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NAME OF COLLECTION	Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union Of Australasia, New South Wales Branch Records
ACCESSION NO	82/109
ACTIVITY	Trade Unions
DATE RANGE	1912 - 1981
SIZE OF COLLECTION	26 archives boxes and 11 oversize volumes.
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>This was a small craft union established in individual states in the nineteenth century which amalgamated to form the Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union of Australasia in 1912 in order to register under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1904. Thereafter, it maintained a strongly federal structure with the state branches concerned with membership and state matters while the Federal Office attended to industrial matters throughout Australia, but in reality in South Australia, Victoria and NSW where the industry was strongest. For many years the Federal Office and the General Secretary were stationed in Melbourne at the Trades Hall, but in the 1960s it moved to Sydney and most of the records of the Union (Victorian, NSW and Federal Branches) were transferred there with the General Secretary.</p> <p>The Union eventually grew smaller in the 1960s and 1970s due to competition from imported hats, mechanization and fashion changes in which men gave up wearing hats. It eventually amalgamated with the Australian Textile Workers' Union in 1984.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	1982
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open. Copyright applies.
DESCRIPTION	See Index below.

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NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	<p>The records in this collection were transferred to University of Melbourne Archives in 1982 by Mr. K. Cashman, General Secretary of the Federal Union office in Sydney. The records include a small amount from the Federal Branch of the Union, but the majority of records are from the NSW Branch. The overlap has occurred because for some years in the late 1960s Mr. W. Peters, Secretary of the NSW Branch, was also General Secretary of the Federal Union and the records previously held in the Federal and Victorian Office at Victorian Trades Hall were transferred to NSW. The records transferred to Archives in 1982 also contain files created by Mr. Peters as Labor MLC in the NSW Parliament.</p> <p>A previous accession of records of the Federal, Victorian and NSW Branches of the Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union was sent to the Noel Butlin Archives Centre in the ANU in the 1964/65. The Union had apparently lost sight of these previous records at the time they agreed to deposit others with the University of Melbourne Archives.</p> <p>Researchers should consult records held at both repositories for complementary records.</p>
RELATED COLLECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federated Felt Hatting Employees Union, Victorian Branch, University of Melbourne Archives; • Federated Felt Hatting Employees Union, Victorian, NSW and Federal Branches, Noel Butlin Archives Centre, ANU; • Federated Straw Hatters' Society records; • Other Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union records.
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	Series 1	NSW Branch Rough and Proper Minutes
		<i>The records in this series consists of the rough minutes taken by hand at meetings and the proper or typed minutes of the NSW Branch No. 1 Division and one volume of minutes of the No. 1A Branch only.</i>
1	1/1	Rough Minute Book, [No.1 Division NSW], October 1930 - June 1931.
1	1/2	Rough Minute Book, [No.1 Division NSW], July 1931 - February 1932.
1	1/3	Rough Minute Book, [No.1 Division NSW], February 1932 - July 1933.
1	1/4	Rough Minute Book, No.1 Division NSW, August 1933 - December 1935.
1	1/5	Minute Book Proper, No. 1 Division, 9 July 1946 - 5 May 1951. [This volume contains minutes of Committee, General and Quarterly meetings.]
1	1/6	Minute Book Proper, No. 1 Division, 14 May 1951 - 10 September 1957. [Volume contains minutes of Committee, General and Quarterly meetings.]
2	1/7	Rough Minute Book, No.1 Division, 18 January 1955 - 25 June 1974. [Contents duplicate proper minute book above for 1955 - 1957.]
2	1/8	Minute Book, No. 1 Division, 8 October 1957 - 8 April 1974. [Volume contains minutes of Committee, General and Quarterly meetings. The typed minutes have been glued over what was originally an account book c.1930s and 1940s. Statements of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheets, 1949 - 1952 appear at rear of book.]
1	1/9	Minute Book, No. 1A Division, 24 March 1949 - 18 June 1956. Contains three loose pages for General Meeting Minutes, 1949 - 1950.
	Series 2	Minute Book, Boards of Reference, New South Wales Branch
1	2/1	Minute Book, Boards of Reference, New South Wales Branch, 17 November 1915 [inaugural meeting?] - 27 March 1916. Joint Union and Employer meetings over specific issues.
	Series 3	NSW Branch Committee Fees Book

