- 1 13 Mar 1945 - 5 Mar 1946

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- 4 Attendance Book 1954 - 60 1 v. 2 cm.
Record of members attending meetings of the committee of management.
1 10 Aug 1954 - 28 Jun 1960
- 5 Correspondence - general 1937 - 68 96 cm.
Files contain both correspondence and printed matter related to the functioning of the NSW Branch particularly on arbitration matters. A considerable correlation of subject matter exists between this series and series D1/10, D1/11 and D1/12.
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6 Correspondence - miscellaneous 1966 - 67 16 cm.

The bulk of correspondence relates to the payment of membership dues and notices convening sittings of various conciliation committees.

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| 1 | AA - AL | 18 | KA - KZ |
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- 7 Financial - statements 1920 - 69 33 cm.
Typescript and duplicated copies of balance sheets and statements of receipts and payments of the NSW Branch. The finances of the Branch were usually audited each six months and a certified statement issued.
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| 1 | 1920 - 24 | 6 | 1950 - 54 |
| 2 | 1925 - 29 | 7 | 1955 - 59 |
| 3 | 1930 - 34 | 8 | 1960 - 64 |
| 4 | 1935 - 39 | 9 | 1965 - 69 |
| 5 | 1940 - 45 | | |
- 8 Financial - payments dissection book 1935 1 v. 2 cm.
Indexed journal of payments made against Union income. Payments include salaries for Union officials, administrative expenses and amount paid to Union members whilst on strike.
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| 1 | Jan - Jun 1935 |
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- 9 Financial - ledger 1935 - 37 1 v. 2 cm.
Ledger of income and expenditure with summaries of individual accounts Eg. General, benevolent, picnic, compensation and subscription.
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| 1 | Jan - Jun 1935 |
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- 10 Financial - journal 1935 - 37 1 v. 2 cm.
Journal of income received, largely from membership contributions and strike levies.
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| 1 | Jul 1935 - Sep 1937 |
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- 11 Financial - membership contributions journals 1935 - 42 4 v. 10 cm.
Indexed journals of membership contributions collected by Union organizers. Entries are arranged chronologically by the name of the collector.
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| 1 | Jul 1935 - Jun 1936 |
| 2 | Jul 1936 - Dec 1938 |
| 3 | Jan 1939 - Dec 1940 |
| 4 | Jan 1941 - Dec 1942 |

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- 12 Financial - membership receipt book register 1954 - 62 1 v. 2 cm.
 The register was used to record the issue of receipt books to Union organizers. Entries note the date of issue, number sequence of receipts and the organizer's name. A note of the last used receipt was made when each book was returned.
 1 8 Jan 1954 - 18 Dec 1962
- 13 Financial - Industrial Registrar Returns 1920 - 65 1 v. 4 cm.
 Trade unions registered under the NSW Trade Union Act, 1881 were required to submit an annual return to the Industrial Registrar. This return provided details of the Union's membership and financial position for the previous year.
 1 31 Dec 1920 - 31 Dec 1965
- 14 Arbitration - Boards of Reference 1942 - 64 11 cm
 The various industrial awards relating to the meat industry each contain provision for the arbitration of disputes by a Board of Reference. These Boards consist of two representatives each the union and employers and a chairman appointed by the industrial Registrar. Decisions of the board are subject to review and alteration by the appropriate Conciliation Commissioner.
 The series contains correspondence, extracts of transcripts and decisions emanating from various Boards of Reference.
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| 1 | 1942 | 10 | 1953 |
| 2 | 1943 | 11 | 1954 |
| 3 | 1944 | 12 | 1955 |
| 4 | 1945 | 13 | 1956 |
| 5 | 1946 | 14 | 1957 |
| 6 | 1947 | 15 | 1958 |
| 7 | 1949 | 16 | 1960 |
| 8 | 1950 | 17 | 1962 |
| 9 | 1951 | 18 | 1964 |
- 15 Arbitration - general 1931 - 67 22 cm.
 Industrial disputes affecting the general working conditions and wages of employees are referred to the Arbitration and Conciliation commission for resolution.

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The Series contains applications fro hearings, decisions of the Commissioners and copies of awards granted. Matters resolved under both NSW and Commonwealth jurisdiction are included.

