

UQFL187

Provincial Newspapers (Qld) Ltd Collection

Size	28 boxes, 7 parcels
Contents	Correspondence ; annual reports ; financial records ; minutes of meetings (Queensland Country Press Association 1910-1918) (Queensland Country Press Ltd. 1937-1975) (Queensland Provincial Newspapers 1937-1943) (A. Dunn & Co. Ltd. 1957-1966) ; newspaper cuttings including some obituaries (1950-1967)
Biography	Provincial Newspapers (Qld.) Ltd. was the holding company resulting from the merger of the Dunn, Manning, Irwin and Ipswich families. It was taken over by Haswell Pty. Ltd. on 26th July 1988. The collection contains material relating to Queensland Country Press and in particular the Dunn family of Maryborough, Rockhampton and Toowoomba who initially traded as A. Dunn and Family and were incorporated in 1957 as A. Dunn and Company Pty. Ltd. They were substantial shareholders in Provincial Newspapers (Qld.) Ltd. which controlled nine regional daily newspapers.
Notes	Open access Related material held in Fryer Library at F3216 and F3287.

Box 1

Queensland Country Press Ltd minutes book, 17 Aug 1937 to 24 Sep 1975 (note at back says: then refer to front of Directors' Minutes Book)

Australian Provincial Daily Press Ltd (Qld Division), Minutes: 22 Jul 1953 to 22 Jul 1969

Queensland Country Press Ltd cash book, Feb 1939-Apr 1944

Scrip, share transactions re Qld Country Press Ltd

Box 2

Queensland Provincial Newspapers Minutes, 17 Apr 1937 to 3 Aug 1943

QCP (Qld Country Press) cash book Jul 1950 to Oct 1954

Qld Country Press Association subscription book: Jan 1918 to Dec 1939

QCP cash book Sept 1929 - May 1939

Box 3

QCP cash books

Box 4

QCP and Regional News Service Pty Ltd, Aust Provincial Daily Press Ltd (Qld Div), regional dailies of Australia (Qld Div): Bank Statements

Box 5

Scrip etc, 1920s

Box 6

Regional dailies of Australia Ltd, national conference agendas and proceedings, 1974-83 (must research all these)

Foolscap book headed "Newspaper Cuttings and Files" (newspaper clippings about Queensland provincial newspapers principally in the 1950s and 1960s; includes some obituaries)

Box 7

QCP scrip, insurances (sic), balance sheets, late 1930s to early 1940s

Box 8

Australian Provincial Daily Press Ltd Qld div) financial statements 1956-63

QCP financial statements 1948-1955

Box 9

QCP scrip

Box 10

QCP scrip and Articles of Association

Box 11

QCP shares transactions, estates selling shares, etc

Box 12

PNQ financial reports Dec 71 (half year), Oct 1975, Nov 1975, Dec 1975, Jan 1976, Feb 1976, Mar 1976, Apr 1976, 12 months to June 1976, July 1977 (half year)

Regional Dailies of Aust Ltd national conference agendas and proceedings 1967-78, excluding 1974 (which is in Box 6)

First financial report of PNQ Managing Director after company shifted headquarters from Rockhampton to Brisbane in March 1974, dated 5 Jul 1974 (4pp, marked 12 [mirror reverse], 13, 14, 15)

Yellow plastic folder entitled "Bundaberg Newspaper Company Pty Ltd" -- report on proposal to make it a fully owned subsidiary, plus other material about expanding PNQ interests; Total of 18 pages

Box 13

Maryborough Newspaper Co, two minutes books

South Burnett Times, package re "Proposed Acquisition"

A. Dunn and Family minutes book: first meeting recorded is 30-31 May 1929 (at Maryborough) and the last is 21 Mar 1957 (the family did not incorporate, as A. Dunn and Company Pty Ltd until 7 Jun 1957); The 21 March 1957 minutes are handwritten on copy paper, pinned together and loosely placed in the book; Other meeting dates were: 2 January 1931 (Pialba); 25 Oct 1931 (Maryborough = M'boro); 8 and 9 Feb 1932 (M'boro); 2 July 1932 (M'boro); 22 November 1932 (Brisbane = Bne); 9 Oct 1933 (Bne); 25 Nov 1934 (Bne: after death of chairman, A. Dunn I); 29 July 1937 (re wills); 10 Aug 1938 (M'boro); 18 Aug 1941 (M'boro); 2 Aug 1942 (Bne); 27 Aug 1944; 5 Sept 1945 (M'boro); 10 Dec 1945 (resumed 24 Aug 1946); 5 Sept 1947 (Pialba); 1 Nov 1948 (M'boro); 24 July 1953 (Brie); 23 Oct 1953 (Bne); 29 July 1954 (Bne); 24 Oct 1956 (final one in book proper); 21 March 1957