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		<i>Series contains record of fees received by Committee members of the No.1 Division Committee, Trade and other Committees for attendance at meetings.</i>
2	3/1	Trade Committee, Unemployment Fund Committee, Division Committee and Six Hour Day Committee Fees, June 1933 - c.1937.
2	3/2	No.1 Division Committee Meetings, 9 September 1937 - 11 March 1952.
	Series 4	NSW Branch General Correspondence Files
		<i>This series consists of inward and outward correspondence of the NSW Branch, mainly during the period when Mr. W.C. Peters was Secretary. Much of the correspondence is with the Federal General Secretary in Melbourne.</i>
3	4/1	Correspondence miscellaneous, 1915 - 1941.
3	4/2	Correspondence, 1939 - 1950 [most 1940s]. Correspondence to and from Mr. Peters, Secretary, NSW Branch.
3	4/3	Correspondence outward, carbon copy letterbook, January 1952 - September 1952.
3	4/4	Correspondence outward, carbon copy letterbook, September 1952 - August 1953..
3	4/5	Correspondence, 1950s - 1960.
3	4/6	Correspondence outward, 1953 - 1954.
3	4/7	Correspondence outward, 1954 - 1957.
3	4/8	Correspondence inward and outward, 1953 - 1962. Mainly NSW Division (Mr. Peters) correspondence with Federal Gen. Sec.
4	4/9	Correspondence outward, 1957 - 1958. Mainly NSW Division (Mr. Peters) correspondence with Federal Gen. Sec. and other branches.
4	4/10	Correspondence outward, 1959 - 1966. Mainly NSW Division (Mr. Peters) correspondence with Federal Gen. Sec.
4	4/11	Correspondence onward and outward of Mr. Peters as Secretary of NSW branch, and c.1967 as General Secretary of the Federal union.
4	4/12	Correspondence outward, 1958 - 1961.
4	4/13	Correspondence inward and outward, 1960s.
4	4/14	Correspondence inward and outward, 1963 - 1968.
4	4/15	Correspondence inward and outward, 1953 - 1971.
5	4/16	Correspondence from members of NSW Branch,

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		c.1950s - 1972.
5	4/17	Correspondence inwards from members, 1970 - 1971.
5	4/18	Correspondence inward and outward, 1972 -1982.
5	4/19	NSW Branch correspondence and Doctor's opinion in worker's compensation case, 1966-1967.
5	4/20	Reports re new work prices. Correspondence from members in workshops re employers accepting new prices to be paid for piece work, 1931 - 1932.
5	4/21	Correspondence from employers with donations towards the Felt Hatters float in the Labour Day procession, 1962.
5	4/22	Correspondence, miscellaneous, c.1931 - 1957.

Series 5 NSW Branch Shop Stewards' Books

This series consists of Shop Stewards Books recording hours worked, wages received and contributions made by members at particular NSW factories.

5	5/1	Shop Stewards Book, J. Bardsley & Sons, Leichhardt, c.1928 - January 1932.
5	5/2	Shop Stewards Book, Dunkerley - Finishers, n.d.
5	5/3	Shop Stewards Book, Dunkerley - Finishing Department, February 1932 - June 1936..
5	5/4	Shop Stewards Book, Dunkerley - Bodyshop, n.d.
5	5/5	Shop Stewards Book, Dunkerley - Bodyshop, February 1932 - January 1936.

Series 6 Indentures of Apprenticeship

This series consists of original NSW Indentures of Apprenticeship signed by the apprentices, their father and the employers. Employers include Dunkerley Hat Mills Ltd., United Felt Hats Pty. Ltd., R.C. Henderson Ltd., and others. Also included are notifications to the Union of apprentices placed under or completing 'whimsey', the practice of apprentices gaining new skills by working for several weeks with a journeyman who can teach them a new branch of the trade.

6	6/1	Indentures, 1918 - 1930.
6	6/2	Indentures, 1955 - 1961.
6	6/3	Apprentices under whimsey, 1948 - 1950.
6	6/4	Apprentices under whimsey, 1938 - 1971.

