The Lysaght family began producing galvanised products in 1857 at their factory in Bristol, England. During the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century the company exported considerable amounts of galvanised sheeting and wire to Australia. John Lysaghts (Australian) Limited was established in 1918 and production began in 1921 at Newcastle. In 1936 the Al&S sheet mill at Port Kembla was purchased from BHP Pty Ltd. The mill was closed down when Lysaght's Springhill works were opened in 1939. The company purchased Commonwealth Rolling Mills Pty Ltd in 1946.

Theis collection consists mainly of a quantity of press clippings [some indexed] which deal with industrial matters generally, and were particularly, with industrial matters generally, and were particularly, with the development of Lysaghts' operations at Port Kembla. A register of industrial disputes and management/ Union conferences at Lysaght's for the period 1968 - 78 is also included. Printed aerial relates both to the company's history and to industrial management. A series of photographs related mainly to the expansion of the Springhill, and CRM complexes after 1947.

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56. SMH "Basic Wage and Hours Judgment" 28 Oct 1953
57. Industrial matters Nov 1972

2. **Printed Matter 1929 - 1973**

Publications relating to the history of John Lysaght (Australia) Limited and its products.


16. Electric Crane handbook Jan 1944
17. Electrical handbook for Non-Electric Men Jan 1944
18. Lysaght's (Port Kembla) Sick Club - Rules [n.d.]
20. Lysaght: Australian Sheet Steel May 1933

   2. Sydney Morning Herald 31 Aug 1955 [missing]
   3. Daily Telegraph 30 Aug 1955
   4. Illawarra Mercury 29 Aug - 2 Sep 1955
   5. South Coast Times 29 Aug, 1 Sep, 5 Sep 1955
   6. Pix Vol 38. No 13 3 Sep 1955 [missing]
   8. Summary of processes: production of cold reduced steel [with flow sheet] [n.d.]
   10. Plan of inspection rout for visitors at hot strip mill opening 30 Aug 1955
   11. Luncheon table seating plan - strip mill opening ceremony 30 Aug 1955

4. Newspapers: Reports of industrial development at Port Kembla 1950 - 1957
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   1. Labor News Jul 1950 - Dec 1960 [incomplete]
   3. The Standard Weekly 4 Aug 1950
   4. Tribune 29 Jul, 5 Aug 1950

6. Newspapers: Newcastle 150th Anniversary
   1. Daily Telegraph - souvenir supplement 1 Sep 1947
   2. Sydney Morning Herald - feature 5 Sep 1947
   3. Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate - supplement 5 Sep 1947

7. Press and Agency reports: Communist Party - political and industrial activity
   1. Labor News - including attachments as follows - reports on Union ballot and list of Sough Coast
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   2. "Research Service" report: Industrial disputes and Communist initiated industrial disputes 1913
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8. Agency and personal dossiers
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   or by implication, indirectly, in Left-Wing activities. Items are identified by that file title.
   1. Australian Communist Party - South Coast District c. 1950 - 1954
   2. Amalgamated Engineering Union 1948 - 1954
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20. Crampton, J 15 Jun 1949
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   1. Associated Chambers of Manufactures of Australia 1960 – 1965
   2. Chamber of Manufactures of NSW : Circulars 1960 - 1965
   4. Chamber of Manufactures of NSW - South Coast Centre: Bulletins, Circulars, Newsletters 1961 - 1965

10. Pay Schedules 1943 - 1948
    1. Schedule of hourly rates of pay by year 1943 - 1948

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   11. 2 Jan 1976 - 22 Dec 1976
   12. 7 Jan 1977 - 22 Dec 1977
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12. Industrial Publications

1. The Industrial Newsletter - Sydney No. 6 21 Sep 1965 - N. 87 3 Dec 1968
2. The Industrial Newsletter - Canberra No. 91 20 Feb 1969 - No. 94 3 Apr 1969
4. Dust dangers in the factory / by W Hargreaves. - [Sydney]: Amalgamated Ironworkers - Munition Workers' Union, [194?]. - 16p. (Ironworker pamphlet No. 4)
8. The Truth about the attack by the NSW branch executive on the Australian Workers' Union/ by Tom Dougherty. - [Sydney: Australian Workers' Union, 194?]. - 32p.


13. Photographs

1. Album of 63 photographs showing construction and placement of an 18" acid effluent discharge pipeline for Lysaght's Spring hill Works Jul 1956 [See also D26/4/1]

2. Seven aerial photographs showing CRM Works prior to construction of 80" Reversing Cold Mill

3. Six aerial photographs of 80" Reversing Cold Mill during construction [commenced 1947]

4. Nine aerial photographs of CRM Works after construction of 80" Reversing Cold Mill Sep 1953

5. Three aerial photographs of CRM Works May 1956

6. Locomotive and goods trucks at CRM Works

7. Eleven photographs of 80" Reversing Cold Mill site works Aug - Sep 1948

8. Two copies Lysaght's Newcastle Works staff 1935

9. Two aerial photographs - Springhill Works May 1966

10. Eight photographs - administrative offices at Springhill Works

11. Seven photographs - general views of Springhill Works

12. Six aerial photographs - Springhill Works c. 1955