

D43 Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union - Wollongong Regional Office

History	<p>The Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union was formed in 1972 by the merger of the Boilermakers and Blacksmith's Society of Australia, the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. Attempts to form a single union covering metal trades workers had begun in 1920 as a corollary of the One Big Union movement. These efforts were initially thwarted by inter-union rivalry, economic depression and outbreak of war. In 1945 the Sheet Metal Working, Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia came into existence as a result of several small union merging. The boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia was formed in 1965. Prior to amalgamation, the various unions representing metal workers frequently met to discuss mutual problems. Material in this deposit which pre-dates amalgamation relates mainly to the Amalgamated Engineering Union.</p>
Record Summary	<p>Minutes of meetings: Commonwealth council 1972 - 5; NSW State Council 1972 - 75; South Coast District Committee 1969 - 76; South coast Trades and Labor Council 1962 - 75; Metal Trades Federation of Unions 1963 - 75; Newcastle District Committee 1974</p> <p>Correspondence: Amalgamated Engineering Union 1943 - 73; Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union 1974 - 75;</p> <p>Industrial files: Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority 1953 - 75. Reports by State organisers 1971 - 75; sundry printed matter including circulars, reports and periodicals.</p>
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- 1 Minutes - South Coast District Committee 1969 - 75 11 cm.

The District Committee is composed of representatives of shop stewards and constituent branches. The South Coast District jurisdiction extended to Canberra, Goulburn and the Snowy Mountains until 1975 when a separate district based on Canberra was established. Committees are able to decide on braches of rules by union members, allot district holidays and deal with industrial and arbitration matters of a local nature. Items in the series dated prior to 1972 relate to the Amalgamated Engineering Union. The minutes are duplicated typescripts. The Series is incomplete.

- 1 1 Oct 1969 - 17 Dec 1969
- 2 7 Jan 1970 - 23 Dec 1970
- 3 3 Feb 1971 - 18 Aug 1971
- 4 2 Feb 1972 - 20 Dec 1972
- 5 17 Jan 1973 - 19 Dec 1973
- 6 16 Jan 1974 - 18 Dec 1974
- 7 7 Jan 1965 - 22 Dec 1975
- 8 11 Feb 1976 - 15 Dec 1976

- 2 Minutes (rough) - South Coast District Committee 1971 - 73 1 v. 3 cm.

Manuscript, rough minutes of meetings of the South Coast District Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union on since 1972 of the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union.

- 1 9 Jun 1971 - 9 May 1973

- 3 Minutes - Shop Stewards, South Coast District 1969 - 74 1 cm.

Duplicated typescript minutes of meetings of shop stewards from metal trades shoos in the South Coast District. The series includes minutes of meetings of steel industry delegates and BHP delegates. The series is incomplete.

- 1 29 Oct 1969 - 23 Sep 1974

- 4 Minutes - Union Amalgamation (district) 1970 1 cm.

Duplicated typescript minutes of meetings between the branch executive of the Boilermakers and Blacksmith's Society (Wollongong) and the Amalgamated Engineering Union (South Coast District Committee) on the proposed amalgamation of the two unions.

- 1 22 Oct - 12 Nov 1970

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Duplicated typescript minutes of meetings held between delegates from unions whose members were employed in the coal mining industry in Illawarra. These unions included the generated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association, Amalgamated Engineering Union, Electrical Trades Union and the Miners' Federation. The committee discussed matters of mutual interest especially in regard to demarcation disputes. The series is incomplete.

1 20 Sep 1962

2 19 Sep - 17 Oct 1968

3 27 Oct 1970

6 Minutes - NSW State Council 1972 - 75 5 cm.

The first State Council for the amalgamated unions was held on 18 February 1972. The Council acts as the co-ordinating agency in the organisation and conduct of campaigns for the improvement of wages and working conditions in the metal trades.

Meetings are held monthly and are attended by elected state organisers and delegates elected from each zone. Minutes are duplicated typescript. The series is incomplete.

1 8 Feb 1972 - 24 Nov 1972

2 12 Jan 1973 - 23 Nov 1973

3 14 Jan 1974 - 30 Aug 1974

4 21 Feb 1975 - 18 Apr 1975

7 Minutes - NSW State Council Sub-Committees 1972 - 75 1 cm.

Duplicated typescript minutes of meetings of committees established by State Council to review and advise on matters of policy. The series also contains minutes of sundry studies which report to State Council. The series is incomplete.