Series 7 NSW Branch Members' Contribution Books

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		<i>The books in this series record the hours worked, wages and union contributions of employees at several workplaces: Dunkerleys, Henderson's, Bardsley's, Luton's; and in later years in the four Divisions of the NSW Branch: Nos. 1, 1A,2,3.</i>
Over size	7/1	Ledger of Contributions, alphabetical, August 1922 - July 1923. [Very badly affected by mould.]
Over size	7/2	Contributions Book, November 1948 - October 1957. Workplaces identified.
Over size	7/3	Contributions Book, August 1948 - July 1955. No workplaces identified.
Over size	7/4	Contributions Book, October 1955 - March 1967. No workplaces identified, but note included 'No1 Division.'
Over size	7/5	Contributions Book, April 1967 - April 1975. [Contents indicate it is continuation of previous No.1 Division Book.]
Over size	7/6	Contributions Book, March 1949 - January 1962. Workplaces identified in earlier years, and note included 'No.1A Division.'
Over size	7/7	Contributions Book, January 1962 - April 1974. No workplaces identified, but note included 'No.1A Division.'
Over size	7/8	Contributions Book, April 1957 - April 1969. No workplaces identified, but note included 'No.2 Division.'
Over size	7/9	Contributions Book, April 1969 - April 1974. [Contents indicate it is continuation of previous No.2 Division Book.]
Over size	7/10	Contributions Book, July 1955 - January 1965. No workplaces identified, but note included 'No3 Division.'
Over size	7/11	Contributions Book, January 1965 - April 1975. No workplaces identified, [contents indicate it is a continuation of 'No.3 Division.'].]

Series 8 **NSW Branch Certificate of Monies Forwarded**

This series consists of books of carbon receipts of

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		<i>'Certificate of Monies Forwarded' or Federal dues from W.C. Peters of the NSW Branch to the Federal Officers.</i>
7	8/1	Certificate of Monies Forwarded, 9 February 1941 - 2 August 1949.
7	8/2	Certificate of Monies Forwarded, 2 October 1949 - 5 April 1962.
Series 9		NSW Branch Accounting Records
<i>This is an artificial series consisting of one-off files or volumes and vouchers used in the income and expenditure of the NSW Branch. Other series contain more systematic records.</i>		
7	9/1	Receipts, 1947 - 1962.
7	9/2	Receipts, 1947 - 1952.
7	9/3	Miscellaneous Accounts, NSW Division, c.1966 - 1971.
7	9/4	Cash Book, NSW Divisions, receipts and expenditure, 1952 - 1966.
7	9/5	Account book of weekly receipts of membership contributions from NSW Divisions No. 1,2,3, and 1A, 1964 - January 1973.
7	9/6	Unidentified book recording sums paid[?] weekly to 'W.C.P.' and 'K.L.' February 1946 - 1950.
7	9/7	Cash receipt book, 1931 - 1933.
7	9/8	Cash receipt book for Journeymen's Division, 1937 - 1938.
7	9/9	Cash receipt book for No.1 Division, 1948 - 1949.
7	9/10	Miscellaneous records of union members' contributions, c.1939 - 1940.
Series 10		NSW Branch Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposit and Other Transaction Books
<i>This series consists of Commonwealth Savings Bank deposit and transaction books from three Divisions of the NSW Branch of the Union.</i>		
8	10/1	FFHEUA, NSW Branch Journeyman's Division Unemployment Fund, Account No. S68, June 1940 - June 1952.
8	10/2	FFHEUA, NSW Branch Trimmers and Binders Division Transaction Book, Acc. No. S422, October

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		1948 - April 1950.
8	10/3	FFHEUA, NSW Branch No.1A Division, Transaction Book, Acc. No. S583, April 1949 - August 1951.
8	10/4	FFHEUA, NSW Branch No.1A Division, Deposit Book, Acc. No. S583, April 1949 - May 1952.
8	10/5	FFHEUA, NSW Branch No.1A Division, Transaction Book, No. S583, July 1951 - July 1954.
8	10/6	FFHEUA, NSW Branch Deposit Book Sydney Journeymens' Division No. 2 Account S2300, 1937 - 1941.
8	10/7	FFHEUA, NSW Branch Deposit Book Sydney Journeymens' Division No. 2 Account S2300, 1944 - 1947.
8	10/8	FFHEUA, NSW Branch Deposit Book Sydney Journeymens' Division No. 2 Account S2300, 1947 - 1950.
8	10/9	Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposit Receipt Book for NSW Division, April 1966 - April 1967.
8	10/10	Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposit Receipt Book for NSW Division Car Replacement Fund, November 1969 - November 1970.
8	10/11	Commonwealth Savings Bank Sydney Cheque Book, Trimmers and Binders Division, S422 Account, 1927 - 1931.
8	10/12	Commonwealth Savings Bank Sydney Cheque Book, No. 2 Account, 1936 - 1939.
Series 11		End of Year Financial Statements NSW Branch, Victorian Branch and Federal Accounts.
<i>This series contains the end of year financial statements and occasional balance sheets prepared by auditors for the NSW Branch, with some Victorian and Federal Accounts included. Only the later accounts indicate that they were received by the Federal union officers.</i>		
8	11/1	Auditor's report on No.2 Branch NSW, 1941.
8	11/2	NSW Branch, Financial Accounts for three months ending 30 April 1952. Two sets.
8	11/3	NSW Branch, Financial Accounts for three months ending 31 October 1952. Four sets.
8	11/4	NSW Branch, Financial Accounts for three months ending 31 January 1953. Four sets.
8	11/5	NSW Branch, Financial Accounts for twelve months

