



E156 – Musicians’ Union of Australia, Federal Office deposit 1

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Deposit E156

Professional Musicians' Union of Australia: Federal Office

Inclusive Dates: 1910-1967

Quantity: 25 running feet

Note: The Musicians' Union of Australia was registered with the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Court on 13 March 1911 (for earlier details see the note to Deposit T7). The union was composed of State Districts, some of which were divided into local branches. Although Western Australia was represented at some very early Federal meetings it did not formally join the union until March 1914-64; Membership rolls; Arbitration material 1919-51, Journal 1928-9 and 1960-2.

Description

Rule Books 1919-53; General Correspondence 1922-67; Financial Papers 1911-63; Federal Conference Minutes 1914-64; Membership rolls; Arbitration material 1919-51, Journal 1928-9 and 1960-2.

Federal Office

Series

- E156/1 Rule Books and other papers relating to the Professional Musicians' Union of Australia, Federal office; the Musicians' of Western Australia Union of Workers; the Benevolent Fund of Western Australian Musicians; and the Theatrical; 1919-1953.
(See Calendar for details) lbox.
- 2 General Secretary's Correspondence, arranged by subject matter. 1922-54.
(See Calendar for details)
- 3 General Secretary's Correspondence, arranged mainly in chronological order. 1956-1967
(See Calendar for details)
- 4 Office Diaries and Indexes to Inwards and Outwards Correspondence of General Secretary of P.M.A. 1924-1952
(See Calendar for details)
- 5 Ledgers, Cash Books, Balance Sheets and other Financial Papers of Professional Musicians' Union of Australia 1911-1963
(See Calendar for details)
- 6 Annual Federal Conferences, Minutes, Secretary's + Treasurers reports and other papers, Professional Musicians' Union of Australia. 1914-1964
(See Calendar for details)
- 7 Membership Rolls and related papers of Professional Musicians' Union of Australia, 1921-55
(See Calendar for details)

- E156/8 Arbitration material, awards and other papers relating to the musicians' general award and the Musicians (Commercial Broadcasting) Award. 1919-55
(See Calendar for details)
- 9 Arbitration Material, awards and other papers relating to the Musicians' Award in relation to the Australian Broadcasting Commission, 1938-1951.
(See Calendar for details)
- 10 Arbitration material, General papers, Basic wage and retail price indices etc. 1910-1961
(See Calendar for details)
- 11 Journals of the Professional Musicians' Union of Australia 1928-29, and 1960-2; together with some correspondence.
See Calendar for details
Note: See also E156/5/6
- 11A The International Musician
Journal of American Federation of the United States and Canada, November 1965- October 1967, Vol LXIV, No5; LXIV No 6; LXIV No7; LXV No10; LXVI No2; LXVI No4.
1box
- 12 International and Overseas Musicians' Unions Conference Papers, 1950-3
(See Calendar for details)
- 13 "White Collar" : Information from International Labour Office - Geneva, 1951-2
1 folder
(Series E156/12/3 + E156/13 in 1 box.)
- 14 Australian Council of Trade Unions, Circulars and roneoed papers, 1932-57 (mainly re Basic Wage Cases)
3boxes and 1 folder
- 15 Newspaper Clippings relating to the Musicians' Union of Australia, 1926 and 1931.
See Calendar for details
2books vols.
- 16 Theatre Programmes (used in Tivoli Board of Reference dispute) for Borovansky Ballet and Kathleen Dutham, seasons 1956.
2 items in folder
- 17 "What Labour has accomplished", published by Australian Labour Party, roneoed article, 1946 (?)
1 item binder
- 18 Victoria District
Voices of meeting, Agendas and also rough minutes for annual and quarterly meetings of the Victoria District, Musicians' Union of Australia, 1936-7
1 folder
- 19 Queensland District
"Golden Jubilee" 1911-61 magazine published by Queensland District, Musicians' Union of Australia.
1 item in folder

DEPOSIT E156 : Professional Musicians' Union of Australia,
Federal Office.

Series 1 : Rule Books and other papers relating to the
Professional Musicians' Union of Australia,
Federal Office; the Musicians of Western
Australia Union of Workers; the Benevolent
Fund of Western Australian Musicians; the
Theatrical Alliance; 1919-1953.

E156/1/1 Rules of Musicians' Union of Australia, 1927
(rules registered 20 Feb 1926).

/2 Rules of Musicians' Union of Australia, 1949.

/3 Amendment to Rules, Musicians' Union of Australia,
1956

/4 Rules of the Professional Musicians' Union, 1961

/5 Rules and Regulations of the Musicians' Association
of New South Wales (20 Nov 1919).

