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NAME

Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union, Rockhampton Branch

TITLE

Records

INCLUSIVE DATES

1910-1985

QUANTITY

1.36 m. (8 boxes)

LOCATION

University College of Central Queensland.

FORM IF NOT ORIGINAL

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL

ACCESS CONDITIONS

Available to researchers.

NOTE

Meat processing is one of Rockhampton's oldest industries. The city now has two export meatworks, and Gladstone had one from 1896-to 1963. The Union was originally The Federated Builders' Employees' Union and later became the A.M.I.E.U. with a Central District Council and Branches in Gladstone and Rockhampton.

DESCRIPTION

Minute books, cutting books and membership rolls (1963-1967) of the Rockhampton Branch and Central District. Minute books, financial statements, Arbitration-Industrial awards and correspondence of the Gladstone Sub-branch.

Reports and papers on Maryborough and Bundaberg Meatworks etc. 1975-1977.

Papers re industrial agreements, labor conditions and policies of the Field Group (Fitzroy Works) 1970-1984 and Angliss Group (C.Q.M.E. Co.) 1976-1985.

FURTHER DESCRIPTIONS

Descriptive list available.

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RECORDS

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These papers comprise records of the AMIEU Rockhampton Branch, Gladstone Sub-branch and Central District. They include industrial agreements and negotiations re: awards, labour conditions and policies of the Field Group and Angliss Group, 1970 - 1985.

AMIEU

Minute Books 1910-1928

- 940 .1 Australasian Federated Butchers Employers' Union. Minutes of meetings.
- 1 Sept 1910 - 9 Feb. 1914. - Rockhampton Branch, Central District Council.
Gladstone Branch.
- (AFBEU changed its name to Australian Meat Industry Employees Union in 1912)
- .2 Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union. Picnics and 8 Hour Display Committees Minutes.
- 19 June 1911 - 27 April 1914
- Includes Butchers' Union Picnics
Picnic events and finances.
- .3-7 Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union. Central Sub-Branch Minutes.
- Includes Rockhampton Branch and Central District Council.
- .3 11 Feb. 1914 - 20 Oct. 1915
- .4 3 Nov. 1915 - 7 Jan. 1919
- .5 7 May 1921 - 11 June 1925
- .6 30 June 1925 - 15 Nov. 1926
- .7 29 Nov. 1926 - 10 Sept. 1928
7 vols.

AMIEU

Minute Books 1928 - 1951

941 Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union.
Central District Council Minutes.

Includes Rockhampton Branch.

- .1 17 Sept. 1928 - 7 March 1932
- .2 4 April 1932 - 2 Nov. 1939
- 941 .3 3 Nov. 1938 - 2 March 1942
- .4 30 March 1942 - 4 June 1945
- 941 .5 29 June 1945 - 5 Feb. 1951
(Continued in 943.2-.3)

5 vols.

942 AMIEU Minute Books. 1939 - 1947

Include: Minutes of Branch Executive Meetings and copies of minutes of Central District Council (See 941.2-.5).

- .1 14 June 1937 - 18 Dec. 1941 (with newsclippings and items re-elections, 40 hour week, claims etc).
- .2 21 Dec. 1939 - 18 Dec. 1941 (damaged)
- .3 18 Dec. 1941 - 13 July 1943 (with papers re: rates and gangs CQME Co., the war effort, employees and war policy etc).
- .4 17 Feb. 1945 - 10 May 1946 (with newsclippings re: Lakes Creek dispute).
- .5 29 June 1946 - 20 Aug. 1947 (with cuttings re: ballots and election results).

5 vols.

943 AMIEU Minute Books. 1947 - 1953

Include: Branch executive meetings, and copies of Minutes of the Central District Council (with a continuation from 941.5).

- .1 29 Aug. 1947 - 3 June 1949 (with cuttings re: elections).
- .2 10 May 1949 - 15 June 1951 (Damaged. Includes Minutes of Mackay Sub-Branch (1949). Memo and Agreement with Swift Aust. Co. 1950).
- .3 9 June 1951 - 13 Nov, 1953 (includes Federal Council meeting Nov. 1953).