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8	11/6	ending 30 April 1953. Two sets. NSW Branch, Financial Statements for nine months ending 31 January 1954. Four sets.
8	11/7	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1954.
8	11/8	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 July 1954.
8	11/9	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 October 1954. Two sets.
8	11/10	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1955. Two sets.
8	11/11	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 January 1956. Three copies.
8	11/12	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1956. Two sets.
8	11/13	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 October 1956. Four copies.
8	11/14	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1957. Two sets.
8	11/15	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 October 1957. Two sets.
8	11/16	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1958. Two sets.
8	11/17	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 October 1958. Two sets.
8	11/18	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1959. Two sets.
8	11/19	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 January 1960. Two sets.
8	11/20	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1960. Two sets.
8	11/21	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1961. Two sets.
8	11/22	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1962. Two sets.
8	11/23	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1963. Six sets.
8	11/24	NSW Branch, Financial Statements for year ending 30 April 1964. Six sets.
8	11/25	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 April 1965. Five sets.
8	11/26	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 April 1966. Six sets.
8	11/27	NSW Branch, Balance Sheet as at 31 April 1967. Five sets.
8	11/28	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31 May, 1960; with Victorian

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		Account for Quarter ending 25 August 1960.
8	11/29	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Auditor's Report for year ended 31 May 1955.
8	11/30	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 1962. Five signed copies.
8	11/31	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 1963. Five signed copies.
8	11/32	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 1964. Five signed copies.
8	11/33	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 1965. Five signed copy.
8	11/34	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 1966. Four signed copies.
8	11/35	Federal Account, Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31 May 1967. Five copies.
8	11/36	Set of Victorian Branch, Financial Statements sent to Mr. W.C. Peters, General Secretary, Federal Union, 1971, with covering letter and auditor's report for Victoria. Includes Federal and NSW Branch Financial Statements for 1971.
8	11/37	Set of Victorian Branch, Federal and NSW Branch Financial Statements sent to the General Secretary, Federal Union, 1973, with covering letter and auditor's report for Victoria.
	Series 12	NSW Branch Liabilities, Payments and Arrears - Weekly and Quarterly, Record Books
		<i>This series contains a volume recording the liabilities, payments and arrears of members employed by various employers. It does not appear to be arranged alphabetically or by employer, suggesting that the key or index to its arrangement is missing.</i>
9	12/1	Liabilities, Payments and Arrears - Weekly and Quarterly, c.1962-1970.
10	12/2	Liabilities, Payments and Arrears - Weekly and Quarterly, c.1967-1970.
11	12/3	Loose pages from Liabilities, Payments and Arrears volume, 1974 - 1978.
11	12/4	Loose pages from Liabilities, Payments and Arrears volume; and miscellaneous accounts of members owing dues, c.1941 - 1950s.