Box 14

Letter from Bundaberg newspaper proprietor M.H. Barton to Australian Provincial Daily Press (Qld Div), enclosing three-page history of Bundaberg newspapers, written by a News-Mail staff member of 55 years' employ

Four Regional News Service/QCP cash books

Box 15

QCP, etc, financial (unimportant to RK)

Box 16

PNQ Ltd Minutes for meetings held 21 Feb 1977, 23 May 1977, 26 Sep 1977, 10 Feb 1978, 31 Mar 1978, 4 Jul 1978 (executive), 31 Aug 1978 (exec), 25 Sep 1978, 4 Dec 1978, and others between 1976 and 1979 (RK must study lot)

Box 17

Index to old share files

Box 18

QCP Articles of Association, plus Minutes of meetings late 1950s, early 1960s (NB my files of QCP Minutes notes at home cover 1930-78)

Box 19

Scrip 1960s

Box 20

Rockhampton Newspaper Co Pty Ltd Balance Sheets 1960-70

Handwritten five-page letter from Jim (Dunn) to "Father" (Andrew Dunn I), from Rockhampton, dated "Sunday 15th" (Sun 15 Feb 1925: mentions court case beginning next day [research shows the case began 16 Feb 1925]; possible takeover of *Evening News*, Rockhampton; etc (fabulous stuff), [Jim Dunn was manager of the *Morning Bulletin*, and died 17 Nov 1925]

Typed two-page letter on *Morning Bulletin* letterhead from editor Andrew Dunn II to "Dear Father" (Andrew Dunn I), dated 13 Mar 1925; Plans of new building for *Morning Bulletin* attached, Also two pages re linotypes

Envelope of file notes, letters, etc, re PKIU/McCamley industrial dispute at Morning Bulletin in 1974

Dividends folder: re company profits in five years leading up to PNQ merger Letters from the companies stating their annual profits from 1963-67; Also handwritten and typed versions of important memo from Lex Dunn, dated 1 May 1968

Envelope of small-page sized Minutes of A. Dunn and Co Pty Ltd from 1964-67, each page containing only one resolution (such as declaration of Dividend)

Various PNQ materials: FKIU agreement; Coopers & Lybrand report on Gold Coast newspaper proposal

Box 21

Toowoomba Newspaper Co Pty Ltd, Report by P.A. Management Consultants Pty Ltd, dated 20 Mar 1970, "Progress Report and Report on Copy Flow"

Blue ring binder containing "A Report on Production Rationalisation for the Downs and Ipswich", dated 25 May 1973 (RK copy ordered of 4pp re Ownership Situation in Toowoomba)

Package: A. Dunn and Co P/L share transfer 1964-65

Two foolscap booklets related to management seminar held by PNQ at Alexandra Headlands, 4-6 March 1977; one booklet contains L.S. Dunn's paper, "Reporting to Management", delivered on 4 March 1977 at the seminar, Mr Dunn was Managing Director of PNQ

Unmarked manila folder re Bundaberg Newspaper Company: PNQ seeking to acquire the remaining shares (RK needs to study)

Box 22

The first minutes book of the Queensland Country Press Association, including the meeting to establish it (1 Nov 1910); covers period 1910-1918

QCPA/Qld Provincial Newspapers Minutes 1938-1952

QCP Ltd Minutes 1933-51

QCPA share register (a few pages only)

Box 23

QCP etc, four cash books

Box 24

QCP Co-op Co Ltd Minutes (typed), 1914-1933

Big spiral spring action file: PNQ: Partly Completed Documents, Probates, Memo and Articles, Power of Attorneys, Pending File (RK must study)

PNQ cheque butts, Oct 1988-Sep 1989 (mainly payouts to shareholders who sold to Haswell Pty Ltd)