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| 1 | 1931 - 39 | 14 | 1956 |
| 2 | 1940 - 44 | 15 | 1957 |
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| 9 | 1951 | 22 | 1964 |
| 10 | 1952 | 23 | 1965 |
| 11 | 1953 | 24 | 1966 |
| 12 | 1954 | 25 | 1967 |
| 13 | 1955 | | |

16 Arbitration - awards and agreements 1938 - 57 4 v. 32 cm.

Indexed volumes of typescript awards and agreements relating to working conditions at Riverstone Meatworks, Homebush Abattoir and various country abattoirs.

- 1 Homebush Abattoir 24 May 1938 - 22 Dec 1947
- 2 Homebush Abattoir 2 Apr 1948 - 24 Nov 1954
- 3 Riverstone Meatworks 18 Sep 1939 - 28 Jan 1958
- 4 Country abattoirs 11 Feb 1942 - 1957

17 Arbitration - award hearings transcripts

Typescript copies of transcripts of award hearings relating to the employment of workers in various sections of the meat processing industry. Unless specifically indicated, transcripts relate to hearing held within the NSW industrial courts. Dates in the description signify the initial and concluding days of the hearing.

- 1 Meat Industry Award (Federal)
91 of 1932 12 Aug - 8 Sep 1932
- 2 Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award

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- Variation - Metropolitan Meat Industry Board, beef slaughterhouse employees 26 Feb - 24 Mar 1937
- Variation - waiting time 11 - 18 Jun 1937
- 3 Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award
 - Variation - mutton chain system
 - Vol. 1 10 - 19 Aug 1937
 - Vol. 2 20 Aug - 22 Oct 1937
- 4 Butchers' Wholesale (Country) Award
 - 28 Aug 1941 - 5 Feb 1942
- 5 Cold Storage and Ice Employees (Country) Award
 - 23 of 1937 27 Jul 1937 - 10 Nov 1938
- 6 Cold Storage and Ice Employees (Cumberland) Award
 - Variation - "Quick Freezers" 7 Sep 1939 - 29 Jun 1940
 - New award - 7 - 28 Apr 1941
 - Alteration of Assignment of Industries and Callings 22 Apr - 28 Oct 1941
 - Meal Allowance 2 Dec 1941
 - Saturday work and meal allowance 6 - 30 Apr 1942
- 7 Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award
 - 28 of 1941 Vol. 1 28 Aug - 21 Nov 1941
 - Vol. 2 7 Jan - 19 Jun 1942
- 8 Butchers' Wholesale (Country) Award
 - Vol. 1 28 Aug 1941 - 5 Feb 1942
 - Vol. 2 27 Feb 1942 - 28 Apr 1942
- 9 Boiling Down and By-Products Employees' (Cumberland) Award
 - 385 of 1947 Appeal Vol. 1 7 Oct 1947 - 3 Feb 1948
 - Vol. 2 4 Feb 1948 - 5 Feb 1948
- 10 Cold Storage and Ice Employees' (Cumberland) Award
 - 42 of 1948 Appeal 28 Nov - 7 Dec 1948
 - 18 Oct - 12 Dec 1949
- 11 Bacon Factory Employees' (Cumberland) Award
 - 55 of 1949 Appeal March 1949
- 12 Meat Industry Employees (Riverstone Meat Co Pty Ltd)
 - Conciliation committee

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Application for establishment of new conciliation committee.

168 of 1952 Appeal 14 Feb - 6 May 1952

- 13 Dispute re Nagoora Burr in Cattle

250 of 1953 17 - 27 Aug 1953

205 of 1954 2 Jul 1954

441 of 1955 1 Sep 1955

448 of 1955 10 Oct - 9 Dec 1955

255 of 1956 2 Aug 1956

282 of 1959 4 Aug 1959

- 14 Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award

19 of 1955 19 Dec 1957

- 15 Butchers' Wholesale (Country) Award

317 of 1962 Vol. 1 8 Oct - 8 Nov 1962

Vol. 2 3 Jun - 6 Jun 1963

- 18 Arbitration - notes of conferences 1959 - 65 15 v. 7 cm.

Rough notes taken by Union organizers during conferences with arbitration and conciliation commissioners, employers and union members. The series also contains notes taken at ALP Conferences, Labor Council Disputes Committee meetings and AMIEU Federal Council meetings. Since the notebooks contain notes of various conferences which are often undated or inadequately titled, only the major conferences in each book have been cited.