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	Series 13	NSW Branch Liabilities for Assessment and Arrears
		<i>This series consists of records of Liabilities for Assessment and Arrears of the Divisions in the NSW Branch. They are arranged in sets of sheets per quarter, usually calculated in January, April, July and October each year. Each sheet in the set records the Quarters' Liabilities and Arrears of members in a Division, either Division 1, 1A, 2, 3 and sometimes of individual workplaces. From these assessments, Federal Dues were calculated. They have been arranged by the archivist in files for each five year period and kept in the reverse order in which they were originally arranged.</i>
11	13/1	Liabilities for Assessment and Arrears of NSW Divisions, January 1971 - July 1972.
11	13/2	Liabilities for Assessment and Arrears of NSW Divisions, January 1966 - October 1970.
11	13/3	Liabilities for Assessment and Arrears of NSW Divisions, January 1962 - October 1965.
	Series 14	NSW Branch Appeal Funds
		<i>This series consists of records of appeal funds contributed by members to assist other members who were unemployed, ill, deceased, retiring and so on. Records of funds collected for unemployed members in the early 1930s also often include correspondence from those members applying for union unemployment assistance or asking for union dues to be waived. Later appeals include Food Parcels for Britain and so on.</i>
12	14/1	Appeal funds: File 1 - members. 1932-1955, but most undated.
12	14/2	Appeal funds: File 2 - for Lysaughts Strike Committee; Sheep Skins for Aid to Russia; individual members. 1935-1936, but most undated.
12	14/3	Appeal funds: File 3 - for Christmas Cheer for Unemployed Members; Food for Britain; individual members. 1931-1940s, but most undated.
12	14/4	Appeal funds: File 4 - for Christmas Cheer for Unemployed Members; includes correspondence from members becoming unemployed 1932 - 1933; for unemployed members who marched in the six hour

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12	14/5	day procession; c.1932 - 1945, but most undated. Appeal funds: File 5 - for unemployed members who marched in the six hour day procession, n.d.
12	14/6	Appeal funds: File 6 - Food for Britain and Federated Felt Hatters British Branches, c.1948, and others undated.
12	14/7	Applications for assistance from the Unemployed Fund, 1932 - 1933.
12	14/8	Appeal funds for unemployed workers, 1932 - 1934. Includes unemployed workers' applications to stop contributions of union dues.
12	14/9	Unemployed members Christmas Cheer List. Appeal funds for unemployed workers, 1950s - 1972. Includes unemployed workers' letters of thanks.
Series 15		NSW Branch Unemployment Assessment Books
<i>This series consists of three books labeled Unemployment Assessment No.1, 2, 3. Each book records members at particular employers' work places and weekly unemployment payments to them in shillings and pence.</i>		
13	15/1	Unemployment Assessment, No.1, 1930 - 1932.
13	15/2	Unemployment Weekly Assessment, No.2, from Feb. 27th, to 17th Feb., 1932. Description on inside cover reads: Unemployment Fund, Weekly Assessment of each Member, No.1 Division, NSW Branch. 1932 - 1934.
13	15/3	Unemployment Weekly Assessment, No.3, from Feb. 1934 - c.1938.
Series 16		NSW No.1 Division Unemployment Fund Income and Expenditure Book
13	16/1	Quarterly income and expenditure summaries and audits for Unemployment Fund, August 1930 - February 1939.
Series 17		NSW Branch Membership Cards
14	17/1	NSW Branch Membership Cards, mostly 1950s.
15	17/2	NSW Branch Application Forms, Membership Forms and Contribution Books for members, 1950s. [Cards in no apparent order].

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	Series 18	Membership Records
		<i>This is an artificial series consisting of miscellaneous membership lists and records.</i>
13	18/1	Lists of members from NSW and Victorian Branches, all Divisions, n.d.
13	18/2	Foreign Clearances, 1961. Includes correspondence re Funeral Benefits.
13	18/3	NSW Branch Trimmers and Binders Division, Names and Addresses Book, c,1940-1951, alphabetically arranged.
13	18/4	Names and addresses of members, No. 2 Division at J. Bardsley and Sons, and No. 3 Division at R.C Henderson's and Dunkerley Hat Mills n.d.,
	Series 19	NSW Branch Quarterly Report of Membership and Unemployment
13	19/1	Quarterly Report of Membership and Unemployment to the Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, for NSW Branch, 1945 - 1956. Reports compiled by Mr. W.C. Peters. File also includes newsclippings on the hat industry.
	Series 20	NSW Branch Attendance Books
		<i>This series consists of the attendance rolls or books of Division members at weekly meetings.</i>
13	20/1	NSW Branch Journeymens' Division Attendance Book, 9 December 1915 - 14 May 1935. Volume has record of clearances, exemptions, apprentices, total attendance's, and apprentices on whimsey in back.
13	20/2	NSW Branch Journeymens' Division Attendance Book, 11 June 1935 - 18 January 1955.
13	20/3	Attendance Book No.1 Division, 15 February 1955 - 1 October 1974.
13	20/4	Attendance Book No.1A Division, 25 November 1953 - February 1972.
13	20/5	Roll Book, Trimmers and Binders No.2 Division. Includes roll of apprentices p.149, 24 May 1920 - 28 April 1953.
16	20/6	Attendance Book, No.2 Division. 25 November 1953 - 1 October 1974.
16	20/7	Attendance Book No.3 Division, 25 November 1953 - 23 May 1972.
16	20/8	Attendance Roll, Mass meetings of Shop Committees,

