

D120 Lewis George McKay (1925 - 1979)

History	<p>Born in Koorawatha, in the Central West of NSW, "Lew" McKay grew up during the years of the Depression assisting his mother to run an 80 acre farm while his father undertook casual and contract shearing work. On leaving Young High School after second year McKay worked in the sheds and studied wool classing part-time. An activist during the 1956 Shearing Strike, McKay obtained his first paid position as an organiser for the Australian Workers' Union in the following year. After two years, the State Secretary of the NSW Branch, C T Oliver, offered McKay first the Griffith, then the Newcastle areas. The he declined but accepted the post of organiser on the South Coast and established an office at Port Kembla. By 1963 McKay had become openly critical of the AWU administration and in 1967 Secretary Oliver attempted to dismiss him. When this failed the Branch Secretary then attempted to relocate McKay in Sydney. Obtaining support from both the south Coast organisers and a substantial section of the rank and file, the McKay faction won control of the branch Executive in the Branch ballot of September 1969. The two factions fought for control of the Union for a period of five years at an estimated cost of \$70 000 in litigation fees. Finally the Oliver faction regained control in 1972 - 73 and subsequently dismissed McKay from the NSW Branch Executive. Appeals through the Industrial Court failed to obtain a reversal of the decision. In 1974 McKay applied for a post as an Arbitration Inspector with the Australian Public Service.</p>
Record Summary	<p>Correspondence files, copies of minutes, and documents relating to the AWU (NSW) Branch mainly for the period 1957 - 73. Record group includes a typescript draft of 'reminiscences'.</p>
Date	1944 - 1975
Quantity	5 m.
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- 4 Ticket sales: including ia. Advice of monies banked; details of ticket sales; organiser's interim receipts
- 5 Statutory declarations - ticket book check 1969 1969 - 70
- 6 Ticket invoices - office issue and invoices for tickets transferred 1966 - 70
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- 9 Members' petition: requesting that an Extraordinary General Meeting be called Oct 1968
 - 10 Lists of officials, and South Coast Membership Roll 1968 - 70
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- 19 Mineral Sands - State Award; Section Committee 1971 - 72
- 20 Miscellaneous agreements and awards 1972 - 73
- 21 Oil Industry - Agreements, including minutes and reports re the proposal to establish and oil industry branch - Petroleum Refiners Operatives Association (PROA) 1971 - 72
- 22 Pastoral Delegates Conference; State Pastoral Award; Wingadee Dispute 1967 - 1972
- 23 Public Works Department - Report on retrenchments 1972
- 24 'Report' circulars: industrial disputes - includes lists of awards negotiated by AWU 1971 - 72

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- 28 Transcript Labourers Railway and Road Construction, etc. (State) Conciliation Committee Hearing 24 Sep 1970
- 29 Transcript of Proceedings AWU v Associated Mineral consolidated Ltd and Ors, 1971. Reasons for Judgement - Williams v Barnes & Ors 1971
- 30 Plant Operators on construction (PWD, Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, Commissioner for Main Roads and MSB) Award [n.d.]
- 31 Disputes, Awards, Decisions. Includes minutes of Branch and Executive Meetings 1969 - 72
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- 34 Awards, including details of logs of claims negotiated by AWU on behalf of members 1970 - 72
- 35 Job Record lists - dispute, number of members, award and over award payment 1973
- 36 Circulars - Industrial Office 1971 - 72
- 37 Conciliation and Arbitration Act: Proposed Amendments 1974
- 38 Rough notes of industrial negotiations re wages and conditions c. 1969

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 - 1 Organiser's File, including correspondence and schedule of organiser's duties 1966 - 72
 - 2 Reps. File - contains working papers 1970
 - 3 Reps. Lists - contains names , addresses and areas covered by AWU reps [n.d.]
 - 4 Minutes of Combined Reps. Committee - including material relating to Better Deal campaign 1969
 - 5 Correspondence of Combined Reps. Committee - including material relating to Better Deal Campaign 1967 - 69
 - 6 Organiser's correspondence and salaries 1969 - 72

- 7 AWU Convention - Australian Workers Union (Federal) Executive 1969 - 73
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- 4 AWU 83rd Annual Convention - Report 1969
- 5 AWU 86th Annual convention - Report. Includes also State Secretary's Report Queensland Branch and AWU Balance sheet at 31 Dec 1971 1972

