

## **Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union Archive**

The Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union (AMWSU) in North Queensland can be traced back to the inaugural meeting of the Townsville Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers on 6 January 1894. In 1920, the society changed its name to the Amalgamated Engineering Union and steady growth in the local area saw the formation of a second branch at Oonoonba and in all major northern provincial centres.

The deregistering of the Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stove Making Industrial Union of Australia in 1972 saw members join the Amalgamated Engineering Union which, a year later in 1973, became the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union (AMWU). Also deregistered in 1972 was the Boilermakers' and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia whose members went on to join the AMWU in 1973, thus making it Australia's largest trade union. This was eclipsed in 1976 when AMWU and the Federated Shipwrights' and Ship Constructors' Association of Australia amalgamated to become the Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union.

This collection includes considerable material on award and working-conditions' negotiations in the North Queensland sugar industry during the period 1965-1982, and, in the mining, power and transport industries from 1976 - 1982; research material (1973-1980); information on courses and seminars for unionists (1968-1983); Townsville branch correspondence (1971-1982); a large assortment of books and pamphlets, some of which detail activities of the AMWSU in the years between the two world wars; minutes of meetings (local, state and national), including a broken set of the Townsville branch from 1894 to 1968.

This material can be read in conjunction with the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union Archive which contains additional records of the Amalgamated Engineering Union Minutes, and the Fred Thompson records.

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#### **SUGAR INDUSTRY**

##### **Award Negotiations/Working Conditions**

AMWSU/SUGAR/1 Sugar Industry Agreements, 1965-1972.

AMWSU/SUGAR/2 Disability Allowance Agreements, 1968-1970.

AMWSU/SUGAR/3 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1975.

AMWSU/SUGAR/4 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1976.

AMWSU/SUGAR/5 Summary of Employers' Position in Relation to Log of Claims, 1976.

AMWSU/SUGAR/6 Briefing Notes for Discussions with C.S.R. Management, 1976-1977.

AMWSU/SUGAR/7 Negotiations during Construction of the Lucinda Bulk Sugar Terminal, 1976-1978.

AMWSU/SUGAR/8 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1977-1978.

AMWSU/SUGAR/9/1 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1979.

AMWSU/SUGAR/10 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1980.

AMWSU/SUGAR/11/1 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1981.

AMWSU/SUGAR/11/2 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1981.

AMWSU/SUGAR/11/3 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1981.

AMWSU/SUGAR/11/4 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1981.

AMWSU/SUGAR/12/1 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1982.

AMWSU/SUGAR/12/2 Wages and Conditions Claims, 1982.

AMWSU/SUGAR/12/2 Discussions regarding Babinda Mill Operations and Conditions, 1982.

##### **Industrial Disputes**

AMWSU/SUGAR/14 Babinda Mill - Use of Non-Union Labour in Ancillary Tasks, 1972.

AMWSU/SUGAR/15 Innisfail - Proposed Sale of Sugar Tramway Rolling Stock to Privately Owned Mills, 1977.

AMWSU/SUGAR/16 Babinda Mill - Selection Procedures for Apprentices, 1979-1980.

AMWSU/SUGAR/17 Babinda Mill - Staffing Levels on Roller Welding Machinery, 1980.

A.M.W.S.U. Sugar Sub-Committee Minutes

AMWSU/SUGAR/18 1970-1972.

AMWSU/SUGAR/19 1974.

AMWSU/SUGAR/20 1976.

AMWSU/SUGAR/21 1977.

AMWSU/SUGAR/22 1978.

AMWSU/SUGAR/23 1979.

AMWSU/SUGAR/24 1980.

### **A.M.W.S.U. Area Committee Minutes - 1982**

AMWSU/SUGAR/25 Relating to Mills at: Bundaberg, Maryborough, Brisbane.

AMWSU/SUGAR/26 Relating to Mills at: Proserpine, Mackay.

AMWSU/SUGAR/27 Relating to the Invicta and Kalamia Mills.

AMWSU/SUGAR/28 Relating to the Inkerman and Pioneer Mills.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

AMWSU/SUGAR/29 Technology Changes in the Sugar Industry, 1949-1964.

AMWSU/SUGAR/30 Minutes of Metal Trades Delegates Conferences, 1965-1972.

AMWSU/SUGAR/31 Minutes of C.S.R. Mills Delegates Conferences, 1967-1972.