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		1957 - 1958.
	Series 21	NSW Branch Dealings with ALP, ACTU
16	21/1	ALP 1973 - 1975. Correspondence, circulars and pamphlets [one addressed to Mr. Cashman.]
16	21/2	ALP Fighting Fund List, n.d. Includes notice of death of Mr. O. McKelson, General Secretary of the Federated Felt Hatters for 20 years, n.d.
16	21/3	ACTU c.1975. Circulars and leaflets.
16	21/4	Newspapers of NSW Trade Unions and ALP, 1950s, 1970s.
16	21/5	State Electoral Boundaries, maps and correspondence addressed to The Hon. W.C. Peters, MLC., n.d.
	Series 22	Conference between Amalgamated Clothing and Allied Trades Union and Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union.
17	22/1	Minutes of conference between the Amalgamated Clothing and Allied Trades Union and Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union, Melbourne, 14-15 November 1944.
	Series 23	Piece Books of W.C. Peters and K. Cashman
		<i>This series consists of books of W.C. Peters and K. Cashman in which are recorded details of work and piece rates achieved each week.</i>
17	23/1	K. Cashman, C325, week ending 29 October 1941 - 29 March 1944.
17	23/2	K. Cashman, C325, week ending 22 October 1947 - 8 August 1951.
17	23/3	W.C. Peters, C307, week ending 17 November 1943 - 2 July 1947.
17	23/4	W.C. Peters, C307, week ending 16 July 1947 - 31 May 1950.
17	23/5	W.C. Peters, C307, week ending 14 June 1950 - 13 February 1952.
	Series 24	Correspondence of W.C. Peters, MLC
		<i>This series consists of correspondence to and from Mr. W.C. Peters when he was a member of Parliament in NSW and concerns general electorate</i>

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		<i>matters and other issues.</i>
17 File 1 18 File 2 19	24/1 24/2	Correspondence of W.C. Peters, MLC, 1959 - 1966, inward and outward. Original in one file, now in two. Correspondence of W.C. Peters, MLC, 1967 - 1972. Includes some correspondence of Mrs. Peters.
	Series 25	W.C. Peters' Federal Council Minutes and Working Papers
		<i>This series consists of the rough handwritten minutes of intermittent Federal Council meetings. With the exception of the 1933 meeting, all minutes are those taken by Mr. W.C. Peters while participating in the Council as NSW Branch Secretary and files include some of his working papers.</i>
20	25/1	Rough minutes of Federal Councillors' Meeting, 20 February 1933. File includes working papers of General Secretary.
20	25/2	Federal Council Meeting Papers of Mr. W.C. Peters, NSW Secretary, for meeting of September 1949, and his working papers re the NSW motion for paid State Secretaries. Includes transcript of Conciliation Commission case, 1951.
20	25/3	Rough Minutes of Federal Council 14 September 1953 - 18 September 1953; 1 July 1957 - 4 July 1957. [Minutes possibly recorded by W.C. Peters, NSW Branch]. File includes eventual Report of the July 1957 meeting and associated papers originally in an envelope addressed to the Secretary, NSW Branch..
20	25/4	Rough Minutes of Federal Council 28 September 1959 - 2 October 1959. [minutes possibly recorded by W.C. Peters, NSW Branch]. File includes eventual Report of this meeting and associated papers.
	Series 26	Certificates of Registration of Federal Union
		<i>This series consists of two Certificates of Registration of the Union under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1911, and amendments to Registration in 1950 when the Union changed its registered name from 'Federated Felt Hatting Employees Union of Australasia' to the 'Federated</i>