1 Education 1972 - 75

2 Full-time officials 13 July 1974

3 Industrial May 1974, Feb 1975

4 Organisation 1972, 1974 - 75

5 Political July 1972 , Feb 1975

6 Shop Stewards July 1974

7 Social Services Sep 1972

8 State Coal Industry Jul 1974

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- 8 Minutes - NSW State Conference 1975 1 cm.
 Duplicated minutes and agenda of the annual NSW state conference.
- 1 Minutes 6 - 7 Mar 1975
 - 2 Agenda
- 9 Minutes - Commonwealth Council 1972 - 75 5 cm.
 The inaugural meeting of delegates of the amalgamated unions was held on 28 February 1972. The council's initial function was to oversee the effective amalgamation of the three unions. The general administration of the union and the formulation and direction of policy, particularly on industrial matter, are overseen by the Council. The series consists of duplicated typescripts and is incomplete
- 1 28 Feb - 2 Jun 1972
 - 2 3 - 6 Oct 1972
 - 3 30 Apr - 4 May 1973
 - 4 10 - 12 Sep 1973
 - 5 25 - 28 Feb 1975
- 10 Minutes - Commonwealth Conference
 Duplicated typescript agenda and minutes of the first Commonwealth Conference of the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union held 7 - 11 May 1973. The series also includes copies of circulars issued by the Commonwealth Council concerning the 1973 Conference and a copy of the decisions of the 1974 Conference.
- 1 11 Apr - 29 Jun 1973
 - 2 1974
- 11 Minutes - Metal Trades Federation of Unions
 Printed and duplicated typescript copies of minutes of meetings of the NSW Branch and the executive of the Metal Trades Federation. The Federation consists of unions whose members are employed in the metal industry. These unions included Federated Ironworkers' Association, Electrical Trades union and the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union. The series is not complete.
- 1 30 Jan 1963
 - 2 25 Sep 1968
 - 3 25 Jun 1974

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- 4 23 Sep 1974 (NSW branch)
- 5 29 Jan 1975
- 6 5 Mar 1975

12 Minutes - South Coast Labour Council 1962 - 75 2 cm.

Most union which have members employed on the South coast are affiliated with the South Coast Labour Council. Minutes are duplicated typescripts. The series is incomplete.

- 1 1962 - 67
- 2 1972
- 3 1973
- 4 1974
- 5 1975

13 Minutes South Coast Labour Council, Social Services Conference

Duplicated typescript minutes of a conference organised by the Labour Council to discuss the inclusion of social service provisions in industrial legislation and arbitration.

- 1 7 Jul 1962

14 Minutes - Newcastle District Committee AMWU 1974 1 cm.

Although the Committee's jurisdiction includes the North Coast and the New England Tablelands its activities tend to be centred on metropolitan Newcastle and the Hunter Valley coalfields. The series is not complete.

- 1 15 Jul - 19 Aug 1974

15 Minutes - Newcastle Technical Education Council 1967 - 68 2 cm.

The Council meets quarterly to discuss the provision of technical eduction in the Newcastle district and to make recommendations on its improvement. Membership of the council includes employers, educators and union representatives. The series is not complete.

- 1 27 Oct 1967 - 26 Jul 1968

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- 16 Correspondence - Amalgamated Engineering Union 1943 - 60 44 cm.
 Correspondence with employers, shop stewards and union members regarding employment and conditions at work places in the South Coast District. Some files include copies of arbitration decisions and industrial agreements. Original file titles have been retained.
- 1 Australian Fertilisers 1949 - 56
 - 2 Australian Fertilisers 1957 - 60
 - 3 Australian Iron & Steel 1951 - 54
 - 4 Australian Iron & Steel 1955 - 60
 - 5 Bulli Council Bracketts B&W Steel 1954 - 60
 - 6 Commonwealth Rolling Mills 1954 - 60
 - 7 Commonwealth Steel 1960
 - 8 Concrete constructions CIG 1956 - 60
 - 9 Dairy Farmers (Wollongong) Dowsett Engineering 1953 - 58
 - 10 Electric Power Transmission 1959 - 60
 - 11 Electricity Commission 1951 - 60
 - 12 Electricity Commission 1957 - 60
 - 13 Electrolytic Refining & Smelting 1947 - 60
 - 14 Illawarra Brick Co. & Illawarra Coke Co. 1954 - 60
 - 15 Lysaghts & Local Engineering Trades Committee 1952 - 60
 - 16 Metal Manufactures 1943 - 59
 - 17 Miscellaneous 1951 - 60
 - 18 Miscellaneous South Coast correspondence 1952 0 60
 - 19 Port Kembla Power House and Public Works Department, Port Kembla 1950 - 60
 - 20 Shoalhaven Paper Mills 1955 - 60
 - 21 Stewarts & Lloyds 1956
 - 22 Thirroul Loco 1954 - 57
 - 23 Thirwell McKenzies 1955 - 60
 - 24 Transfield and Tallawarra Power House 1954 - 60
- 17 Correspondence - Amalgamated Engineering Union 1961 - 73 44 cm.
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- 1 Apprenticeship matter 1961 - 64
- 2 Australian Fertilisers 1961 - 65
- 3 Australian Fertilisers 1966 - 70
- 4 Australian Iron & Steel 1961 - 67
- 5 Avon Pumping Station 1962
- 6 Berkeley Branch 1965 - 67
- 7 Brambles 1963
- 8 Bulli Brick & Tile 1965
- 9 Bulli Municipal Council 1961 - 64
- 10 Clinton's Transport 1964 - 65
- 11 Commonwealth Rolling Mills 1962 - 65
- 12 Dairy Farmers, Wollongong 1961 - 67
- 13 Dillingham Engineering 1956 - 66
- 14 Dowsett Engineering 1966 - 67
- 15 Electric Power Transmission, Port Kembla 1961 - 63
- 16 Electricity Commission 1961 - 64
- 17 Electrolytic Refining and Smelting 1961 - 67
- 18 Evans Deakin 1966 - 73
- 19 Garnock Engineering 1961 - 65
- 20 Glenlee Washery 1962 - 64
- 21 Glenlee Dispute 1963
- 22 Goodwins 1961 - 71
- 23 Illawarra Brick Co. 1916 - 63
- 24 Janesco Appeal 1963
- 25 Lysaghts 1961 - 66
- 26 McDonald Constructions 1961
- 27 Metal manufactures 1961 - 65
- 28 Miscellaneous South coast Correspondence 1961 - 67
- 29 Monthly Reports (Journal) 1961 - 67
- 30 Newbold Refractory 1965
- 31 Port Kembla Branch 1961 - 66
- 32 Public Works Department, Port Kembla 1961 - 67
- 33 Reports to South Coast District Committee 1963 - 64

