

Brian Mullins collection of National Civic Council records

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Abstract Papers compiled by Brian Mullins in his role as Queensland President and National Vice President of the National Civic Council (NCC).

Scope and content The papers include minutes, reports, speech transcripts, correspondence and ephemera relating to the work of the NCC, in particular Vince Gair and the split of the Labor Party in Queensland during the 1950s and the resulting Democratic Labor Party. The collection also contains papers focused on the NCC campaigns against the influence of communism in Queensland including files containing personal information on people about their possible association with the Communist Party of Australia and the Socialist Party of Australia. Other items collected include published material created by political parties and lobby groups of the era. A series of subject files compiled by Brian Mullins containing information on NCC's involvement in the Mt Isa Mine strikes and the Vietnam War Moratorium Campaign are also included.

System of arrangement Arranged into 4 series.

Description 5 boxes of organisational files, ephemera, newspaper clippings and tracts.

Administrative / Biographical history "The NCC evolved in 1957 from the Catholic Social Studies Movement (also known simply as "The Movement") which was founded in the early 1940s by prominent Catholic layman B.A. Santamaria. The Movement worked closely with the Industrial Groups, which were formed within the Australian Labor Party to combat the influence and infiltration of the Communist Party in trade unions. The Movement, and later the NCC, had close links with the original Democratic Labor Party." -- from the National Civic Council Wikipedia page, viewed 19/08/2022.

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Series 1: National Civic Council organizational files (1957-2000)

Series number 1

Series title National Civic Council organizational files

Date 1957-2000

Scope and content

This series contains organisation files pertaining to the running of the National Civic Council (NCC) and the organisation of 'The Movement' (how the NCC refers to themselves and their work). This includes general organisation files pertaining to the running of a political lobby group, intelligence compiled largely by Brian Mullins, documents more specific to Brian Mullins and his role as private secretary to Vince Gair – then Premier of Queensland – and as secretary of the Queensland branch of NCC, publications by and collected by NCC and training material produced by NCC.

Description

Description 2 boxes

Items in this series:

Organisation files (1970-2000)

Unit ID 32837/1

Date 1970-2000

Scope and content

Organisation files regarding the function and running of The Movement.

Information about policy platforms created by NCC – including youth savings schemes and agricultural policies

- Branch constitutions
- Organisational history
- Copies of flyers created by the Church Acceptance Dialogue Group called 'Toward an understanding of being catholic and gay'
- Instructions for members on lobbying
- Correspondence – regarding training, lobbying and political influence
- Papers and information from and about the Fabian Society
- Clippings and ephemera regarding the work of the NCC
- Photographs of Brian Mullins and what is possibly an anti-disarmament rally

Description

Description 3 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 23509

Compiled intelligence (1970-1979)

Unit ID 32837/2

Date 1970-1979

Scope and content

1 folder containing information about communism and communists compiled by NCC.

- Book containing names and addresses of people and organisations with notes about activities. Some information about candidates for the Socialist Party of Australia (SPA) and the Communist Party of Australia (CPA)
- Clippings from the Tribune
- Copies of published material about communist organisations

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23509

Organization files pertaining to Brian Mullins (1957-1997)

Unit ID 32837/3

Date 1957-1997

Scope and content

Organisation files created as secretary to the Queensland Branch of the NCC and private secretary to Vince Gair while he was Premier of Queensland.

- Speeches and notes for speeches given by Premier Gair
- Correspondence to Brian Mullins offering him role as private secretary to Premier Gair
- Correspondence recommending that NCC adopt an approach more akin to that taken by One Nation political party
- Copy of the eulogy Mullins gave at a Queensland memorial service for B.A Santamaria

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23510

Publications relating to the work of the National Civic Council (1960?-1990?)

Unit ID 32837/4

Date 1960?-1990?

Scope and content

Publications from various political organisations including:

- National Civic Council, Communist Party of Australia, Socialist Party of Australia

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23510

Training documents (1960-1969)

Unit ID 32837/5

Date 1960-1969

Scope and content

Documentation of information used to train and inform members of the NCC

- Manuscripts for publications
- Publications
- Reports
- Text of lectures
- Materials from an advanced training course presented in Melbourne region in August of 1963

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23510

Series 2: Compiled subject files (1965-1995)

Series number 2

Series title Compiled subject files

Date 1965-1995

Scope and content

Organisation files created, compiled and/or collected by Brian Mullins and NCC on various events and subjects.

Description

Description 8 folders

Items in this series:

Vietnam War Moratorium Campaign (1968-1970)

Unit ID 32837/6

Date 1968-1970

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by NCC pertaining to the Vietnam War Moratorium Campaign.