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		<i>Felt Hatting and Allied Trades Employees Union of Australia'. Decisions of the Industrial Registrar are included.</i>
20	26/1	Registration Papers, 1912, amended 14 March 1950, plus Decisions of Industrial Registrar re name change and changes to the rules.
	Series 27	Federal Management Committee Minutes
20	27/1	Federal Management Committee Minutes, 23 June 1948 - January 1961.
	Series 28	Federal General Secretaries' Correspondence Files
		<i>This is an artificial series of files containing correspondence and other records placed together because they are addressed to successive Federal General Secretaries.</i>
21	28/1	Correspondence 1912 - 1940, including funeral benefit applications, and early industrial material. Correspondence to General Secretary, Federal Council, Mr. Devereaux.
21	28/2	Military contracts, 1940 - 1945. [Correspondence of Mr. McKelson, Federal General Secretary.]
21	28/3	Correspondence of Mr. McKelson, General Secretary, Federal Council with NSW Branch re industrial and union matters, 1946 - 1952.
21	28/4	Matters appertaining to R.C. Henderson. Correspondence on behalf of member re long service leave entitlements and winding up of R.C. Henderson Ltd. c.1957.
22	28/5	Correspondence from the Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, addressed to the General Secretary of the Federal Council, Trades Hall, Melbourne as well as to the Secretary, NSW Branch, Trades Hall, Sydney, c.1959 - 1964. Includes statistics on hat imports to Australia from different countries.
22	28/6	Correspondence of W.C. Peters, General Secretary of the Federal Union with the Tariff Board re Hoods and Capelines (Dumping and Subsidies Act), 1965 - 1966.
22	28/7	Correspondence of K. Cashman, General Secretary, Sydney, 1972 - 1976.
	Series 29	Federal and NSW Branch Rules

Box No.	Archive No.	Description
		<i>This artificial series consists of various rules of the Federated Felt Hatters and rule books collected by them from other organisations. The Federal Rules establish the federated structure of the Union and the duties of officers at the Federal, Branch and Divisional levels.</i>
23	29/1	The Australasian Association of Felt Hatters, General Rules and Standing Orders, 1892. This Association was originally established in Victoria in 1892 and amalgamated into the FFHEUA in 1912.
23	29/2	Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union of Australasia, Federal Council Rules, 1919; 1922; 1934 three copies, one amended by the NSW Registrar; 1937.
23	29/3	Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union of Australasia, Federal Rules, 1934.
23	29/4	Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union of Australasia, Federal Rules re Funeral Benefit, 1947.
23	29/5	Federated Felt Hatters, No.1 Division, NSW Branch Rules of Unemployment Fund under Federal Rule 47, 1937. Three printed copies plus handwritten amendments, n.d.; four pocket editions of these rules. [See box 21 for more copies to be culled eventually].
23	29/6	Federated Felt Hatting Employees' Union of Australasia, No.1 Division, Victorian Branch, Out Of Work Fund Under Federal Rule 47, 1931.
23	29/7/1-18	Rules of organisations other than the Federated Felt Hatters, eighteen booklets, c.1921 - 1959.
23	29/8	Amendments to rules, n.d.

Series 30 Membership Book, NSW, Victorian and South Australian Branches

This book records both NSW, South Australian and Victorian members arranged alphabetically and by date of Admission to the Union starting in 1912 and to 1945. It includes a roll of Federal Officers on pp.250-251 and Branch returns of members on rolls in each Division of Victoria, NSW and South Australia, p.277 on. It therefore suggests that it was a book compiled for the Federal Union. The arrangement of this volume and the uniformity of the writing gives the impression that it was compiled from previous records around 1915. It includes details of name, address, occupation, state, date of admission and often of resignation or death of

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		<i>members. Included with this book were calculations of membership numbers to be reported to the Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra annually. For statistics on volume of hat imports reported to the Union by the Bureau of Census and Statistics, see Correspondence files.</i>
23	30/1	Membership book, 1912 - 1945.
23	30/2	Membership returns male and female for all states to Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1934 - 1971.
Series 31		Arbitration Records
<i>This series consists in the main of transcripts of hearings over Award matters by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, to which the Federated Felt Hatters were a party. Award matters covering Felt Hatters were taken to arbitration by the Federal Officials of the union and covered all states of Australia, but especially NSW, Victoria and South Australia.</i>		
24	31/1	Report of 1912 Log of Claims.
24	31/2	Award 1921
24	31/3	Transcripts of Case No 91 of 1920, and No. 211 of 1922. Includes draft Felt Hatters' Award.
24	31/4	Transcripts of hearings to make Awards, 1929-1930; 1938.
24	31/5	High Court Judgment, 1938.
24	31/6	Transcript of Decision 1939, 1944.
24	31/7	Transcripts of Award hearings, 1940 - 1961.
24	31/8	Transcripts of hearings to vary Awards, 1942 - 1944.
24	31/9	Transcript in the matter of the Felt Hatters' Award and a Board of Reference thereunder, 1942.
24	31/10	Transcripts of hearings to make Awards, 1941.
25	31/11	Award variations, 1966 - 1974.
25	31/12	Workers' Compensation Act (NSW), 1926 - 1961; 1926 - 1962, two copies printed 1962 and 1964.
25	31/13	'Latiners' Awards. Correspondence of W.C. Peters as Federal General Secretary, with the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and the Victorian and NSW Chambers of Manufactures re work and awards at Latiners, 1943 - 1963.
25	31/14	'Latiners' dispute. Copies of correspondence of Latiners with hat retailers pertaining to delays in supplying orders due to industrial disputes, 1962 -