3 vols.

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AMIEU Minute books, minutes and papers 1954 - 1966

- .1 1 March 1954 - 21 Sept. 1956
(Includes: Executive Branch and Central District Council) 1 vol.
- .2 30 Nov. 1956 - 18 Oct. 1959
(Central Sub-Branch Council, General meetings, Combined Council and Board of Control). 1 folder
- .3 29 Jan. 1960 - 29 Nov. 1963.
(Special Sub-Branch Council, Central Sub-Branch Executive, Combined Sub-Branch Council and Board of Control, General meeting) 1 folder
- .4 31 Jan. 1964- - 11 Nov. 1966
(Central District Regional Conference, Branch Executive Minutes, Special Information Bulletin and reports)

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AMIEU Central District. Cutting Books 1921 - 1959

- .1 [May] 1921 - 25 Feb. 1952
Includes:
Copies of Mutual Agreements,
Industrial and Truckers Agreements.
List of employees CQME Co.
Ballots, elections, etc.
Benefit collections for members
Arbitration - disputes
Tally rates and awards
State Conference report (extract from Meat Industry Journal of Qld. Feb. 1949.
- .2 [1925] - 13 May 1943
Includes:
Press clippings, re: disputes, Awards etc.
Membership lists
Ballot papers, elections (including R'ton City Council)
Misc. local news items
Industrial Agreements (Gladstone)
Minutes of 8 Hour Day Committee, April 1941 and of Special Central District Meeting 1940.

- 945 .3 4 June 1945 - 28 Nov. 1947
Includes:
1946 Meat Strike - Brisbane Abattoir
Minutes of Disputes Committee Conference
13-29 May 1946
Ballot papers
Rockhampton City elections 1946
Financial statements
- .4 28 Feb. 1959 - 2 Dec. 1959 [Diary]
Includes:
Press clippings re: disputes, Branch
news, Court decisions, Unity
tickets and elections
Entries re: conferences, meetings,
employee complaints etc.
- 946 AMIEU Gladstone Sub-Branch. Minute Books 1913-1962
Include: Minutes of Board of Control. Annual
General Meetings, Mass meetings and Special
Meetings. (see also 940.1).
- .1 21 Sept. 1913 - 6 Sept. 1918
- .2 17 March 1918 - 10 Feb. 1919
(Rough minutes) include record of
Commission paid to slaughteryard
delegate (1920) and delegated
statements.
- .3 15 Dec. 1918 - 14 May 1923
- .4 2 May 1924 - [3 Feb] 1927
Includes: Financial statement 1925 and
list of donations.
- .5 3 April 1927 - 6 Aug. 1937
Includes: list of new members.
- .6 8 Aug. 1937 - 22 March 1942 (damaged).
- .7 22 March 1942 - 15 Oct. 1950
- .8 (18 Nov.) 1950 - 7 Nov. 1955
Also record of ticket money and receipts
received from delegates (1948).
- .9 Dec. 1955 - 6 May 1962
Includes: Letters re: Show holiday
Gladstone.

- 946 .10-.11 AMIEU Gladstone Sub-Branch.
Minute Books. Board of Control.
Minute Books. 1918 - 1925
.10 9 June 1918 - 19 April 1919
.11 27 April 1919 - 14 Oct. 1925
Includes results at State
elections, Benefit collections for
members.
- .12-.13 AMIEU Gladstone Sub-Branch.
Diaries 1930 - 1944
.12 J. Walker 28 April 1930 - [June]
1940. Kill tallies, wages etc.
.13 R. C. Teqs 7 March 1930 - 18 July
1944
Daily Reports, misc. notes and
notes re: Board of Control meetings
and mass meetings.
- 947 AMIEU Gladstone Branch.
.1 Financial Statements (Receipts, Payments
and Accounts) 1926 - 1927.
.a) As at 30 June 1926 (half year)
.b) As at 31 Dec. 1926
.c) As at 30 June 1927 (half year)
1 folder
- .2 AMIEU Gladstone Branch.
Arbitration : Papers re Court
judgements and minutes. 1924 - 1960
Include:
Meat Export Industry Judgement re
Industry Award 15 July, 1925
Correspondence between Manager Gladstone
Meat Works and AMIEU Central
Division Sec. 16 & 22 Feb. 1926 re
evidence given in Arbitration Court
(Export Case)
Letter Qld. AMIEU Branch Sec. 22 April
1938 to Gladstone Sec with copy of
Judgment on the Export Case.