- newspaper clippings, flyers, reports (Brian Mullins and Harold Wright visit Vietnam 1970)
- propaganda for and against the moratorium campaign

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23512

South Vietnam: the war and associated matters (1970)

Unit ID 32837/7

Date 1970

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by NCC pertaining to the war in South Vietnam

- Newspaper clippings
- Press statements from NCC
- Fliers and ephemera
- Compiled information about CPA involvement
- Reports and fliers from Democratic Labor Party (DLP)

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23512

Communism and Communist Strategies (1970-1982)

Unit ID 32837/8

Date 1970-1982

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by NCC regarding communism and communist strategies including newspaper clippings, transcripts of speeches, Christianity and Marxism and reports on CPA meetings

Description

Description 1 folder

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Mt Isa Mine Strike (1964-1965)

Unit ID 32837/9

Date 1964-1965

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by Brian Mullins and NCC regarding involvement in Mt Isa mine strikes

- Leaflets and flyers
- Newspaper clippings – The Worker, Courier Mail, Mt Isa Mail, Bundaberg Newsmail
- Interviews, press statements, meeting minutes
- Reports on union meetings
- Materials published by Australian Workers Union (AWU)
- Documents about and by the Trades and Labor Council
- Lists of people who returned to work during the strike

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23511

Mt Isa (1960-1970)

Unit ID 32837/10

Date 1960-1970

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by Brian Mullins and NCC regarding involvement in Mt Isa mine strikes

- Copy of 'Storm in the tropics: the history of Mt Isa struggle 1954-65' by Pete Thomas
- Copy of the agreement between Mt Isa Mines and involved unions 1968
- Correspondences about movement and the actions of the Trades and Labor Council
- Mt Isa Mines Annual Report 1968
- Brian Mullins notebook about different stakeholders in Mt Isa involved in the strike
- Interviews with Brian Mullins

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23511

Brian Mullins' visit to Mt Isa (1965-1970)

Unit ID 32837/11

Date 1965-1970

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by Brian Mullins and NCC pertaining to Mullins' visit in August 1967

- Reports about visit
- Reports from Mt Isa pre-visit
- Lists of names and addresses

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23511

Mt Isa and Gladstone (1960-1975)

Unit ID 32837/12

Date 1960-1975

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by Brian Mullins and NCC pertaining to strike action in Gladstone and Mt Isa

- Gladstone report for Mullins 1972
- Gladstone Power Station monthly report for months of March -June 1975 – includes reports on time/work hours lost to strike activity by Chief Engineer of power station

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23512

The Heiner Enquiry (1990-1995)

Unit ID 32837/13

Date 1990-1995

Scope and content

Correspondence and other documents collected by NCC related to the Heiner Enquiry.

- Correspondence between the Acting Director General, Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs and the Crown Solicitor.
- Statements, correspondence and submissions pertaining to the Senate Select Committee on Unresolved Whistleblower Cases

Description

Description 1 folder

Locate OMBOX Box 23512

**Series 3: National Civic Council organisation files
pertaining to Labor movement and Labour Party (1940-**

2000)

Series number 3

Series title National Civic Council organisation files pertaining to Labor movement and Labour Party

Date 1940-2000

Scope and content

Documents created, compiled and/or collected by Brian Mullins and NCC pertaining to the Labor Party and the Democratic Labor Party (DLP) 6 folders divided chronologically. 1 1940s, 2 1950s, 1 1970s/1980s and 2 1990s.

- Structures, branches and names, constitutions and rules, conference proceedings and lists of candidates for elections regarding the Queensland Labor Party
- Policy speeches, press statements, speech notes for Premier Gair
- Campaign material and planning papers (state and national) for the Labor Party
- Conference agenda, policy papers, press statements from the Australian Democratic Labor Party
- Informational tracts about communists interact with trade unions
- Lists of union members of various unions
- Information about ballots and elections for the Labor Party.
- Newspaper clippings regarding the Labor Party and the DLP

Description

Description 6 folders

Locate OMBOX Box 23513

Series 4: Reports (1950-2000)

Series number 4

Series title Reports

Date 1950-2000

Scope and content

Reports created by or acquired by NCC on various subjects regarding the ideological standpoint

of the movement. Subjects include:

- Socialism and the Australian Labor Party
- Sex education
- Family structures
- Home buyers savings schemes
- Communist influence on Trade Unions
- Vietnam War and communism in Vietnam
- Catholic morality and social principal
- Secular humanism
- Socialist, Communist and Marxist theories (largely from the ideological perspective aligned with the NCC)
- Bioethics (euthanasia, abortion and genetic research)
- Human rights
- International relations

Description

Description 2 folders

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