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		1964.
25	31/15	'Latiners' membership lists and exhibits, c.1958 - 1976.
25	31/16	Chamber of Manufactures of NSW, Wage Rate Bulletin, Federal Awards, c. July 1961.
25	31/17	FFHEU Dispute taken to the CAC 1963.
25	31/18	FFHEU Log of Claims, c.1946. Three copies.
25	31/19	Correspondence of W.C. Peters, as NSW Branch Secretary, re industrial matters and the Clothing Trades (State) Award, as well as on the downturn in employment in the hat industry due to imports, c.1955-1956.
25	31/20	Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1961. Copy marked to Hon. W.C. Peters MLC.
26	31/21	Transcript of hearing under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1961, C.No.1070 of 1961 in the matter of the Felt Hatting Award 1948, 10 July 1962 - 25 July 1963.
26	31/22	Transcript of hearing under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1961, C.No.1017 of 1964 in the matter of the Felt Hatting Industry Award 1948, 27 April 1964 - 17 June 1964.
26	31/23	Part transcripts of C.No.1070 of 1961, 24 July 1962; and C.No.1017 of 1964, 25 August 1964.
26	31/24	Transcript of proceedings under Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1961, C.No. 92 of 1964, 11 March 1964.
26	31/25	Variations of Felt Hatting Awards 1948 and 1950; 1970.
26	31/26	New Zealand Felt Hatters Awards, four posters, c.1949-1950.
27	31/27	Variations of Felt Hatting Awards, 1930s - 1946 including 40 hour case.
27	31/28	Piece Work Rates, Dunkerleys and Bardsley's, 1953 - 1957.
27	31/29	Variations of Felt Hatting Awards including logs of claim and basic wage, 1952 - 1960.
27	31/30	Variations of Felt Hatting Awards, 1961-1962.
27	31/31	Applications to Vary and Agreements with Employers, 1961.
27	31/32	Variations of Felt Hatting Awards, 1966 - 1969.
27	31/33	Margins Case, 1966.
27	31/34	Applications to Vary, 1969, 1970.
27	31/35	Applications to Vary, 1973.
27	31/36	Minimum Piece Work Rates, n.d.

Series 32

Ephemera and Publications

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		<i>This is an artificial series consisting of publications by organisations other than the Felt Hatting Union, and miscellaneous ephemera such as union delegate cards and Christmas cards used by officials of the Union.</i>
28	32/1	Miscellaneous publications, including notes on industry policy and booklet 'How Hats are Made'. C. 1920s - 1970s.
28	32/2	Miscellaneous publications and ephemera. Includes badges of W.C. Peters and K. Cashman as delegates to Labor Council of NSW; notification of the Felt Hatters NSW Branch picnic, 1941; Christmas cards; article on the felt hat industry 1924.
28	32/3	Photos of 'Utility'-A Poultry Journal, 1 June 1917, from the State Library of Victoria, addressed to Mr. G. Burchall, 18 Station Street, Petersham, NSW.
28	32/4	Official Trades Union Digest 1969; Official Trades Union Directory 1969.
28	32/5	Labor Council of NSW Compensation and Research Bulletin, c.1967 - 1969, incomplete.
28	32/6	Four rubber stamps of the Federated Felt Hatting Employees Union of Australasia, n.d.
28	32/7	Article re skin cancer and the use of wearing a hat in its prevention, 1932 and circular to employers from Felt Hatters urging them to ask their employees to wear a hat due to the downturn in employment with men giving up hats, n.d. but possibly 1960s.
28	32/8	Membership cards, Felt Hatters Picnic cards, Christmas cards and Labor election pamphlets, various receipts, plus undated rough minutes of unidentified meeting. c.1940 - 1967.

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