AMWSU/SUGAR/32 Sugar Industry Statistical Data, 1973-1974.

AMWSU/SUGAR/33 Financial Evaluation Survey of the Babinda Mill, 1984.

AMWSU/SUGAR/34 Engineering Specifications of a B.M.A. Cane Diffuser, Installed at the Inkerman Mill.

AMWSU/SUGAR/35-37 Cost Offset Reports - Queensland Mills, 1982.

AMWSU/SUGAR/38 Sugar Industry Agreements, 1965-1979.

AMWSU/SUGAR/39-42 38-Hour Week Campaign.

### **AWARD NEGOTIATIONS**

(Arranged by Industry/Company, in chronological order)

#### **Townsville Transport and Services Pty Ltd**

AMWSU/AWARD/1 1977.

AMWSU/AWARD/2 1979.

AMWSU/AWARD/3 1981.

AMWSU/AWARD/4 1983.

#### **Mary Kathleen Uranium**

AMWSU/AWARD/5 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/6 1977.

AMWSU/AWARD/7 1978.

AMWSU/AWARD/8 1979.

AMWSU/AWARD/9 Background Notes and Agreements for the Period 1977-1980.

#### **North Australia Cement Ltd**

AMWSU/AWARD/10 1976-1977.

AMWSU/AWARD/11 1978.

AMWSU/AWARD/12 1979.

#### **A.L.C.O.A. Aluminium**

AMWSU/AWARD/13 Transcript of the Multi-Skilling Wage Decision in the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission - April 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/14 "Call back" provisions in various Queensland Metal Industry Awards.

### **Comalco Limited**

AMWSU/AWARD/15 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/16 1978.

AMWSU/AWARD/17 1980.

AMWSU/AWARD/18 1980.

AMWSU/AWARD/19 1982.

AMWSU/AWARD/20 1982.

### **Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (Q.N.P.L.)**

AMWSU/AWARD/21 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/22 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/23 1977.

AMWSU/AWARD/24 1978.

AMWSU/AWARD/25 1980.

AMWSU/AWARD/26 1981-83.

AMWSU/AWARD/27 1976-1981. Negotiations and Agreements regarding Supply and Use of Tools.

### **Copper Refineries Pty Ltd**

AMWSU/AWARD/28 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/29 1978. Memorandum of Agreement between the Company and all Unions Representing its Employees.

AMWSU/AWARD/30 1978.

AMWSU/AWARD/31 1979. Memorandum of Agreement regarding Terminations due to Technological Change.

AMWSU/AWARD/32 1982.

AMWSU/AWARD/33 1982. Discussions on Reduced Working Hours.

AMWSU/AWARD/34 1982-1984.

AMWSU/AWARD/35 1982. Memorandum of Agreement.

### **Mount Isa Mines (M.I.M.)**

AMWSU/AWARD/36 1974-1975.

AMWSU/AWARD/37 1976.

AMWSU/AWARD/38 1980-1982.

AMWSU/AWARD/39 1980-1982.

AMWSU/AWARD/40 Discussions on Reduced Working Hours, 1982-1983.

AMWSU/AWARD/41 1982-1984.

AMWSU/AWARD/42 Memorandums of Agreement, 1966-1974.

AMWSU/AWARD/43 Memorandums of Agreement, 1975-1977.

AMWSU/AWARD/44 Memorandums of Agreement, 1978-1979.

AMWSU/AWARD/45 Memorandums of Agreement, 1980.

AMWSU/AWARD/46 Memorandums of Agreement, 1981-1982.

### **Coal Industry**

AMWSU/AWARD/47 35 Hour/Week Agreement, 1970.

AMWSU/AWARD/48 Bowen Coal Facility Negotiations, 1972.

AMWSU/AWARD/49 Log of Claims/Negotiations, 1979.

### **Power Industry**

AMWSU/AWARD/50 1976-1977 Collinsville Power House Allowance Negotiations.

AMWSU/AWARD/51 1976-1977 Inquiry into Wage Rates in the Queensland Power Industry.

AMWSU/AWARD/52 1976-1977 Inquiry into Wage Rates in the Queensland Power Industry

AMWSU/AWARD/53 1976-1977 Inquiry into Wage Rates in the Queensland Power Industry

AMWSU/AWARD/54 Negotiations on Further Reductions in Hours in the Power Industry, 1980-1981.

**N.Q.E.A.**

AMWSU/AWARD/55 1978.

