

Records relating to the Peace Movement in Australia

Just as the wars in which Australia has fought have had irrevocable impacts on Australian society, so too have the peace and social movements associated with them and with Australia's foreign policy. The Archives holds a significant number of records relating to these movements. Records deposited by trade unions, as well as the personal papers of activists, academics and others, include a significant

amount of documentary material relating to the peace movement. Most of the Australian Peace Congresses held from the 1940s to the 1960s are documented in the records of the trade unions which sent delegates to the Congresses.

The Archives also holds a comprehensive collection of pamphlets and serials produced by peace organisations in Australia.

PERSONAL PAPERS

James Normington Rawling Collection

The Rawling collection consists of internal documents and publications of many Australian radical organisations in the period to 1939. Rawling was a Communist Party of Australia functionary. He was also a strong peace campaigner, having served in the trenches in World War I, and was National Secretary of the Movement Against War and Fascism until 1939.

N57/432-456	<i>Subject files</i>	Peace and anti-conscription organisations, 1902-1939 Movement Against War and Fascism, 1932-1939
N57/1305-1352	<i>Pamphlets</i>	Pamphlets of peace movement including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement Against War and Fascism, 1933-1938 • Conscription in Australia, 1912-1940 and • International Peace Campaign, 1936.
N57/2035-2062	<i>Serials</i>	Serials, 1932-1940 Publishing organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement Against War and Fascism • International Peace Campaign and • other peace organisations.
N57/2246-2275	<i>Posters, placards and broadsheets</i>	1933-1939
N57/2349-2366	<i>Photographs and other illustrations</i>	Movement Against War and Fascism, 1916-1935
N57/2380-2396		Military atrocities, 1918-1925
N57/1906-1911	<i>Leaflets and handbills</i>	Leaflets and handbills published in Australia by various trade unions, political parties and other organisations, 1888-1962

Ian Turner Collection

Member of the Australian Labor Party and the Communist Party of Australia. In 1955 he was an organiser of the Australasian Book Society. He was expelled from the Communist Party in 1958 with Stephen Murray-Smith for criticising the Stalinist leadership. He studied for his doctorate at the Australian National University and taught at Monash University.

P2/4/1-18	<i>Subject files</i>	Handbills, pamphlets, press cuttings, magazines, posters, etc, dealing with the world peace movement and related topics, <i>c1947-1955</i> . Including: atomic tests, Colombo Conference, Japanese rearmament, Australia and Malaya, conscription, Australia and China, foreign policy, USSR, Korea, international peace movement, Peace Congress 1950, youth and peace, Australian Peace Council, world peace movements.
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Ray Marginson Papers

Public servant. Joined the Commonwealth Public Service on 20 July 1948 as a research clerk in the Department of Transport. In 1950 he joined the Postmaster General's Department, holding numerous posts. He resigned from the Commonwealth Public Service in 1966 when he was appointed Vice Principal of the University of Melbourne. In 1968 he obtained an Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship to the USA.

P6/10/28		Appeal to the World Council for Peace, <i>c1951</i>
P6/10/40	<i>Poster</i>	Vote for Peace in the Australian Peace Ballot, <i>undated</i>

W J H Harris Papers

Member of the Building Workers Industrial Union of Australia and the author of *First Steps, Labor in Queensland*, issued by the Labour History Association in 1965.

P43/9/7	<i>Published material</i>	Anti-conscription campaign leaflets and roneoed material, <i>undated</i>
P43/9/11		Material issued by: Australian Peace Council, Peace Committee for International Co-operation and Disarmament, Australian Assembly for Peace, Queensland Women's Peace Movement, <i>1951-1964</i> Leaflets, <i>1952-1964</i> Roneoed material, <i>1951-1962</i>

Ken Gott Papers

Member of the Australian Journalists Association, committee member of the Victorian Branch of the Australia-China Society from 1953 and Secretary from 1956-1959. He was Managing Director of the Pacific Merchandise Agency (1953-1954), joint proprietor of the Australian Trade Research Service, and Manager of Wallaby Recordings (a non-profit organisation issuing records of people's songs and music) (1952-1954).

