

D5 Melbourne Trades Hall Council

History	A Trades Hall Committee was formed in 1856 to secure a central meeting place for trade unions. After the erection of a Trades Hall, the Committee functioned largely as a board of management supervising the use and maintenance of the hall. In mid-1883 a new building was erected and the Committee reviewed its powers and objectives. By 1884 the Committee had been replaced by a Trades Hall Council responsible for the protection and advancement of the interests of affiliated unions and for the control of industrial disputes.
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The Trade Hall Council is responsible for the general management of the Trades Hall buildings and acts as a catalysis for the discussion of matters related to the Labour movement. Subjects discussed in the minutes include the celebration of the eight hour working day, legislation affecting workers and the support of member Unions in industrial dispute.

1. 31 Aug 1877 - 23 Nov 1883.
3 Mar 1893 - 14 Jun 1901.
2. 12 Jan 1883 – 15 Dec 1893.
3. 2 Jun 1901 – 28 Jul 1905.
4. 4 Aug 1905 – 16 Dec 1913.
5. 15 Jan 1914 – 12 Dec 1927.
6. 12 Jan 1928 – 30 Aug 1934.
7. 30 Aug 1934 – 25 Jul 1940.
8. 1 Aug 1940 – 15 Apr 1943.