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INTRODUCTION


The Club was granted its License shortly after the Liquor Act was amended in 1946 to allow alcohol to be served after 6pm.

The Club played a prominent role in the Union of Registered Workers Clubs in the 50s and 60s, and helped other Hunter area clubs organise to obtain licences. It was a major institution of the Labor movement in the Newcastle region, and played a significant role in organising and staging community events and support for workers and their families.

The Newcastle Workers Club archives are a comprehensive collection of the Club’s records from its beginnings in 1948 through to its corporate transformation in 1997.

The Collection includes Minutes of Board and Management Committee meetings (incl. those of the Newcastle Trades Hall Council 1974 – 1984), detailed financial records, photographs, journals, record books of musical and sporting events, and various club memorabilia (e.g. badges, members books).

The Collection also includes material relating to the 1989 Newcastle earthquake - during which the Club was seriously damaged and a number of people lost their lives - including photographs of the damage and transcripts of the subsequent coronial inquest.
C840 Newcastle Workers’ Club Board/Management Committee (including AGMs) Minutes Binder: 9/7/1954 – 3/12/1965

C841 Newcastle Workers’ Club Board/Management Committee (including AGMs) Minutes Binder: 14/1/1966 – 14/7/1972

C842 Newcastle Workers’ Club Board/Management Committee (including AGMs) Minutes Binder: 18/8/1972 – 25/9/1978

C843 Newcastle Workers’ Club Board/Management Committee (including AGMs) Minutes Binder: 13/10/1978 – 9/12/1983


C844 (i) March – December 1983

C844 (ii) January – December 1984

C844 (iii) January – December 1985

C844 (iv) January – December 1986

C844 (v) January – December 1987

C844 (vi) January – December 1988

C844 (vii) January – December 1989

C844A Newcastle Workers Club “Board of Directors” Meeting Minutes: 12/1/1990 – 22/11/1991:


C844B Newcastle Workers Club “Board of Directors” Meeting Minutes: 10/1/1992 – 10/12/1993:


C844B (iii) Minutes 8/1/1993 – 10/12/1993

C844C Newcastle Workers Club “Board of Directors” Meeting Minutes: 14/1/1994 – 12/12/1997:

C844C (i) Minutes 14/1/1994 – 9/12/1994

C844C (ii) Minutes 13/1/1995 – 12/12/1995

C844C (iii) Minutes 16/1/1996 – 13/12/1996

C844C (iv) Minutes 10/1/1997 – 12/12/1997
C845 Draft Newcastle Workers’ Club Board/Management Committee Meeting Minutes:


C846 Newcastle Workers Club (Newcastle Trades Hall Council Workers Club) Annual Financial Reports 1949 – 1989:


C847 Newcastle Workers Club Financial records:

C847 (i) April 1983 – September 1984
C847 (ii) 31/12/1984 – 31/12/1986
C847 (iii) 01/01/1987 – 31/12/1988

C848 Newcastle Workers Club Financial records:

C848 (i) Auditor’s and other financial reports: 1984 – 1988


C849 (i) Financial records: 01/07/1990 – 31/12/1990
C849 (iii) Financial records: 01/1/1992 – 31/12/1992
C849 (iv) Financial records: 01/06/1993 – 30/11/1993
C849 (vi) Financial records: 01/01/1994 – 31/12/1994


C849A (i) Financial records: 01/01/1995 – 31/12/1995
C849A (ii) Financial records: 01/01/1996 – 31/12/1996
C849A (iii) Financial records: 01/01/1997 – 31/6/1997
C850 Newcastle Trades Hall Council, South Coast Labour Council and Central Coast Trades and Labor Council Meeting Minutes 1974 – 1984, also incl. minutes of the NSW Labor Council and committees 1945:

C850 (i) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 10/01/1974 – 28/11/1974
C850 (ii) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 23/01/1975 – 11/12/1975
C850 (iii) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 08/01/1976 – 09/12/1976
C850 (iv) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 11/01/1979 – 13/12/1979
C850 (v) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 10/01/1980 – 11/12/1980
C850 (vi) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 08/01/1981 – 10/12/1981
C850 (vii) Newcastle Trades Hall Council minutes: 20/01/1983 – 13/12/1984
C850 (viii) South Coast Labor Council minutes: 16/10/1974 – 09/12/1975
C850 (ix) Central Coast Trades and Labor Council minutes: 02/07/1975 – 03/12/1975
C850 (x) NSW Labor Council meeting minutes with various other committee and union minutes: 1945

C851 Journals 1956 – 1987:

C851 (i) Journals - “Newcastle Trades all Workers Club Journal” July 1956 – December 1962 (Incomplete)


C852 (i) Coroner’s Findings
C852 (ii) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 2/7/1990
C852 (iii) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 3/7/1990
C852 (iv) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 4/7/1990
C852 (v) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 5/7/1990
C852 (vi) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 6/7/1990
C852 (vii) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 9/7/1990
C852 (viii) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 10/7/1990
C852 (ix) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 11/7/1990
C852 (x) Transcripts of the Coronial Inquest (conducted by Coroner K M Waller): 12/7/1990

C853 Newcastle Earthquake Coronial Inquest Documents 1989 - 1990:

C853 (i) Statement on behalf of the NSW Department of Fire Brigades
C853 (ii) Transcript of the Newcastle Earthquake NSW fire Brigade In-Service Debrief Held at the Newcastle Fire Station on 30th December 1989

C853 (iii) Debriefing notes of Mrs. Bailey, summary of meeting held at Newcastle Fire Station on 30th December 1989.

C853 (iv) “Comment: On the Recent Reports on Handling the Newcastle Earthquake Crisis”, Report by Robert J. Heath, Dept. of Commerce University of Queensland, Addressed to Mr. Pickering, NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services. 17/2/1990


C853 (viii) Fire Brigade Officer’s Statements: 20/2/1990 – 00/06/1990

C853 (ix) Statement of Wayne Dean, Secretary/Manager of the Newcastle Workers Club: 5/1/1990


C853 (xi) Report to the Coronial Investigation Unit “Capabilities and Limitations of Infrared Imaging Systems for Locating Trapped Persons”, By Graeme Lacey: 18/6/1990

C853 (xii) Transcript of Newcastle Police Radio Tape for Thursday 28th December 1989 – Commencing at 10.27 am

C853 (xiii) Letter from Peter Watson to Newcastle Lord Mayor: request for Mrs. Levender Watson to be listed as an earthquake victim. 9/1/1990

C853 (xiv) Reports:

C853 (a) “Newcastle earthquake and cavity corrosion: Implications for the rest of Australia”, Dr I.S. Cole. Undated


C854 Newcastle Earthquake Coronial Inquest Exhibit List: 1990

C855 Newcastle Workers Club - Club relations documents, incl. NWC investment documents 1950 - 1989:

C855 (i) “Club and Community” folder, 1979 – 1989


C855 (iii) “Inter Club Relations” folder: 1950 – 1959

C855 (a) Union of Registered Workers Clubs

C855 (b) Club and Labor Movement

C855 (c) Club and the Newcastle Trades Hall Council

C855 (iv) Poker Machine Tax folder, including newspaper clippings 1960 – 1975
C855 (v) “Fingal Bay Hotel/Motel Block Documents” folder, 1969 – 1977


C855 (vii) Registered Clubs Association (R.C.A.) and Federation Documents: 1960 – 1979

C856 Newcastle Workers Club Historic Materials 1946 – 1989:


C856 (ii) “Beginnings and Origins” folder, including photographs and May Day poster. 1946 – 1948

C856 (iii) “Buildings” folder, including photographs and floor plan of the Newcastle Workers Club. Circa 1950’s – 1970

C856 (iv) “Club Sport” folder, photographs. Undated


C856 (vi) “Entertainment” folder, photographs, newspaper clippings. Also a Doctor’s Certificate for Isabella Lavars. Circa. 1948 – 1952

C856 (vii) “Management Committee and Board” folder, photographs, song composed for Ray O’Hara by Dorothy Anderson. Undated

C856 (viii) “The Earthquake”, copies of photographs taken by Steve Tickner. 1989

C856 (ix) “Miscellaneous” folder, photographs (Undated), laminated share certificate (1955).

C856 (x) Box of NWC members’ badges (11): 1960 – 1977

C857 Newcastle Workers Club Planning documents 1987 – 1993:

C857 (i) “Future Directions and Proposals 1987 – 1989” folder


C858 Newcastle Workers Club Record Books 1949 – 1975:

C858 (i) Management Committee Attendance Book (Hardcover): 08/01/1949 – 12/09/1975


C858 (iii) Newcastle Workers Club Membership Role Book [Full members] (Hardcover): 1948 – 1951

C858 (iv) Newcastle Workers Club Membership Role Book [Associate members] (Hardcover): 1948 – 1952

C858 (v) Newcastle Workers Club Wages Book (Hardcover): 1949 – 1951

C858 (vi) Roy McDonald’s records and commentaries on performers and artists employed by the club (6 notebooks): 8/8/1969 - 18/12/1976