P36/12	<i>Peace Congress material</i>	Asian and Pacific Peace Conference, World Congress for Disarmament, 4th World Congress against A and H Bombs, Australia-New Zealand Congress for Disarmament and International Cooperation, Science for Peace Committee (London), <i>1952-1959</i>
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John Playford Collection

Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Politics at Monash University. Playford collected papers relating to student protest and related activities in the 1950s to 1960s.

P14/4	<i>Publications of the peace movement and peace conferences</i>	Asian and Pacific Peace Conference, Australia-New Zealand Congress for Disarmament and International Cooperation, Australian Assembly for Peace, Australian Convention on Peace and War, Australian Labor Party, Australian Peace Council, Australian Youth Carnival for Peace and Friendship, British Peace Committee, Committee of 100, etc, 1950-1964
P64/1	<i>Publications (pamphlets, leaflets, etc) relating to the peace movement and peace conferences issued by various peace and other organisations [21 items]</i>	Association for International Cooperation and Disarmament, Australian Commonwealth Directorate of Civil Defence, USSR-Australia Society, Australia-New Zealand Congress for Disarmament and International Cooperation, Australian Peace Council, Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, New South Wales Peace Council, Society for the Prevention of World War III, Victorian Peace Council, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Australia), 1953-1969
P64/8	<i>Publications of various student organisations in Australian universities [16 items]</i>	1948-1969
P128/1-13	<i>Subject files</i>	Conscription and Vietnam, 1969 Includes: circulars, pamphlets, letters, correspondence, leaflets, press cuttings, etc
P128/16	<i>Subject files</i>	Draft resistance and Vietnam, 1968 Includes: press cuttings, pamphlets, serials and correspondence

Geoff McDonald Collection

Member of the Eureka Youth League and the Australian Communist Party. He was expelled from the Party in 1961 and joined the Australian Labor Party, becoming the Founding President of the Diamond Creek Branch. Organiser for the Building Workers Industrial Union of Australia, Victorian Branch, and an official of various unions thereafter.

P39/53	<i>Publications: leaflets, printed and roneoed material re Vietnam War, peace movement and other issues [6 folders]</i>	1957-1967
P94/54/22	<i>Leaflets, 1925-1972 [22 folders]</i>	Conscription, World Wars I and II, Vietnam War and National Service, 1968-1969
P122/25	<i>Subject files, 1912-1976 [10 folders]</i>	Australian Congress for International Cooperation and Disarmament, 1961-1965. Including: circulars, papers delivered at Congress, reports
P122/43	<i>Constitution</i>	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (Victoria), 1962?
P122/46	<i>Circulars</i>	Committee for Peace in Vietnam, 1964
P122/55A		Fabian Society of Queensland re Vietnam, 1960s
P122/75	<i>Circulars</i>	International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity with Workers and People of South Vietnam, 1965
P122/121	<i>Circular</i>	Victorian Peace Council, 1950s
P122/126	<i>Circulars</i>	Vietnam Action Committee, 1965-1966

P122/572	<i>Posters, 1965-1967</i>	Vietnam War, Conscription
N94/797	<i>Publications, 1912-1984 [5 items]</i>	Publications on uranium, 1980-1982
N94/1604	<i>Minutes of the Disarmament Sub-committee (Australian Council of Trade Unions) [1 volume]</i>	1964-1965

Joe Owens Collection

Senior union official and organiser of the Builders Labourers Federation, New South Wales Branch. Member of the Communist Party of Australia from the 1960s.

Z235/15	<i>Subject files</i>	Omega Base, 1973 Indo-China, 1973-1974
Z235/17		Anti-conscription, 1972
Z235/42		Moratorium, 1969-1970

Peter O'Dea Collection

Union official of the Australian Capital Territory branch of the Builders Labourers Federation.