AMWSU/AWARD/56 1979.

AMWSU/AWARD/57 1982.

**Metal Trades Industry**

AMWSU/AWARD/58 1973-1978.

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**Gunpowder Copper Ltd**

AMWSU/AWARD/60 1972-1975.

AMWSU/AWARD/61 1977.

AMWSU/AWARD/62 1980.

AMWSU/AWARD/63 1982.

**Miscellaneous Awards**

AMWSU/AWARD/64-66

**MINUTES**

**Trades and Labour Council**

AMWSU/TLC/MIN/1 Townsville Branch, 1977.

AMWSU/TLC/MIN/2 Townsville Branch, 1978.

AMWSU/TLC/MIN/3 Townsville Branch, 1979.

AMWSU/TLC/MIN/4 State Branch, 1976.

AMWSU/TLC/MIN/5 State Branch, 1977.

AMWSU/TLC/MIN/6 State Branch, 1978-1980.

AMWSU National Conferences

AMWSU/NAT/MIN/1 1971-1976.

AMWSU/NAT/MIN/2 1977.

### **Regional/Local Branches**

AMWSU/MIN/1 Townsville District Committee, 26.6.1919-17.10.1921.

AMWSU/MIN/2 Townsville District Committee, 31.10.1921-25.8.1930.

AMWSU/MIN/3 Townsville District Committee, 11.9.1944-28.2.1950.

AMWSU/MIN/4 Townsville District Committee, 13.3.1950-23.10.1953.

AMWSU/MIN/5 Townsville District Committee, 2.11.1953-1.5.1957.

AMWSU/MIN/6 Townsville District Committee, 13.5.1957-18.9.1957.

AMWSU/MIN/7 Townsville Branch Executive Committee, 6.10.1938-13.5.1946.

AMWSU/MIN/8 Townsville Branch, Amalgamated Society of Engineers, 6.1.1894-14.1.1899. Digitized copy located: <http://nqheritage.jcu.edu.au/id/eprint/72>

AMWSU/MIN/9 Townsville Branch, Amalgamated Society of Engineers 28.1.1899-24.4.1909. Digitized copy located: <http://nqheritage.jcu.edu.au/id/eprint/72>

AMWSU/MIN/10 Townsville Branch, 25.3.1915-26.6.1918.

AMWSU/MIN/11 Townsville Branch, 10.7.1918-28.9.1921.

AMWSU/MIN/12 Townsville Branch, 28.10.1921-3.12.1924.

AMWSU/MIN/13 Townsville Branch, 17.12.1924-21.2.1928.

AMWSU/MIN/14 Townsville Branch, 3.4.1928-18.7.1934.

AMWSU/MIN/15 Townsville Branch, 1.8.1934-8.3.1939.

AMWSU/MIN/16 Townsville Branch, 5.2.1944-10.6.1948.

AMWSU/MIN/17 Townsville Branch, 21.6.1948-11.1.1952.

AMWSU/MIN/18 Townsville Branch, 4.2.1953-6.11.1957.

AMWSU/MIN/19 Townsville Branch, 20.11.1957-13.6.1962.



AMWSU/MIN/20 Townsville Branch, 27.6.1962-26.9.1968.  
AMWSU/MIN/21 Oonoonba Branch, 11.4.1944-4.9.1951.  
AMWSU/MIN/22 Oonoonba Branch, 2.10.1951-18.6.1959.  
AMWSU/MIN/23 Oonoonba Branch, 29.10.1964-26.9.1968.  
AMWSU/MIN/24 Ayr Branch, 2.3.1918-12.12.1925.  
AMWSU/MIN/25 Ayr Branch, 19.1.1926-27.6.1931.  
AMWSU/MIN/26 Mackay Branch, 14.3.1927-20.10.1942.  
AMWSU/MIN/27 Mackay Branch, 15.12.1942-3.11.1956.  
AMWSU/MIN/28 Mackay Branch, 13.11.1956-3.9.1968.  
AMWSU/MIN/29 Mt Isa Branch, 23.7.1962-30.9.1968.

### **Miscellaneous**

AMWSU/MIN/30 A.M.W.S.U. State Conferences, 1968-1982.  
AMWSU/MIN/31 Metal Trades Federation of Unions, 1974-1980.  
AMWSU/MIN/32 A.C.T.U. Executive Meeting, August 1979.

