

Association of Ukrainians in Victoria Archive: User Guide

Preamble

The Association of Ukrainians in Victoria (AUV), the community organisation founded in 1949 in Melbourne to address the cultural and social needs of people of Ukrainian heritage in the state of Victoria, Australia, houses its archive in dedicated premises at the AUV headquarters, Ukrainian House at 3-11 Russell Street, Essendon.

The AUV's archival holdings were ordered, preserved and catalogued in 2018-2022 through a joint project conducted by the AUV and the Mykola Zerov Centre for Ukrainian Studies at Monash University and funded by the Ukrainian Studies Foundation in Australia.

The AUV Archive aims to preserve its existing holdings, to collect documents relating to AUV's activities as they come to hand, and to make these materials accessible to researchers, members of the AUV and the public.

Contents of the AUV Archive

The AUV Archive contains paper records, records on audio-visual and digital media, and some physical objects such as textiles and art works. The collection spans the period from the early 1950s to the 2010s. The holdings are organised into 31 series, 101 sub-series and more than one thousand folders (as at May 2023). These are detailed in the anonymised overview of the Archive available at [AUV Archive Holdings \(anonymised\)](#)

The major part of the collection consists of the papers of the AUV. These include:

- proceedings of the AUV's general meetings, meetings of its Executive and the executives of the AUV's Sections (special interest cultural and other entities formed under the auspices of AUV);
- the AUV's correspondence, including with Australian and Victorian government welfare, migration and refugee agencies, other Ukrainian community bodies, and the AUV's members and other individuals;
- records of cultural events organised by the AUV or its constituent Sections;
- documentation of AUV's participation in national projects led by the Australian Federation of Ukrainian organisations;
- records of renovations and extensions to Ukrainian House; and
- photographs relevant to the history of the AUV.

The AUV Archive holds small collections of papers of some once flourishing but now disestablished AUV Branches, although the major existing regional and suburban Branches of AUV (in Geelong, St Albans and Noble Park) retain responsibility for their own records.

Among the miscellaneous items in the Archive's keeping are documents relating to some Ukrainian organisations other than the AUV, Ukrainian community schools and a handful of individual members of the AUV, as well as a small collection of books and journals.

AUV Archive Policy

The AUV's Archive Policy, accessible at <https://auv.org.au/archive-policy/>, sets out the Archive's objectives, governance structure and rules of use.

Eligible Users and Procedure for Requesting Access

On written request to the AUV and under supervision of the Archivist, researchers, members of AUV and members of the public may be given access to parts of the archival collection of interest to them.

In general, users will attend the archive in person and will make use of material issued to them according to the rules set out in Clause 7 of the AUV Archive Policy.

In special circumstances and as resolved in each case by AUV on the recommendation of the Archivist, digital copies of materials from the AUV Archive may be made available to users who are abroad or otherwise unable to attend the archive in person.

Persons who wish to work with materials from the Archive should apply to the AUV Archive Committee through the AUV Contact webpage at <https://auv.org.au/contact/>

The request should indicate:

- the name and contact details of the applicant;
- the purpose for which access is requested (no more than 250 words);
- the kinds of document the applicant would like to inspect; and
- the applicant's research experience and, if applicable, academic or other relevant affiliation and credentials.

The applicant will be informed of the AUV's decision no later than one month after the request is received.

Where access is granted, the Archivist will communicate with the applicant to make further arrangements.

Fees

A fee will be payable by the user to cover the cost of the Archivist's time (at the Senior Research Associate level of the university with which AUV has the closest ties at the time of the application), the AUV's overheads and any incidental costs. AUV will provide the intending user with an estimate of the anticipated fee, 50% of which will be required as a deposit before work begins.