Z356/7-9	<i>Files relating to radical organisations in Adelaide and Canberra, 1968-1978</i>	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 1977 (leaflets) Conscription, 1968-1972 (circulars, leaflets and pamphlets) Omega (North West Cape), Campaign Against Foreign Military Bases in Australia, 1973-1976 (correspondence, leaflets, circulars) Vietnam: Vietnam Moratorium Committee, National Anti-war Conference, 1971 and others, 1971
Z356/10	<i>Photographs [27 items]</i>	Omega/North West Cape overland journey and demonstrations, 1974

Ron Arnold Collection

Ex-assistant New South Wales State Secretary of the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union. The collection reflects his involvement in peace and disarmament conferences, as AMWU or ALP representative.

Z76/1-2	<i>Files [19 files]</i>	Australia-Vietnam Society files, 1975-1981
Z76/2-5	<i>Files [23 files]</i>	Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 1966-1981
Z76/6-9	<i>Files [31 files]</i>	Peace and disarmament, 1950-1981
Z76/9	<i>Files [8 files]</i>	US bases, uranium and land rights, 1970-1980

Ernie Boatswain Collection

Building Workers Industrial Union, Federal Office. Records relating to his position as Secretary of the New South Wales Trade Union Peace Committee, and National Secretary and Co-chairperson of the Australian Peace Committee.

Z285/418-427	<i>Peace files [72 files]</i>	Files cover various committees, conferences, subjects and individuals including the Australian Peace Committee, Committee for World Peace, Disarmament and Development Working Group, International Peace Conference, social and economic effects of disarmament, Trade Union Peace Committee, World Congress against A and H Bombs, French nuclear tests, etc. 1964-1987
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TRADE UNIONS

Building Workers Industrial Union, Federal Office

Z285/47	<i>Subject files</i> [1 file]	Peace, 1970-1976
Z285/45-46	[3 files]	Uranium, 1976-1979
Z285/383-385	[4 files]	Peace, 1980-1985

Federated Engine Drivers and Firemen's Association, NSW Branch

N81/199	<i>Subject files of State Secretary</i> [1 file]	International correspondence: Vietnam File 1, 1964-1966
N72/1267	<i>Subject files (general)</i>	Peace: Association for International Cooperation and Disarmament/Trade Union Peace Committee: correspondence and circulars, 1978-1982
N72/1268		Peace: Australian People's Disarmament Conference, 1978
N72/1269		Peace: Association for International Cooperation and Disarmament, Australians for Nuclear Disarmament, and others: correspondence and circulars, 1978-1982
N72/1270		Peace: United Nations Association of Australia: correspondence and circulars, 1982-1983
N72/1299-1302	[4 files]	Uranium mining and nuclear energy, 1974-1982

Sheet Metal Working, Agricultural Instrument and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch

Tom Wright, New South Wales Branch Secretary, holds many peace movement publications among his personal papers (also held at the Archives Centre).

E206/2	<i>Subject files of Secretary and Federal President (Tom Wright)</i>	Committee Against Atomic Testing: circular letter to T Wright, 1967
E206/ 26		Organisation concerned with Vietnam: correspondence, circulars, pamphlets to and from T Wright. Includes documents from the Junior Eureka League, 1965-1971
P120/ 958	<i>Union files of Tom Wright</i>	Anti-Vietnam War, 1965-1966
E196/3/16-17	<i>Correspondence files</i>	Peace and Peace Congresses, 1955-1964
E196/3/14		Organisations, A-Z, 1941-1966

Amalgamated Metal Workers Union, National Office

N24/562-563	<i>National Secretary's files re peace movements</i>	Australian peace activities, 1959-1964
N24/563		World peace movements, 1970
N24/464-475	<i>Assistant National Secretary's Vietnam/Anti-conscription files (L. Carmichael)</i> [12 files]	AICD and CICD files (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)
Z102/94	<i>Subject files</i>	Peace: Australian organisations and Sister Bertell's press kit, <i>undated</i>
Z102/21	<i>National Office general filing system</i>	Uranium: Dr Helen Caldicott's visit, 1982-1984 Uranium, 1980-1984
Z102/24		Disarmament, 1976-1982 ACTU Uranium Policy, 1982

