

**D20 Miners' Women's Auxiliaries of Australia, Southern District, New South Wales**

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**Creator:** Miners' Women's Auxiliaries of Australia Southern District, New South Wales, 1938-

**Historical Note:** The first Miners' Women's Auxiliary was established at Wonthaggi, Victoria in 1934. The first auxiliary on the New South Wales South Coast was established at Scarborough in 1938. Other auxiliaries in the district were established during the 1940s and the 1950s.

The aims of the auxiliaries were to assist mining unions to safeguard the health, lives and economic wellbeing of mineworkers, including help in times of industrial struggle. The auxiliaries also pledged to work for the equal rights of women in political, social and civic life.

This collection comprises records of the Miners' Women's Auxiliaries of Australia Southern District, New South Wales

**Record Summary:** Association records – minute books, correspondence, newspaper clippings, cash books, publications

**Date Range:** 1948-2000

**Quantity:** 75cm (5 boxes)

**Access Conditions:** Available for reference. Contact the Archivist in advance to arrange access.

**Inventory:** Compiled 14 October 1977. Last revised 21 September 2012

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Item List1. Nebo Miners' Women's Auxiliary 1957-1969

## 1. Minutes 1957-1968

The Nebo Miners' Women's Auxiliary held its first meeting on 26 November 1957 at the Trades Hall, Wollongong. This series contains manuscript minutes of meetings starting from its initial meeting. Volumes also include lists of members and their addresses.

1. 26 Nov 1957 – 1 Dec 1959
2. 2 Feb 1960 – 7 Apr 1965
3. 7 Feb 1967 – 3 Dec 1968

## 2. Correspondence 1958-1969

Includes items from organisations such as the Union of Australian Women and the South Coast Citizens against Conscription, seeking support for opposition to the Vietnam War.

1. 1958-1969

2. Corrimal-South Bulli Miners' Women's Auxiliary 1948-1998

## 1. Minutes 1949, 1958-1971

A Miners' Women's Auxiliary was formed on 10 October 1949 at a meeting of the Corrimal Area Committee, Women's Auxiliary. Items 1-4 include the manuscript minutes of both organisations.

1. 28 Jul 1949 – 10 Oct 1949
2. 10 Jul 1958 – 12 Apr 1960
3. 12 May 1960 – 20 Jun 1963
4. 27 Oct 1964 – 15 Apr 1971
5. 29 Apr 1971 – 5 Feb 1981
6. 5 Feb 1981 – 1 Feb 1988
7. 2 Mar 1992 – 2 Nov 1992
8. 1 Feb 1993 – 6 Dec 1993
9. 7 Feb 1994 – 5 Dec 1994
10. 6 Feb 1995 – 6 Nov 1995
11. 5 Feb 1996 – 2 Dec 1996
12. 3 Feb 1997 – 1 Dec 1997
13. 2 Feb 1998 – 7 Dec 1998

## 2. Correspondence 1951-1973

Correspondence includes items relating to the National Council of the Miner's Women's Auxiliaries and to Aboriginals.

1. 1951-1973
2. 1982-1991

## 3. Newspaper Clippings 1950-1973

The subjects of clippings include pensions, Aboriginals and reports of the activities of various Miners' Women's Auxiliaries. Clippings are largely from *Common Cause* and local Illawarra newspapers.

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1. 1950-1973
2. 1982-1991
3. Scarborough Miners' Women's Auxiliary 1960-1973
  1. Minutes 1960-1973  
The minutes are contained in a volume presented to the Auxiliary to mark its 21<sup>st</sup> year of activity by the executive of the Southern District Miners' Federation. The Auxiliary was formed in 1938 and disbanded in September 1973.
    1. Aug 1960 – 1 Aug 1973
  2. History of Scarborough Auxiliary  
One page typescript written by Mrs. Sally Bowen detailing the history of the Scarborough Lodge.
4. Mount Kembla Miners' Women's Auxiliary 1953-1967
  1. Minutes. 1953-1967  
The inaugural meeting of the Auxiliary was held on 16 July 1953. Minutes are in note form.
    1. 22 Jul 1953 – 9 Nov 1955
    2. 13 Aug 1959 – 3 Oct 1961
    3. 31 Oct 1961 – 7 Nov 1967
5. Combined Miners' Women's Auxiliary 1961-1992
  1. Minutes Oct 1961 – 14 May 1979
  2. Cash Books 1975-1992
6. Publications 1981-2000
  1. Common Cause 1989-2000  
*Common Cause* was the official publication of what was then the United Mineworkers Federation of Australia, which was later amalgamated into the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU).
    1. Vol. 54 Jun 1989 – Nov 1989 [incomplete]
    2. Vol. 55 Feb 1990 – Dec 1990 [incomplete]
    3. Vol. 56 Feb 1991 – Dec 1991 [incomplete]
    4. Vol. 57 Feb 1992 – Dec 1992
    5. Vol. 58 Feb 1993 – Dec/ Jan 1993-1994 [incomplete]
    6. Vol. 59 Feb 1994 – Dec/ Jan 1994-1995 [incomplete]
    7. Vol. 60 Feb 1995 – Dec/ Jan 1995-1996
    8. Vol. 61 Mar 1996 – Dec/ Jan 1996-1997 [incomplete]
    9. Vol. 62 Feb 1997 – Jul 1997  
Vol. 63 Aug 1997 – Dec/ Jan 1997-1998
    10. Vol. 64 Feb 1998 – Dec/ Jan 1998-1999 [incomplete]
    11. Vol. 65 Feb 1999 – Dec/ Jan 1999-2000

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2. Vietnam Today

*Vietnam Today* was the official newsletter of the Australia-Vietnam Society.

1. No. 21 [c1980?] – No. 66 Aug/ Nov 1993 [incomplete]

3. Miscellaneous 1981-1986

Miscellaneous publications, newsletters and booklets.

7. Newspaper Clippings

Collection of newspaper clipping from a variety of local and international publications.