### **Work-Value Studies**

AMWSU/WORK/1/1 Comalco/Weipa Work-Value Study, 1977.  
AMWSU/WORK/1/2 Comalco/Weipa Work-Value Study, 1977.  
AMWSU/WORK/1/3 Comalco/Weipa Work-Value Study, 1977.  
AMWSU/WORK/1/4 Comalco/Weipa Work-Value Study, 1977.  
AMWSU/WORK/2 Mary Kathleen Uranium Mining - Work-Value Study, 1979.  
AMWSU/WORK/3 Sugar Industry Work-Value Study, 1980.

### **Seminars and In-Service Education**

AMWSU/EDUC/1-49 Seminars Conducted for A.M.W.S.U. Members from 1968-1983,  
and 25 Sony Helical Scan Video Tapes on Industrial and Political Issues.

## **Disputes - Negotiations and Transcripts of Court Proceedings**

- AMWSU/DIS/1 Merinda Meatworks - Regarding Dismissal of Employees, 1962.
- AMWSU/DIS/2 Waymac Pty Ltd - Regarding Non-Payment of a Site Allowance, 1976.
- AMWSU/DIS/3 Clyde-Riley Dodds - Regarding a Claim for Severance Pay, 1978.
- AMWSU/DIS/4 Mt Garnet Tin Mine - Regarding a Log of Claims on Improvements in Working Conditions, 1978.
- AMWSU/DIS/5 North Queensland Engineers and Agents - Regarding Dismissal of a Shop Steward, 1982.
- AMWSU/DIS/6 Various Companies, 1979.

## **Research Material and Background Notes**

- AMWSU/RES/1 Australian Assistance Plan - Improving Social Welfare in the Local Community, 1973.
- AMWSU/RES/2 Education Issues, 1978/1979.
- AMWSU/RES/3 Ethanol - Possibilities as an Alternative Energy Source, 1979-1980.
- AMWSU/RES/4 Industrial Democracy and Employee Participation - Overseas Experience, 1969-1972.
- AMWSU/RES/5 Industrial Relations in the North Queensland Nickel Industry, 1979.
- AMWSU/RES/6 Industrial Relations Policies - Liberal/National Parties, 1975-1977.
- AMWSU/RES/7 Industrial Relations Policies - Liberal/National Parties, 1977-1979.
- AMWSU/RES/8 Medibank - Administration, Costs and Changes, 1976-1979.
- AMWSU/RES/9 Nuclear Power - Operational Procedures for Equipment.
- AMWSU/RES/10 35-Hour Week Campaign, 1980.
- AMWSU/RES/11 Timor - The Position of Unions on Indonesian Occupation, 1975.

## **Health, Safety and Environmental Issues**

- AMWSU/HEALTH/1 Pamphlets outlining Health Hazards Facing Workers in the Chemical, Plastic and Rubber Industries, July 1974.

AMWSU/HEALTH/2 Data on Health Problems Associated with the Greenvale Nickel Plant, 1975.

AMWSU/HEALTH/3 Overseas Reports on the Potential Dangers Associated with Nickel Refining.

AMWSU/HEALTH/4 Pamphlets dealing with the Problems of Alcoholism in Industry.

### **National Research Centre Newsletters**

AMWSU/NEWS/1 1968.

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### **Correspondence and Membership Enquiries**

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AMWSU/CORR/73-110 1982.

### **Government Press Releases: Employment**

AMWSU/EMP/1 1977.

AMWSU/EMP/2 1978.

AMWSU/EMP/3 1979.

AMWSU/EMP/4 1980.

### **Books, Periodicals and Pamphlets**

AMWSU/BOOKS/1-12 Trade Union and Socialism - History.

AMWSU/BOOKS/13-17 Social Welfare Issues.

AMWSU/BOOKS/18-24 Aboriginal Issues.

AMWSU/BOOKS/25-39 Union Rule Books.

AMWSU/BOOKS/40-62 Conference Proceedings.

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AMWSU/MISC/2 Report on the Suppression of Noise from a Phosphate Dryer near Townsville Residential Areas, 1976.

AMWSU/MISC/3 Details of the 1977 Federal Government Budget.

AMWSU/MISC/4 Details of the 1978 Federal Government Budget.

AMWSU/MISC/5 Summary of the Metal Trade Union's Application of the Industry Development Policies of the Prices and Incomes Accord, 1984.

AMWSU/MISC/6 Inquiry by the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission into Penalty Rates in Queensland, 1979.