/6 Rules of the Musicians of Western Australia Union
of Workers. Perth 1937

/7 Rules of the Musicians' Association of Western
Australia^{Union} of Workers. Perth 1953.

/8 Rules of Benevolent Fund of West Australian
Musicians (2 different undated copies)

/9 Alteration of the Rules. Folder of papers,
1935, 1954-5.

/10 The Theatrical Alliance, Proposed Constitution.
Rules and By-laws (Alliance of Actors' Federation of
Australasia, Theatrical and Amusement Employees'
Association, Scenic Artists' Association and
Musicians' Union of Australia).

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Federal Office

Series 2 : General Secretary's Correspondence, arranged by
subject matter, 1922-54

E156/2/1 General Secretary's letter book, containing copies
of letters of District Secretaries, 4 April 1927 to
1 May 1928. *1 vol.*

2 Correspondence with District Secretaries and
members of Federal Council 1924-54

Soft Folders

E156/2/2(i) Correspondence with N.S.W. 1933-47 (3 files)
(ii) " Queensland 1929-46 (2 files)
(iii) " Victoria 1931-5 (1 file)
(iv) " South Australia 1922-46 (2 files)
(v) " Tasmania 1932-46 (2 files)
(vi) " Kalgoorlie 1924-40 (3 files)
(vii) " Broken Hill 1930-46 (3 files)

(viii) " Perth 1924-35 (1 file)
(ix) " Defunct Branches
(x) " Circulars to District Secretaries
1927-35
(xi) " District Secretaries 1935-40
(Xii) Letters to members of Federal Council 1926-35 *6 boxes*

Hard Covers

(xiii) Correspondence with N.S.W. 1946-54
(xiv) " Queensland 1946-54
(xv) " Victoria 1948-54
(xvi) " South Australia 1947-54
(xvii) " Tasmania 1947-54
(xviii) " North Tasmania 1946-54
(xix) " Bundaberg-Maryborough 1941-54
(xx) General Correspondence Cite District
Secretary 1939-54 (4 file) *11 binders*

E156/2/3 General Union Correspondence (including Superannuation
and Foreign Applications)

(i) General Correspondence including some
arbitration material 1947-54
(ii) General Correspondence 1947-54
(iii) General Correspondence 1951-4
(iv) Various telegrams 1937-9
(v) Foreign Applications 1938-55
(with index)
(vi) Long Service Leave 1949-57
(vii) Odd and Miscellaneous letters.

4 Correspondence with other Musicians' Unions 1923-35
(i) England American and South African Unions
1924-35
(ii) New Zealand Musicians' Union 1942-35 *23-30*

*2 boxes +
3 vols.*

*1 vol +
1 box*

E156/2/5

Correspondence with ^{Theatre} Trustee Managers and others,
1925-48

- (i) Correspondence with Entrepreneurs' Association 1925-35
- (ii) Correspondence with various Theatre Managers, 1924-35
- (iii) Correspondence with Theatrical Proprietors and Managers' Association 1924-32
- (iv) File of Correspondence re J.C. Williamsons 1923-35
- (v) Palais Pictures 1932-47
- (vi) Small file of J.C. Williamsons Grand Opera Season 1948
- (vii) File re Roy Fox. 1939.

1 box

6 Correspondence with A.B.C. Government Departments and Parliament 1923-48.

- (i) Correspondence with Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting 1923-48
- (ii) Correspondence with Governmental ^{Departments} ~~Representments~~ 1927-35
- (iii) Plans for Post War Development (mainly ~~members~~ ^{members} of Parliament) 1941-52
- (iv) Military Bands 1950-2 and A.B.C. choristers
- (v) Australian Broadcasting Commission

6 vols +
1 box.

Deposit E156: Professional Musicians' Union of Australia,
Federal Office.

Series 3 : General Secretary's Correspondence arranged mainly
by Chronological order, 1956-67.

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| E156/3/1 | General Correspondence Day files, copies of outgoing material only, 1956-67 | 5 boxes
+ 7 vols. |
| 2 | Correspondence with the Australian Broadcasting Commission, 1955-7 | 1 vol. |
| 3 | Correspondence with <i>Maurice Blackburn</i>
Laurie Blackburn & Co., 1954-9 | 1 vol. |
| 4 | General Correspondence 1956-60 (including Material re International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, The Australian National Advisory Council for UNESCO and enquiries re transfer 51 overseas musicians) | 1 vol. |
| 5 | Miscellaneous correspondence | 2 vols. |
| 6 | Correspondence with District Secretaries, re Foreign Applications, 1955-60 | 1 vol. |

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Federal Office

Series 4: Office Diaries and Indexes to Inwards and Outwards
Correspondence, 1924-52

- E156/4/1 Office Diary, kept January 1 1924 to May 9 1924.
- 2 Diary Index to Onwards and Outwards Correspondence
kept 6 November 1947 to 18 November 1948
- 3 Diary Index to Onwards and Outwards Correspondence
kept 4 December 1948 to 13 January 1950
- 4 Diary Index to Inwards and Outwards Correspondence
kept 1 January 1950 to 20 December 1950
- 5 Office Diary and Index to Inwards and Outwards
Correspondence kept January - April 1952.