Z102/25		Disarmament Times, 1982-1983 UN Special Session on Disarmament, 1982-1983
Z102/55	<i>National Office subject filing system</i>	Uranium, 1975-1979 Uranium: Rosalie Bertell visit. Includes AMWU statement, 1978-1980
Z102/59		Peace: Australian organisations, 1980-1984
Z102/61		Peace: Metalworkers to Enforce Nuclear Disarmament, 1983-1985 Peace movement, 1981-1982
Z102/62		Nuclear tests (opposition): French Gambia Island, New Zealand Federation of Labor and ACTU Conference, December 1985

Seamen's Union of Australia, Federal Office

E183/21/33	<i>Correspondence - Federal Office</i>	Australian unions and organisations. Re: Malaya, 1947-1949
E183/17/11		Victorian Branch re Malaya, 1945-1951
N38/490-493	<i>Subject files</i>	Peace: conscription, N-W Base, Indonesia, Vietnam, South Africa, Korea, Aden, World Peace Council, 1965-1977
N38/704-706	<i>[3 files]</i>	Uranium, 1975-1978
N38/721-731	<i>[11 files]</i>	Vietnam, 1966-1978 Includes: ships for Vietnam, moratoria, conferences, National Anti-war Conference, boycott of USA shipping, medical aid etc (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)
Z129/116	<i>[3 files]</i>	Uranium, 1979-1981
Z129/168		Peace, 1980
Z129/61-62	<i>[2 files]</i>	Peace, 1981-1982
Z129/124		Peace, 1983

Seamen's Union of Australia, Sydney Branch

E183/29/6	<i>Correspondence</i>	Australian Peace Council, 1949-1951 Includes: minutes of Combined Union Peace Committee and Maritime Union Peace Committee
E183/29/7		New South Wales Peace Council, 1955-1956
N38/1413-1436	<i>Printed material</i>	World Peace Council publications, 1972-1976
Z91/28-30	<i>Bound correspondence and subject files</i>	Organisation's correspondence, 1959-1966 Includes: Peace Committee, AICD, Vietnam, Hiroshima, peace, Committee Against Atomic Testing, etc
Z91/50	<i>Subject files</i>	Vietnam, South Africa, Spain, Greece, 1963-1964
Z91/69	<i>Ship files</i>	Jeparit, 1966-1967
Z91/71		Ships delegates' correspondence on Moratorium and other COM proposals, 1970
Z91/119	<i>Minute books</i>	Boonaroo Shipboard Committee: minutes and correspondence, 1958-1968
Z91/90	<i>Correspondence</i>	Organisations: AICD, Trade Union Peace Committee, etc, 1971-1973
Z91/100-101	<i>Peace files [22 files]</i>	Includes AICD, Australian Peace Committee, Hiroshima Day, Moratorium, peace conferences and committees, World Congress of Peace Forces, World Peace Council etc, 1966-1972 (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)

Z91/134	<i>Miscellany</i>	Badges: 'No Neutron Bomb'
Z91/139	<i>Pamphlets</i>	Includes peace movement.
Z91/141	<i>Leaflets Published by SUA</i> [2 folders]	Includes peace movement

Seamen's Union of Australia, Victorian Branch

Z263/42-47	<i>Subject files</i> [14 files]	Peace files, 1954-1984
Z263/75	[2 files]	Uranium files, 1977-1982
Z263/84	[3 files]	Vietnam files, 1962-1972 Includes: Vietnam (general), ban against US shipping and Moratorium campaign

Waterside Workers Federation, Federal Office

E221/2	<i>J Healy's files</i>	Korea: opposition to US and Australian involvement in the Korean War, 1950-1952
E221/3		Malaya: protests against the use of Australian armed forces in Malaya, 1948-1950
E221/36		Peace Council: Council activities and WWFA response, 1949- 1952
E221/49		Compulsory military training and conscription: protests against conscription, 1950-1951
E221/62		World Peace Congress, 1950-1953
N114/994-1003	<i>Subject files</i> [13 files]	Peace files, 1962-1974 Includes: AICD, conferences and congresses, nuclear testing (France), Vietnam War, war shipments (Jeparit and Boonaroo), Moratorium and Marseilles Conference (Japanese Transport Unions, 1968) (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)