- 1 Meat Industry (Federal) Award 1959

Compulsory conference - boners at Riverstone 6 Apr 1959

- 2 Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award 1960

17% margins increase

- 3 ALP Conference 1960

Riverstone Meat Co - Labor Day Holiday 1961

- 4 Can Pack Case 1960

- 5 AMIEU Federal Council 1960

Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award 1960

- 6 AMIEU Federal Executive 1961

Riverstone Meat co - Mutton section 1961

- 7 Commonwealth arbitration - 5 1/2 day week in retail shops 1961

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- Compulsory conference - Farmers and Graziers Co-op Direct Meat Supply, Yanco 1962
- 8 Butchers' Wholesale (Country) Award 1962
- 9 Butchers' Wholesale (Country) Award 1962
- 10 Australian Meat Board 1962
- 11 Meat Industry Employees' (Riverstone Meat Co.) Award 1962
- 12 Butchers' Wholesale (Cumberland) Award 1963
Sheep Chain Slaughtering Award 1963
- 13 Butchers' Wholesale (Country) Award 1963
Labor Council - apprentices 1963
- 14 Labor Council - Disputes Committee 1964
- 15 Casings Cleaners and other awards 1964
Compulsory conference - duties of white coats 1965

- 19 Arbitration - Industrial Gazettes 1927 - 59 11 cm.
Copies of extracts form the NSW Industrial Gazette relating to changes in the industrial awards governing the employment of workers in various sections of the meat industry.
The series is not complete.
- 1 Aerated Waters (Cumberland) 1949
- 2 Bacon Factory Employees (Cumberland) 1949 - 53
- 3 Boiling Down and By-Products Employees (Cumberland) 1948 - 50
- 4 Boiling Down and By-Products Employees and Oleo and Margarine Workers (Riverstone) 1948 - 55
- 5 Butchers Retail 1927 - 53
- 6 Butchers Wholesale (Country) 1949 - 63
- 7 Butchers Wholesale (Cumberland) 1938 - 56
- 8 Butchers Wholesale (Newcastle and Northern) 1953 - 55
- 9 Butchers Wholesale (Riverstone) 1949 - 51
- 10 Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factories and Milk and Cream Condensaries 1945 - 59
- 11 Casing Cleaners (Cumberland) 1948 - 55
- 12 Casing cleaners (Riverstone) 1948 - 55
- 13 Clerks (State) 1949 - 51
- 14 Cold Storage and Ice Employees (Country) 1949 - 52
- 15 Cold Storage and Ice Employees (Cumberland) 1949 - 51

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- 16 Cold Storage and Ice Employees (Riverstone) 1950 - 55
- 17 Dairy Produce and By-Products (State) 1951
- 18 Dehydration of meat Workers (State) 1943 - 51
- 19 Drovers (Flemington and Homebush Bay) 1944 - 55
- 20 Egg Pulping and Drying Employees (Riverstone) 1945 - 48
- 21 Meat Preservers (Riverstone) 1951 - 53
- 22 Meat Preservers (State) 1942 - 56
- 23 Poulterers (State) 1942 - 52
- 24 Smallgoods Manufacturers (Cumberland) 1940 - 51
- 20 Newspaper Cuttings 1930 - 56 2 v. 10 cm.
Cuttings relate to the economic state of, and employment and working conditions in, the meat industry. The volumes also contain cuttings related to both the industrial and political activities of the Labor movement in general.
- 1 6 Feb 1930 - 29 Aug 1933
- 2 19 Jul 1938 - 13 Jan 1956 [the volume is labelled: Riverstone Meat Industry Employees' Union Roll Book and contains a roll of members for the years 1917 - 18]
- 21 Photograph 1930
- 1 Butchers Picnic Committee 1930
- 22 The Australia meat Employees' Journal 1964 - 72 2 cm.
Official, quarterly publication of the NSW Branch of the Australasian Meat Employees' Union. The series is incomplete.
- 1 Aug 1964
- 2 Feb, May, Aug 1965
- 3 May, Nov 1966
- 4 Feb, Nov 1967
- 5 Aug, Nov 1970
- 6 Feb 1972
- 23 The Meat Industry Bulletin 1969 - 70 6 cm.
Official, monthly publication of the Meat and Allied Trades' Federation of Australia (NSW division)

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1 Jan - Dec 1969

2 Jan - Jun 1970

24 The Meat Trades' Journal of Australia 1963, 1969 5 cm.

Official monthly publication of the Meat and Allied Trades' Federation of Australia.

1 Vol. 26 No. 1 Jan 1963 - Vol. 26 No. 12 Dec 1963

2 Vol. 32 No. 1 Jan 1969 - vol. 32 No. 3 Mar 1969