- 8 State Rules and Registration - Australian Workers Union (NSW) Branch 1945 - 71
 - 1 State rules - including correspondence, letters to Branches, amendments to Rules, Decisions and Case References, copies of Judgments. Summary of opinion re Union and branches [ACTU] 1945 - 71
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 - 11 Personal File 1958 - 68
 - 12 Personal File - indexed Including ia copies of legal opinions, correspondence, papers on Dismissal Case
 - 13 Information File - correspondence and photocopies of Certificates of Incorporation (1902) and Registration (1942) pertaining to AWU 1973
 - 14 MS Working Notes 1971 - 72
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 - 20 Evidence and transcripts McKay v Duncan and Others [Indexed] 1967 - 68
 - 21 McKay - Chambers Correspondence 1973
- 11 Litigation - Australian Workers' Union (NSW) Branch 1967 - 1979
- Files relating to legal proceedings concerning the election of union officials; the "Better Deal" campaign; State/Federal dispute and the location of the Union office.
- 1 Judgements: B60-69 of 1965, Cameron and Others v Duncan and Others
 - 2 Reports on "Tasmanian Case" 1968
 - 3 Advice of Hearing: McKay v Oliver Writ 8145 of 1968
 - 4 Report and Statement - Mawbey assault charge 1968 - 72
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 - 7 Castlereagh Street staff report re Better Deal Committee 1969
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- 10 Circulars - George Street and Castlereagh Street
- 11 Request for inspection of Office records 1970
- 12 Report of 'Federal' branch Executive meeting 20 Oct 1970
- 13 Final submissions - Mr Glass c. 1970
- 14 Transcript of Proceedings and related documents - Friend v Barnes and Others, B No. 222 of 1969
- 15 Resolutions - to indemnify NSW Executive against litigation costs c. 1969
- 16 Documents - Stewart v Buckman and Others, B No. 233 of 1970
- 17 Injunctions - McKay v Oliver 1970
- 18 Pierce v Annis Brown - statements and reports, Memorandum of costs 1973
- 19 Ex-gratia payments : from cost arising out of Litigation 1970 - 71
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- 21 Loty - Holloway Dismissal - correspondence and judgment 1971
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- 28 Organiser's Dismissals B No. 222 of 1971
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- 31 Pye v McKay and Others B No. 202 of 1971 - documents and correspondence
- 32 Legal opinions re location of Branch Office 1971
- 33 J Nadder - correspondence re legal costs 1971
- 34 H Glass - accounts
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- 37 Statutory Declarations: M Thone, R Mort and Others 1970 - 72
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- 39 McKay v Oliver: mainly circulars 19171 - 72
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- 42 Shipman - Richards: back-dated tickets 1972
- 43 Report of Special General Meeting re Balance Sheets 1972
- 44 Leaflets: mainly "Better Deal" and Members Action Committee (NB) File incorporation a copy of Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 1971
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- 54 Dougherty - McKay - photocopies of McKay's answer to Dougherty's charges 1972
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- 57 McKay v Williams and Others No. 55 of 1973 - indexed file containing ia. Nots, statements and correspondence. File contains other material re earlier litigation 1970 - 73
- 58 Transcripts of Proceedings and Judgments 1967 - 71
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- 62 Barnes v Oliver and Others / Allan v Barnes and others; B No.s 202/3 of 1970: Transcript of Proceedings and Judgments 19/3/70 - 12/5/70
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- 2 Half - yearly report and minutes - File contains Agenda and notes re rejection of Balance Sheet 1969
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- 15 Industrial Arbitration Reports (NSW) 1968
- 16 Commonwealth Conciliation and arbitration commission - Seamen's Union v Australian Dredging . . . C No. 1912 of 1968
- 17 Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission - Schweppes (Aust) Ltd v Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees' Union of Australia C No. 9 of 1970
- 18 Commonwealth Conciliation and arbitration commission - AWU v The Graziers' Assoc. and Others C No. 536 of 1964
- 19 Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration commission - Metal Trades Award, 1952 C No. 1412 of 1969
- 20 Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission - AWU v the Graziers' Association C No. 289 of 1965
- 21 Australian Industrial Court - McLure v Lambert and Mitchell B No. 36 of 1973
- 22 NSW Industrial Gazette - General Construction and Maintenance, Civil & Mechanical engineering, (State) Award 1966
- 23 NSW Industrial Gazette - Bowling Club & Employees (Country) Award (Variation) 1969
- 24 NSW Industrial Gazette - Shop Employees (State) Award 1969
- 25 NSW Industrial Gazette - Plant Operators on construction (State) Award 1968
- 26 NSW Industrial Gazette - General Construction and Maintenance, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, (State) (Variation) 1972
- 27 NSW Industrial Gazette - Industrial Commission of NSW No. 318 of 1970 National Wage Case 1970 1970
- 28 NSW Industrial Gazette - Index of Industrial Awards in force at 31 Dec 1969 1970
- 29 NSW Industrial Gazette - Index of Industrial Awards in force as at 30 Sep 1974 1975
- 30 Commonwealth of Australia - Speech - Clyde Cameron reprinted from Parliamentary debates 27 Nov 1968; Australian Workers' Union Ballot: Court Enquiry
- 31 Commonwealth of Australia - Speech - Clyde Cameron reprinted from Parliamentary Debates 27 Nov 1968 - Adjournment
- 32 NSW Legislative Assembly: Mr Peterson MLA - Address in Reply - reprinted from Parliamentary Debates 13 Aug 1968