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Minutes. Industrial Court of Qld. re Meat Export State Award, April 1939 Nov. 1944.

Minutes. Industrial Magistrate Conferences at Gladstone re labour supply, strikes etc. at Swifts Australia Co. Sept. 1940, April 1942, Aug. 1943, Sept. 1960.

Minutes of meeting at Joint Board of Control, Abattoir and Moreton held Brisbane 13 March 1940 re monetary cuts and benefits.

Authorization form for John Gladston to institute and carry on complaint proceedings against Swifts Australia Co. on behalf of AMIEU. Nov. 1943.

AMIEU Gladstone Branch

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Arbitration - Mutual Agreements 9 Nov. 1932 - [1962]

- (a) Mutual Agreement AMIEU and Gladstone Meatworks of Queensland Ltd., 19 Nov. 1932.
- (b) AMIEU and Swifts Australia Co. Ltd., AMIEU and other (named unions) re operations at Gladstone and Alligator Creek Meat Works - employment, wages, conditions.
- (c) Draft of Mutual Agreement, 31 March 1941.
- (d) Gladstone Board of Control - Mutual Agreement 12 Feb. 1957. Swift Aust. Pty. Ltd. and AMIEU re operations of Butcher Beef Slaughtering gang at Gladstone Meat Works and other matters (with copies of correspondence on same and lists of kill rates).
- (e) Draft of Seniority agreement between AMIEU and employers [1962].

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AMIEU Gladstone BranchCorrespondence 16 July 1925 - 14 Aug. 1960

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(a) Old Branch Sec. to Gladstone Secretary

Letter Re cold storage dispute and Queensland Trade and Labour Council 15 Sept. 1954 (with resolutions on same)

Letter re convention and interpretation of Clause 91 (Freezer workers) 16 July 1925

Letter re payment to employees 5 Aug. 1960

(b) Central Division Sec to Gladstone Sec

Letter re attitude of Swift Aust. Co. 3 Aug. 1960.

Letter re new rules of Union 2 April 1958.

Letter re meetings and agreements at Gladstone 29 Nov. 1940.

(c) Burrow MLA to Gladstone Sec.
Letter re unemployment and selection of meatworkers for railway work, 12 April 1959, with copy of letter from State Premier.(d) Gladstone Harbour Board to Gladstone Sec. 6 Dec. 1941.

Covering letter with copy of report by the Boards' representatives A.W. Drewe and A.D. Hooper on trade delegation to Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra. 5p.

(e) Gladstone Show Society to Gladstone Secretary. 26 March 1958.

Letter re show holiday.

(f) Trades and Labour Council of Gladstone Sec. to affiliated unions.

Letter requesting financial assistance, 21 July 1960.

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- (g) Mrs Munro and sons to Gladstone Sec. 14 Aug. 1960.

Letter of thanks for fund raising and floral tribute on death of her husband (Acting Sec. Gladstone).

- (h) J. Linnare to Gladstone Sec. 15 June 1960.

Letter of thanks for union collection and funds on his behalf.

- (i) P. W. McMillan to Gladstone Sec. [nd]

Letter re his loss of preference due to illness.

- (j) Gladstone Sec. to AMIEU Committee of Management 28 Feb. 1960.

Letter requesting that Gladstone members be excluded from the unions pro-rata long service leave policy.

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AMIEU Reports and papers re Maryborough and Bundaberg Meat Works 1975 - 1977.

- (a) Reports on Bundaberg trips re union tickets, membership at Abattoirs and retail outlets, 30 Sept. 1975, 12-15 April, 1977.
- (b) Report of meetings (Bundaberg) re apprentice suspension Jan-Feb 1977.
- (c) Details of employees claims for compensation, leave etc. Ross and Rodericks, Maryborough [1976].
- (d) Report of meeting Boning Section, F.J. Walkers, Maryborough 22 April 1977, re Tallies and team work, with note on union tickets.