7 vol

1 vol

1 vol

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Deposit E156 : Professional Musicians' Union of Australia,
Federal office.

Series 5 : Ledgers, Cash Books, Balance Sheets and other
financial papers. 1911-1963

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| E156/5/1 | Ledger containing details of General and
Branch Account 1911-1950 | 4 volumes |
| 2 | Cash Books, 1916-39, 1929-31, 1937-50 | 3 volumes |
| 3 | Assorted Balance Sheets and Financial
statements of the Federal Office and same
Branch Balance Sheets, 1923-63 | 1 box |
| 4 | Record of Payments from Relief and Distress
Fund, 1928-31 | 1 volume |
| 5 | Branch Quarterly Returns to Federal office,
31 December 1929 - 30 June 1931 | 1 volume |
| 6 | Ledger containing details of the <u>Professional
Musician</u> ; 1928-53
<u>Note</u> : See also E156/11 | 1 vol. |
| 7 | Cash Books containing details of advertising
in the <u>Professional Musician</u> ; and Bank Book,
1938-31 | 2 vols |
| 8 | General Secretary's Receipts Books containing
details of District Dues 1939-43 and general
receipts 1956-9 | 2 vols |
| 9 | Cash Book containing details of cheque account
1924-26 (also index of material in determination
1912-1916) | 1 vol. |
| 10 | Note Book with financial and other details of
Melbourne Town Hall Concerts, 1931 | 1 vol. |
| " | Receipts issued to PMUA, Payment
Vouchers & Travel Vouchers, 1936-1957 | 3 boxes |

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Federal Office.

Series 6 : Annual Federal Conferences Minutes. Secretary's
and Treasurer's Reports and other papers, 1914-64

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| E156/6/1 | Minutes and Secretary's Reports for the Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Conferences, held 1915-19 and also meeting of the Federal Council in April 1916) | Binder
1 vol. |
| 2 | Minutes of Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Federal Conferences held 1921-4 (the meeting for 1920 was held in March 1921) | 1 vol |
| 3 | Minutes of Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Federal Conferences, held 1925-31 (not for 1930). | 1 vol. |
| 4 | Minutes and Agenda for Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Federal Conferences, 1935-9 | 1 vol. |
| 5 | Minutes and Agenda of Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Federal Conference 1940-4 | 1 vol |
| 6 | Minutes, Agenda and Statistical Sheets of Musicians' Union of Australia, Annual Federal Conference 1945-6 | 1 vol. |
| 7 | Minutes Agenda and Some Balance Sheets for Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Conference 1947-50 | 1 vol. |
| 8 | Minutes and Agenda for Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Conference 1951-2, also some correspondence | 1 vol |
| 9 | Minutes of Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Conference 1953-4 | 1 vol. |
| 10 | Minutes of Musicians' Union of Australia Federal Annual Conference November 1955 and Special Conference February 1955. | 4 vols |
| 11 | Minutes of Professional Musicians' Union of Australia, Annual Conference November 1962 (4 copies) | 4 vols |
| 12 | Minutes of Professional Musicians' Union of Australia Annual Conference November 1963 (4 copies) | 4 vols. |
| 13 | Minutes of P.M.U.A. Annual Conference November 1964 | |
| 14 | Minutes of P.M.U.A. Annual Conference, November 1965 (5 delegates' copies) | 1 box |
| 15 | Motions before Federal Conference 1928-31 | 1 vol |
| 16 | Papers including delegates' credentials and notices of motion 1940-1, 1943-4 1946-8 and 1950-3 | 1 vol |
| 17 | Correspondence and other papers re Conferences 1927-55 | |

1 box

Deposit E156: Professional Musicians' Union of Australia:
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Series 7 : Membership Rolls and related papers of the P.H.U.A.
1921-55

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| E156/7/1 | Federal membership Roll 1921-3 | <i>legible
1 vol.</i> |
| 2 | Federal membership Books (i) N.S.W., (ii) South Australia; (iii) Victoria, and (iv) Queensland. | <i>4 vols.</i> |
| 3 | District membership Lists, 1921-3 | |
| 4 | District and Branch Membership Quarterly Returns 1935-50. | <i>(Series 344 in 1 box)</i> |
| 5 | District Membership Rolls, and Correspondence with District Secretaries and the Industrial Registrar | <i>1 vol.</i> |