PNQ General Shareholders' Correspondence, 1987-10 Aug 1989 (covers Haswell P/L takeover period)

Parcel 25

RDA cheque remittances, circa 1977, two big ring binders

Parcel 26

Wage sheets, mainly Regional News Service

Parcel 27

Regional News Service, two financial books, Other financial books, hard to identify

Parcel 28

Three volumes of petty-cash type finance [hardly any pages used in these big volumes; looks insignificant]

Parcel 29

Bundle of historic newspaper supplements (I did not untie this bundle; I believe I have these myself)

Parcel 30

Nambour Minutes (Sunshine Holdings, etc) 1984-75; Nambour Minutes and financial statements, 1972-73

Parcel 31

Minute book of A. Dunn and Co Pty Ltd, 1957-1966

Box 32

Minute books of Rockhampton Newspaper Co Pty Ltd, 1911-1959 (3 vols)

Minute book of Warwick newspaper Pty Ltd, 1919-1939 (photocopy)

Box 33

Toowoomba Newspaper Co Pty Ltd

Scrip book 1935-1961

Financial statements and balance sheets 1919, 1922-1953, 1955, 1957, 1958

Maryborough Newspaper Co Ltd, balance sheets, 1923

Provincial Newspaper (Qld) Ltd, annual reports 1973, 1975-1977, 1980, 1982-1987

PNQ News, nos 3, 9, 10-17, 20, 22, 24-26, 28, 30, 40-42: Apr, May, Jul, Oct, Dec 1985; nos 2, 4, 5, 1986; nos 1, 5 1987

Notebook of G.G Westacott, Rockhampton

Box 34

Maryborough/Rockhampton Financial Statements

The Maryborough Chronicle and Rockhampton Newspaper Company Ltd Quarterly Reports 1956-1959

Toowoomba Chronicle - Finances 1950s Monthly and Quarterly reports 1956-1959 Comparative statements 1955-1961

Walter Bruce File 'A Dunn & Co Pty Ltd' WB1 7 Jun 1961 backwards in time to Jan 1960 (1 of 3 folders)

Correspondence

Manager's Reports

Agendas to meetings Financial statements

Walter Bruce File 'A Dunn & Co Pty Ltd' WB1 Dec 1959 back to Jan 1959 (2 of 3 folders)

Correspondence

Walter Bruce File ['A Dunn & Co Pty Ltd] WB1 Dec 1958 back to [June 1957] (3 of 3 folders)

Correspondence

Agendas

[Walter Bruce File] WB2 (1 of 3 folders) [1956 - 1961]

Confidential Reports to Directors (Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Maryborough) Comparative Statements (Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Maryborough) Company's Act (Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Maryborough)

Financial Statements (Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Maryborough)

[Walter Bruce File] WB2 (2 of 3 folders) 1958-1957

Correspondence

Comparative Statements

Financial Records

[Walter Bruce File] WB2 (3 of 3 folders) 1952-1956

Correspondence

Proposals

Financial Records

Dividends paid

Box 35

The Bundaberg Newspaper Co Pty Ltd, 1967-1961 Correspondence

Financial statements, Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Annual General Meeting Notifications

Maryborough Newspaper Co Ltd, Minutes 1920 – 1928, Second Minutes Book

MBGH [Maryborough] - Financial Statements (2)

Balance Sheets of the Maryborough newspaper 1887 – 1922

Toowoomba Newspaper Co Pty Ltd

Financial statements 1969-1970

Comparative statements 1950-1953

Correspondence 1954

Folder

Letter on letterhead from The Chronicle (Nambour), from Andrew (Dunn?) to Barbara (?), 17 Jun 1970, passing on the papers that follow (1 item)

Notice for Payment of Queensland State Income Tax in the name of Mr Hugh Dunn: 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 (4 items)

Legal agreement between George Illidge Roberts of Maryborough and the Dunn family, for Roberts to purchase 3750 shares in the Maryborough Newspaper Company, 6 May 1924 (1 item)

Minutes of a Meeting of Directors of Provincial Newspapers (Qld), 25 Mar 1968 (1 item)

Minutes of a Meeting of Directors of Provincial Newspapers (Qld), 1 Apr 1968 (1 item)