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- 947 .6-.9 AMIEU Central Sub-Branch Membership
Rolls. 1963-1973
- .6 As at 16 Aug. 1963.
- .7 As at 31 July 1966 (with supplement
as at 26 Aug. 1966).
- .8 As at 30 May 1969.
- .9 As at 31 May 1973. 1 folder
- .10-.12 Fields Group:
- .10 T. A. Fields. Fitzroy Works
Labour task descriptions
28 Jan 1970.
- Includes:
notes explaining the difference
between the Fitzroy System and
the Lakes Creek set up (5
leaves).
Beef slaughtering follow on labour
itemised task descriptions.
1 folder
- .11 T.A. Fields. Fitzroy Works and
elsewhere.
- Labour - proposed slaughtering
teams and tallies etc.
Feb 1968 - 29 Oct. 1982
- Includes:
Details of arrangements and list of
participants in time trial for
slicers 10 Nov. 1977.
Proposed tally structure, team and
follow on labour.
Meat processing award - Beef
Killing Dept Tally 29 May,
1970.
Biloela: slaughter floor follow on
labour Feb 1979 with list of
slaughter team tally Sept
1981.

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- .12 T.A. Fields. Fitzroy Works & elsewhere Industrial Agreements; Company practices and wage rates. 1973 - 1984.

Include:

Field Group and AMIEU agreements - Award 1973, Wage rates, June 1983.

F.J. Walker & Queensland Meat Industrial Agreement - Award 1976 (stamped 1983) re-classification and rates - time work and peace work with comparison to the T. A. Fields award (1983).

Letters - Meat and Allied Trade Federation of Australia to AMIEU State Secretary re 1979 Award and variations (1982 - 1984).

Rockhampton: Current practices to be negotiated (May 1983) with blank copy of memo of agreement T.A.Field and AMIEU 1983.

E. C. Porteous Report - Fitzroy River Abattoir, 1 June 1983 on Board of Control Meeting to discuss company demand for work standards.

Log of Claims Conference Townsville, 22-24 Feb. 1983.

Delegates from Walkers, Fields, Angliss, Barthwicks Sheds. Priority of claims order (5 leaves)

Tey Bros (Beenleigh) Pty. Ltd. Employees superannuation plan membership forms and details.

ANGLISS GROUP

- .13 AMIEU and Angliss Group - Meat Processing Award : Negotiations and Agreements, March 1978 - Oct. 1984.

Includes:

CQME Co. notice re Award discussion and offer to AMIEU employees March 1978.

AMIEU Queensland Branch Meat Processing Award negotiation report (Federal Executive Direction) July 1978.

Text of discussion CQME Co. and AMIEU re lead tally and extra production Sept. 1978.

- 947 .13 Report on agreements reached between union and Angliss Group at Ross River Works Townsville 7 Nov, 1979 (2 copies).
CQME Co. offers re variation to the Award. Nov 1980.
Agreement from CQME Co. and AMIEU re terms and conditions of the Award 1981, as varied (June 1984).
Disputes procedure Lakes Creek Oct. 1984.
- .14 AMIEU and CQME Co. Papers re boning room labour - March 1976 - Dec. 1985.

Includes:
Report of proceedings - Boning dispute: the Jap cut on forequarter in the 20's side team 26 Oct. 1976.
Company proposals on time work overtime payments March 1984 (4 copies)
Correspondence between Industrial Officer, AMIEU Qld Branch. Security et al re ceasing times for boning room labour etc. April 1984 - Jan 1985. (1 folder)
- .15 AMIEU and CQME Co. Papers re employees attendance records etc. 1984.

Includes:
Letters Personnel Manager CQME Co. to Central District Sub Branch Secretary and company employees re: absenteeism (with attendance records and reports). 12 July 1984 - 23 August 1984
Letters R. McMaster 24 Aug. 1984 to Mick Russell notifying his resignation as Acting Works Secretary President at CQME Co. (2 copies.)