Waterside Workers Federation, Sydney Office

Z248/66A	<i>Subject files</i>	Jeparit, ban on US Shipping (Vietnam), 1969-1973
Z248/81	<i>Photographs</i>	Marches, demonstrations and May Day marches, 1947-1960

Waterside Workers Federation, Adelaide Branch

N90/525	<i>Office files</i>	South Australian Peace Committee/Council, 1953-1964
N90/421		Jeparit dispute, 1969

Merchant Service Guild

N51/221	<i>Transcripts of proceedings heard before the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission</i>	Dispute between Australian National Line and the Seamen's Union of Australia, re manning of the vessel Boonaroo on voyage to Vietnam, 1966
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Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers

Z123/31	<i>Subject files</i>	Vietnam Charters (Boonaroo, Jeparit), 1967
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Professional Radio Employees Institute of Australasia

E208/334	<i>Marine Section correspondence</i>	Marine Award: re seamen's war pensions and questions re cargo and manning of Jeparit on voyage to Vietnam, 196
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- E208/335 Manning of Boonaroo on voyage to Vietnam, 1966
 E208/338 Letters from SUA and ACTU re supplies to Vietnam etc, 1966-1967
 E208/340 Letters from ACTU and SUA re Vietnam cargoes and Vietnam war, 1966-1967

NSW Teachers Federation

- N111/1510-1525 *General Secretary's correspondence files [15 files]* Peace files
 Includes: abolition of nuclear tests, Vietnam, peace (general), conferences, Moratorium campaign and disarmament, 1958-1977 (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)
 N111/2779 *Research Section files* Peace Congresses, 1959-1964
 N111/3083 *Printed material* World Federation of Teachers Unions: peace, anti-nuclear matters, 1953-1955

Australian Railways Union, Victorian Branch

- N5/978-979 *Subject files [2 files]* Vietnam, 1965-1967
 N5/983-993 *[11 files]* War and peace, 1908-1971
 Includes: War and peace (general), peace congresses and conferences, Suez, foreign affairs and defence, nuclear weapons, Vietnam and War Railway Committee (1942-1943) (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)

Australian Railways Union, Tasmanian Branch

- E231/484-485 *Subject files [2 files]* Peace Congress, 1956-1964
 E231/575 War and peace, 1962-1965 Re: defence, disarmament, Cuba, South Vietnam
 N11/143 Peace Congress, 1965
 N11/199 Vietnam Moratorium, 1967-1970
 N11/205 War and peace, 1966-1973

Australian Railways Union, South Australian Branch

- E197/8/3126 *Correspondence files* South Australian Peace Council, 1956-1959

Union of Australian Women, National Office

- Z236/17 *Subject files [4 files]* Peace files, 1962-1975
 Includes: AICD, Vietnam, nuclear weapons, Save our Sons, W White etc (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)
 Z236/ 28-30 *[6 files]* Peace files, 1977-1986
 Includes: peace (general), Hiroshima Day, AICD, Australian Peace Committee, nuclear disarmament, United National Associations, Women's Peace Camp, toxic poisons (see finding-aid for full description of file titles and items)
 Z236/ 38 *International correspondence* United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, 1982-1988
 Z236/ 46-49 *Subject files* Peace files, 1978-1987
 Includes: peace conferences and congresses, UAW peace school and women's peace organisations

Union of Australian Women, NSW Branch

N96/113-120 *Subject files [8 files]*

Peace files, 1964-1982

Includes: peace (general), Australian Peace Conference and UN Committee of Support for UN Special Sessions on Disarmament

Australian Coal and Shale Employees Federation, Central Council

N144/336 *General Secretary's files*

Vietnam, 1973 Re: joint delegation (provisional revolutionary government - Vietnam Peace Committee) visit to Australia and special minute re levy for ploughing machines for Vietnam

Australian Council of Trade Unions

N21/824 *Secretary's subject files*

Nuclear tests, 1956-1957

N21/514

Omega Base, 1977

N21/1751

Uranium, 1977

N21/1758

Vietnam, 1965-1970

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