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Douglas Blackmur Collection

Size 4 boxes

Contents Research material used for Blackmur’s PhD (supervised by Denis Murphy) and his publications. Material relates to the Queensland strikes, and industrial relations. Includes correspondence between Doug Blackmur and Denis Murphy.

Date range 1938-1993

Biography In 1986, Blackmur received his PhD from University of Queensland where he wrote on industrial relations in Queensland from 1946 to 1952. His supervisor was Denis Murphy. His book on strikes in 1993 made a significant contribution to international literature on strikes. He has gone on to publish in a variety of disciplines.

Notes Unrestricted access

Box 1
Folder 1 Australian Railways Union and Australian Council reports and literature, 1947 to 1956 [some with handwritten notes]

Folder 2 Correspondence, literature, arbitration documents relating to the Australasian Meat Industry Union of Employees, Queensland Branch regarding the Bacon Manufacturing and Meat Preserving Award, 1941 to 1945

Folder 3 Correspondence, newspaper cuttings, arbitration documents relating to the: Bacon Factories Union of Employees, Queensland and the Australasian Meat Industry Union of Employees, Queensland Branch regarding awards, 1942 to 1948,

Folder 4 Notes and correspondence relating to Bacon Factory Strike, Shearing Strike, Mt. Isa Boilermakers and Ironworkers Strike, and Queensland Rail Strike [some with handwritten notes]

Folder 5 Redbank Meat Works dispute, notes, newspaper cuttings and arbitration documents, 1941 to 1943

Folder 6 Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Acts, in the matter of an application by Maxam Cheese Products Pty Ltd., court documents, newspaper cuttings and handwritten notes, 1942
Folder 7
Photocopy of transcript of interview with Michael Healy by B. J. Costar, 1975

Correspondence between JC Hutton, AMIEU and Mr EH Coneybeer, Industrial Advocate, 1944
Arbitration documents in the matter of the State Mechanical Engineering Award and an application
by the Australian Workers Union for an order against the Moulders Union and the Federated
Ironworkers Union, 1947

Folder 8
Correspondence relating to contribution towards publication of: Murphy, Denis 1983, The Big
Strikes: Queensland 1889-1965

Correspondence relating to PhD, 1976 to 1982

Folder 9
Correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to Denis Murphy’s death and commemorative
fund, 1984 to 1985

Box 2
Folder 1
Folder marked “A9894. Colin Clark re wage fixing”. Research material on industrial relations in
Queensland 1946-1952 from the Queensland State Archives, 1946 to 1949 [some markings and
annotations]

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Folder marked “A9896”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland 1946-1952 from
the Queensland State Archives, 1945 to 1945 [some markings and annotations]

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Folder marked “A9863”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland 1946-1952 from
the Queensland State Archives, 1948 to 1949 [some markings and annotations]

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Folder marked “A9884”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland 1946-1952 from
the Queensland State Archives, 1935 to 1948 [some markings and annotations]

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Folder marked “A9856”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland 1946-1952 from
the Queensland State Archives, 1947 [some markings and annotations]

Folder 6
Folder marked “A9887”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland 1946-1952 from
the Queensland State Archives, 1950 to 1951 [some markings and annotations]

Folder 7
Folder marked “Shearers Dispute: Correspondence”. Research material, notes, correspondence
relating to the Shearing dispute, 1956
Folder 8
Folder marked “A9886”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland 1946-1952 from the Queensland State Archives, 1948 to 1948 [some markings and annotations]

Folder 9
Photocopies of Trades and Labour Council of Queensland State Branch ACTU minutes of Disputes Committee regarding the Bacon Factory Seniority Dispute, 1946 [thermal paper]

Folder 10
*Meat Strike Bulletins* (issued by the Queensland Trades and Labor Council) from the Meat Strike in 1946 and associated pamphlets, 1946

Folder 11
Handwritten notes about the rail dispute from the Communist Party of Australia, *Guardian*, 1947 to 1948

Folder 12
Handwritten notes about the meat dispute from the Communist Party of Australia, *Guardian*, 1946

Folder 13
Correspondence and notes regarding a proposal by Douglas Blackmur for a collection of essays in honour of Denis Murphy, 1993 [note on original folder: “This proposal re Murphy never was implemented”]