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- 34 Shoalhaven paper Mills 1961 - 67
- 35 Shop Stewards 1916 - 66
- 36 Simon Carves 1961
- 37 South Coast Circulars 1961 - 67
- 38 South Coast District Committee 1961 - 66
- 39 Stewart & Lloyds 1965 - 71
- 40 Tallawarra Power House 1961 - 66
- 41 Thirroul Branch and Corrimal Branch 1963 - 67
- 42 Thirwell McKenzie 1961 - 66
- 43 Titans 1961 - 65
- 44 Transfield 1961
- 45 Water Board Workshop 1963 - 64
- 46 Wollongong Branch 1961 - 65
- 47 Wollongong 2nd Branch 1961 - 67
- 48 Wollongong Council 1961 - 67

18 Correspondence - Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union 1974 - 75 2 cm.

Correspondence , mostly inward, concerning meetings of State and Commonwealth Councils, arbitration and union policy on matters such as Vietnam and union education.

- 1 Inward 17 Sep 1968 - 3 Apr 1975
- 2 Outward 4 Jan 1974 - 25 Jun 1974

19 Industrial - Snowy Mountains Hydro - Electric Authority 1953 - 75 14 cm.

Until 1975, the South Coast District Committee's jurisdiction included union members employed on the Snowy Mountains project. The files consist largely of copies of arbitration decisions and industrial agreements. Most of these decisions and agreements were made by Mr Justice SC Taylor who was appointed independent arbitrator for matters concerning the Authority.

- 1 Legislation - Snowy Mountains Hydro - Electric Power Act 1949 - 66
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act 1970
- 2 Industrial Blowering Dam 1953 - 67
- 3 Industrial - general 1955 - 71
- 4 Industrial - general 1967 - 68
- 5 Industrial - general 1967 - 71

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6 Industrial - general 1970 - 71

7 Industrial - general 1973 - 75

20 Circulars - South Coast District Committee 1974 - 75 1 cm.

Circulars were sent to rank and file members and shop stewards to advise them of meetings and matters of union policy. The series includes copies of the information bulletin issued by the Committee. This bulletin provides general information about the activities of the district Committee and the Union as a whole. The series is incomplete.

1 2 May 1974 - 14 Apr 1975

2 8 Feb 1973 - 15 Dec 1976

21 Circulars - NSW State Council 1974 - 75 1 cm.

Copies of printed newsletters circulated by the State Secretary to branches and shop stewards.

1 1974 - 75

22 Circulars - Commonwealth Council 1975 1 cm.

Duplicated, typescript copies of numbered circulars issued by the Commonwealth Council for the information of Branch secretaries and conference delegates. The series is incomplete.

1 3 Jan - 8 Apr 1975

23 Reports - State Organisers 1971 - 75 14 cm.

Copies of reports made by union organisers to NSW State Council. Reports contain brief summaries of the activities of each organiser usually over a one month period. Reports are duplicated typescripts.

1 Feb 1971 - Dec 1972

2 Feb 1973 - Jun 1973

3 Jul 1973 - Sep 1973

4 Oct 1973 - Dec 1973

5 Jan 1974 - May 1974

6 Jun 1974 - Jul 1974

7 Aug 1974 - Sep 1974

8 Jan 1975 - May 1975

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24 Publications - Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union

Copies of official journals issued by the Union and other publications issued as endorsed statements of union policy.

- 1 Amalgamated metal Workers' Union Monthly Journal Aug 1974, Dec 1974 - Apr 1975
- 2 The Amalgamated News Vol. 2 No. 2 Mar - Apr 1975
- 3 Who Runs the Country? Workers and Inflation. Democracy in Trade Unions J Halfpenny 1974
16pp.

25 Publications - International Metalworkers' Federation 1974 - 75 1 cm.

Printed copies of IME News issued by the Federation to which the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union is affiliated.

- 1 No. 24 Aug 1974
- 2 No. 3 Feb 1975
- 3 No. 25 Sep 1974