AMWSU/MISC/7 Time and Motion Study (Department of Labour).

AMWSU/MISC/8 National Civil Council - Background Material.

AMWSU/MISC/9 Draft Demarcation Agreements – Boilermakers’ and Blacksmiths’ Society and the Amalgamated Engineering Union, 1967.

AMWSU/MISC/10 Posters on the Amalgamation of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, The Sheet Metal Workers' Union and the Boilermakers’ and Blacksmiths Society’, 1972.

AMWSU/MISC/11 Report on the Operation of Queensland Railways, 1961-1962.

AMWSU/MISC/12 Uranium Mining at Mary Kathleen - Background Material.

AMWSU/MISC/13-15 A.M.W.S.U. State Council General Fund Cash Books - November 1976 to August 1982.

AMWSU/MISC/16 Greenvale Nickel - Industrial Agreement at Greenvale, 1981-1983.

AMWSU/MISC/17 Greenvale Nickel - Industrial Agreement at Yabulu, 1981-1983.

AMWSU/MISC/18-20 Ranger Uranium Inquiry, 1976.

### **Amalgamated Engineering Union Files**

AMWSU/AEU/1 Financial Records, 1962-1963.

AMWSU/AEU/2 Correspondence, 1962-1963.

AMWSU/AEU/3 Membership Lists, 1962-1965.

AMWSU/AEU/4 District and North Queensland Conference Minutes, 1962-1963.

AMWSU/AEU/5 Union Elections, 1962-1965.

AMWSU/AEU/6 Newsletters.

AMWSU/AEU/7 Newspapers and Periodicals.

### **ADDITIONS**

AMWSU/NEA/1 1974 Northern Electric Authority, Collinsville Power Station, Manning No. 5 dispute details.

AMWSU/NEA/2 1969-77 Northern Electric Authority general file.

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AMWSU/NEA/4 1974 Annual Leave Roster School holidays dispute file.

AMWSU/RT/1 1976-77 Ravenshoe Tin file.

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AMWSU/AMWU/1 1973-74 M.T.I.A. wage rates and award campaign file.

AMWSU/RRD/1 1970-72 Leighton Contractors - Ross River Dam Stage 1 file.

AMWSU/RRD/2 1974 Ross River Dam Stage II file - includes embankment, works' area and locality plans plus 1976 1WS Claredale site information.

AMWSU/BD/1 1969 Burdekin Dam case papers on re-appraisal of Burdekin irrigation, hydroelectric and flood mitigation project.

AMWSU/MR/1 1979 ACTU executive Melbourne meeting records, 5 March - 9 March.

AMWSU/MR/2 1975-76 Northern Queensland Regional Council for Social Development Townsville meeting records.

AMWSU/MR/3 1921-27 minutes of District Committee Meetings (exercise book in fragile condition).

AMWSU/MR/4 1974-75 minutes book of Queensland Nickel, Yabulu/Greenvale.

AMWSU/IRB/1 1967 Index to Research Bulletins.

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AMWSU/CIB/2 1981 correspondence index book.

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AMWSU/MC/1 1979-80 membership correspondence file.

AMWSU/MC/2 1981 membership queries correspondence file.

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AMWSU/ROG/1 1980 wages file of J. Rogers.

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AMWSU/OE/1 1980 Townsville office expenses file.

AMWSU/CIR/1 1981 circulars to shop stewards from Townsville regional office.

AMWSU/SS/1 1969-73 Shop Steward's (F.B. Thompson) file, includes campaign exercise, communication paper, address by J.A. Vaughan on union organisation,

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AMWSU/SS/2 n.d. information slips on North Queensland shop stewards - includes information on names, addresses, employer and industry group.

AMWSU/TAP/1 1981 Telecom and Australia Post file - includes the Telecommunications Act of 1975 / Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1904.

AMWSU/WC/1 1954-74 Workers' Compensation file - includes Opinion on the T.F. Brady Cairns Shell Co. explosion case, articles and seminar papers on compensation.

AMWSU/U/1 1970s Uranium file (CRA/Comalco/Mary Kathleen).

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AMWSU/ADD-MISC/1 - 1939 report from Organiser Willett, Mackay.

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- 1950 report on dispute.

- 1951 report from Organiser Willett, Mackay.

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- 1954 pence card.

- 1953 summons re: dispute to brazing brass tubes in sugar mill boiler.

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