Deposit E156 : Professional Musicians' Union of Australia
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Series Arbitration material, awards and other papers
relating to the Musicians' General Award and the
Musicians' (Commercial Broadcasting) Award 1919-55

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| E156/8/1 | 1948 Musicians' (Commercial Broadcasting) Award,
no. 157 of 1948 | <i>in box</i>
3 files and
one volume |
| 2 | Application for Interpretation and Disputes
heard before the Conciliation Commissioner 1923-47
(including transcripts) | 2 files and
one box |
| 3 | <i>claim</i>
Log of Chains, 1948 | <i>1 vol.</i> |
| 4 | Applications and Determinations re variations to
General Award, No 157 of 1948 | 6 files |
| 5 | Logs, Awards, Agreements, Application to vary etc.
1919-55 | 1 file and
1 box |
| 6 | Log of wages and other papers re 1955 Musicians'
General Award. | 1 file and one
box |
| 7 | Legal Opinions 1921-36 | <i>1 box</i> |
| 8 | Employers names and addresses, undated, and list
of respondents, undated | 1 vol. & 1 folder |

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Series 9 : Arbitration material awards and other papers
relating to the Musicians' Award in relation to the
Australian Broadcasting Commission, 1938-51

E156/9/1	Logs of wages and other arbitration material (ie Determinations) relating to the 1950 ABC Musicians' Award.	3 files and 1 box
2	Applications to vary and other arbitration material relating to ABC Musicians 1943-51	12 vols & 1 box
31	Arbitration material relating to ABC Choristers 1938-50	2 vols
4	N.S.W. State Award (A.B.C.) 1948	1 box

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Series 10 : Arbitration material, General Paper. Basic Wage and
Retail Price Index etc. 1910-61

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| E156/10/1 | Victoria Factories Act 1915; Regulations under Industrial arbitration Act 1918; Tasmania wages Board Act and Regulations 1910 etc. | 1 vol |
| 2 | English Act 1925; Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection Act; including correspondence re unauthorised recordings. | 1 folder <i>under</i> |
| 3 | N.Z. Musicians' Union; award magazine, Directory and Rules, 1953-7 | 1 folder |
| 4 | Determination No6 of 1950, Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association v. Minister for Repatriation | 1 folder |
| 5 | Determination No23 of 1955, The Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Poster Clerks and sheets v the Commonwealth Public Service Board and Sheets. Application to vary re marginal Rates | 1 box & 2 folders
(Series 2-5 in box) |
| 6 | Extracts from the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette 1956-61: application to alter conditions of entry to unions. | 1 file |
| 7 | Stencils of R.J. O'Dea's submission in the Trelayers wage Board meeting for Builders workers Industrial Union. | 1 box |
| 8 | Superannuation Act. Commonwealth of Australia 1948 and outline of the Superannuation Act. Commonwealth of Australia 1948, and outline of the Superannuation Act 1922-50 | |
| 9 | Basic Wage Case, 1937, J. Sheehans Daily Report 10 May 1937 | 3 files |
| 10 | Basic Wage Retail Price Indexes 1941-50 | <i>fold</i>
1 file |
| 11 | Miscellaneous loose papers re Arbitration matters | <i>under</i>
4 folders |

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Series 11 Journal of the Professional Musicians' Union 1928-9
and 1960-2

E156/11/1 *See S219* The Professional Musicians: the official organ of the
musicians' union of Australia , Sept. 1928-December
1929. Vol. 1. no.3, no.4; Vol 2 nol, no3 & no4

See S219 The Australian professional Musician: Official
journal of the Australian Musicians' Union, June
1960- June 1962, Vol 1 no 1 - no 7

3 Correspondence re Professional Musician January, 1928-April
1931

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Series 12 International and Overseas Musicians' Union's Papers.
1950-3

E156/12/1 International Federation of Musicians Second Regular
Conference, Dusseldorf 1953. papers.

1 box

2 International Federation of Musicians, Circulars and
other papers, 1950-1

1 binder

3 Musicians' Union (U.K.) Papers relating to Fifth
Biennial Delegates' Conference 1953.

1 folder

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Federal Office

Series 15 : Newspapers Clippings relating to MUA
1926 and 1931-5

- E156/15/1 Newspaper items re Victorian *Professional Orchestra*
~~Symphony Orchestra~~,
1931-5 and list of donations
- 22 Newspaper Cuttings re disputes in Musicians' Union
of Australia, Broken Hill Branch, 1926.