
TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Series List

The Temperance Alliance was inaugurated at a meeting on the 15th August, 1884 and by the first general meeting on October 3rd of the same year had a constitution and elected office bearers. The impetus for its formation came from a public meeting held in early 1884, which raised questions about the role of the liquor trade, and the failure of existing temperance organisations to accommodate moderate drinkers who were nevertheless interested in reform. The original organisation was known as the South Australian Alliance.

The early years were difficult ones with little personal or financial support being available. This situation did change, helped considerably with the offer of £300 which enabled the employment of a full time secretary.

By the beginning of this century, the Alliance was well established. It had begun publishing The Alliance and Temperance News in 1889, later replacing it with The Patriot. In addition to day-to-day working issues, it tended to adopt certain stands and campaign for them. Amongst such campaigns were prohibition, the 'local option', 6 o'clock closing and 1 o'clock closing on Saturday. Success in achieving their aims has varied, particularly in recent years when society's attitudes have been reflected in more liberal legislation. The 1966 Royal Commission into the Licensing Act was part of this trend.

Particular emphasis has been placed on the young, and the formation of the S.A. Band of Hope Union in 1916 reflects this. It also complements the general aim of the Alliance which is to educate the public to the dangers of drinking. It sees its role as "the church in action against the liquor trade with the loyal assistance of the temperance societies and individuals of all Churches and of no Church". To this end the Alliance works in close cooperation with many other organisations.

Ref. P. Saunders, Temperance Alliance of S.A. Centenary Book, 1884-1984, 1984].

Minute books of the South Australian Temperance Alliance, recording meetings of all committees operating under the Alliance, as well as the Annual General meetings, and special meetings. Reports presented to meetings are filled with the relevant minutes, and related newspaper clippings are also found throughout. See special list for series 1 for details, 1884-1975. 40 volumes. (132 cm.) 1

Minutes of various organizations related to, but not part of, the Temperance Alliance. Included are:
1) Minutes for the Australian Temperance Council, 1925-1964;
2) Minutes of the Barrier Temperance Alliance, 1920-1928;
3) Minutes for the Band of Hope Youth Department, 1968-1972;
4) Minutes for the Early Closing of Liquor Bars League, 1914-1915.-1914-1964. 9 cm. 2

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- Minutes of the South Australian Band of Hope and Total Abstinence Societies' Union. They are basically the minutes of the Executive Committee, but interspersed throughout are the minutes of the Annual Meetings, Special Executive Meetings and sub-committees. See special list for series 3 for date range of each volume. 1916-1965. 15 volumes (40 cm). 3
- Papers from the Royal Commission of 1966 in the Liquor Act. See Special List for Series 4 for details. 1966. 4
- Church Service Return Sheets 1963-1968. 6 cm. 5
- "The Alliance and Temperance News" and "The Alliance News", the official journal of the Temperance Alliance. The former was produced from 1889 to 1890, the latter from 1902 to 1907. See Special List for Series 6 for details. 1889-1907. 12 cm. [Note: Some of these are restricted for conservation reasons.] 6
- "The Patriot", the official journal of the Temperance Alliance published monthly, fortnightly and weekly at different times, this paper replaced the "Alliance News". See Special List for series 7 for details. 1908-1952. 57 cm. [Note: Some of these are restricted for conservation reasons]. 7
- Correspondence relating to the conduct of the Alliance Fairs. 1963-1969. 10 cm. 8
- Correspondence of the Temperance Alliance, including both incoming and outgoing letters. 1961-1966. 3 cm. 9
- Membership cards for both individuals and Churches. The cards record contributions to the Alliance and are arranged alphabetically within sub-groups (See Special List for series 9 for details). Individual membership cards show name, address, church and contributions, while the church membership cards show the name and location of the church, the ministers name and the contributions. 1960-1975. 76 cm. 10
- Newspaper clippings and articles from various printed sources. These have been arranged under subject headings, and filed alphabetically. See Special List for series 11 for details. Also included is an amount of unsorted material. ca.1960-1975. 109 cm. 11

Printed material consisting of a copy of the S.A. Licensing Act of 1954 (with an index), and a copy of the Northern Territory Ordinance relating to the supply of liquor, etc. 1939 and 1954. 13 cm.	<u>12</u>
Photographs, two of the Geelong and District Band of Hope Union Basketball team (1931 and 1933) and another of an unidentified group (Order of Good Templar's?). Black and white prints, 30 x 20 cm.- 20 x 17 cm., mounted. 1931-1933. 3 items. OUTSIZE 1, RESERVE 11	<u>13</u>
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings on the "Saturday One O' Clock Closing Campaign". 1929-1932. 1 item. (bound volume, 3.5 cm.)	<u>14</u>
Printed material "prepared by and for the Victorian Royal Commission of interest to Temperance organisations and workers". 1964. 1 item. (4 cm). OUTSIZE 1	<u>15</u>
Market survey (copy) on total abstinence in Australia undertaken by the Ansvar Insurance Company Ltd. in 1969. 1969. 1 item. (2 cm.)	<u>16</u>
Record of a Foundation Day meeting of the S.A. Alliance, showing the program for the meeting and the names and addresses of those present. Recorded in a "Journal Book" which is otherwise empty. 1934. 1 item (1.5 cm.)	<u>17</u>
A blank "Local Option Petition" form as per the Licensing Act of 1917. n.d. 1 folio.	<u>18</u>
Display chart graphing card promises, income and expenditure against one another for the period 1917 to 1923. n.d. 1 item.	<u>19</u>
Songbook from the Ascot Park Band of Hope compiled by Keith Brinkwork. n.d. 1 item (3 cm.)	<u>20</u>
Banner for the Band of Hope Union. n.d. 178 x 90cm. Painted calico.	<u>21</u>
Illuminated address to the S.A. Band of Hope Union from their United Kingdom counterparts. 1937, 1 item, 51 x 31 cm.	<u>22</u>

Newspaper articles on Alcohol from the Christian Science Monitor.
Printed as a weekly series for 15 weeks, two are missing.
March-June 1965. 13 folios.

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