Correspondence regarding a rejected article Blackmur wrote for the *Journal of Industrial Relations* and handwritten letter of encouragement from Denis Murphy, 1980 [not on original folder: “Includes a letter of encouragement from D J Murphy (see my Letter to D J Murphy last page in this file)”]

Letter from Douglas Blackmur to Professor Malcolm Thomis, 10 Sep 1986

Handwritten notes of a discussion between Douglas Blackmur and George Pont, 11 Jun 1979


Folder 14
Draft chapter for Blackmur’s PhD thesis with annotations by Denis Murphy, c1980 [note on original folder “Blackmur PhD thesis Draft of chapter on employers and IR + Murphy comments”]

Folder 15
Handwritten notes re 1946 meat strike, undated

Folder 16
Handwritten notes from the minutes of the Executive of the Australian Workers Union, Queensland Branch, 1946 to 1956
Photocopies of minutes from the meetings of representatives of the Queensland Meat Export Companies, 1945 to 1946 [thermal paper] [some markings]

Folder 17
Handwritten notes and correspondence relating to the 1948 Queensland railway strike, 1948

Folder 18
Handwritten notes and photocopies of articles relating to the Queensland strikes and Communism, 1948 to 1954

Folder 19
Handwritten notes, correspondence and copies of articles related to the Federated Ironworkers Association, 1946 to 1947

Folder 20
Handwritten and photocopied notes related to Communist Party of Australia, 1946 to 1948

Folder 21
Photocopy of: Blackmur, Douglas, 1978, The 1948 Queensland railway dispute, with annotated comments by Denis Murphy

Letter from Denis Murphy to Douglas Blackmur, 20 Feb 1981

Draft chapter, annotated with comments by Denis Murphy with letter from Douglas Blackmur to Denis Murphy, 1 Feb 1983

Box 3
Folder 1
Photocopied articles from the Communist Review, with annotations and markings, plus written notes, 1946 to 1979

Report of the work of the Central Committee from the 14th to 15th National Congress.

Folder 2
Minutes from the Federated Ironworkers Association of Australia, Queensland branch, 1946 to 1948

Folder 3
Photocopies of correspondence, Federated Ironworkers Association of Australia, 1946 to 1948

Folder 4
Handwritten notes, meeting minutes and photocopies of articles relating to the Australian Labour Party, 1953 to 1956, [170 pages] [rehoused from black ring binder folder]

Folder 5
Photocopy of the Twenty-first State Labor in Politics Convention, Rockhampton, 23 Mar 1953, with handwritten notes, annotations and markings, c1953 [rehoused from black ring binder folder]
Folder 6
Minutes of the Australian Meat Industry Employees Union meetings, 1938 to 1945 [rehoused from black binder]

Folder 7
Handwritten notes, meeting minutes and photocopies of articles relating to the Australian Labour Party, 1950, [172 pages] [rehoused from black ring binder folder]

Folder 8
Copies of papers from the “C.C. Plenium May 46”, with annotations and markings, 1946, [42 pages] [rehoused from black ring binder folder]

Folder 9
Copies of papers from the “C.C. Plenium, 14, 15, 16 Feb 47”, with annotations and markings, 1947 [rehoused from black ring binder folder]

Box 4
Folder 1
Copies of papers from the “C.C. Plenium Feb 48”, with annotations and markings, 1948, [46 pages] [rehoused from black ring binder folder]

Folder 2
Research material relating to Industrial Relations, 1949 to 1984, [rehoused from black ring binder folder]

Folder 3
Folder marked “A/9888”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland from the Queensland State Archives, 1952 to 1953 [some markings and annotations]

Folder 4
Folder marked “A/9889”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland from the Queensland State Archives, 1951 to 1953, [49 pages] [some markings and annotations]

Folder 5
Folder marked “A/9885”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland from the Queensland State Archives, 1938 to 1947, [31 pages] [some markings and annotations]

Folder 6
Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration, correspondence, photocopies of minutes and written notes, 1946 to 1950

Folder 7
Folder marked “A/9882”. Research material on industrial relations in Queensland from the Queensland State Archives, 1938 to 1947, [34 pages] [some markings and annotations]

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