

GUIDE TO EDWARD J WARD COLLECTION

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Extent:	1 box
Genre and Forms:	Newspaper articles, journal articles
Abstract:	Collection contains newspaper and magazine articles relating to EJ Ward as well as publications from the Australian Labor Party.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Biographical note

Edward John (Eddie) Ward (1899-1963), was an Australian politician, born on 21 March 1899 at Darlington, Sydney. His working class origins spurred him to join the local branch of the Political Labor League at 16. He bounced between jobs and he boxed professionally to supplement his income.

On 27 September 1924 Ward married Edith at St Patrick's Church, Parramatta. He toiled as a labourer and chainman on the tramways. He became president of the Surry Hills branch of the Australian Labor Party and in 1930-1934 an alderman on the Sydney Municipal Council. He had a strong admiration for Jack Lang and a friendship with Jack Beasley. He was Beasley's campaign director in the 1929 Federal election. Ward gained pre-selection for a Federal by-election in the Labor stronghold of East Sydney, which he won on 7 March 1931. He briefly lost the seat and re-gained it on 6 February 1932 and then held it until his death.

Ward was minister for labour and national service from 7 October 1941 and was then demoted to the portfolios of transport and external territories on 21 September after controversy. Ward's bids for the deputy leadership in 1946, 1950, 1951 and 1956 were unsuccessful. Due to ill health he took several months break between 1960-1961 as he battled heart disease and diabetes mellitus.

By 1962 Ward had been a member of the House of Representatives for three decades. He died at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney on 31 July 1963 of myocardial infarction. He was survived by his wife and two children. He was given a state funeral and was buried with Catholic rites in Randwick cemetery.

Source: <https://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/ward-edward-john-eddie-11959>

Local Catalogue Headings

Ward, Edward John, 1899-1963
Politicians -- Australia

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Ward 01

Parliamentary Debates, Senate, Twenty-fourth parliament, first session, 13th August 1963.

Ward 02

Parliamentary Debates, House of representatives, Twenty-fourth parliament, first session, 13th August 1963.

Ward 03

Socialist and Industrial Labor, August 1963, Vol. 5, No. 7.

Ward 04

1963, *A tribute to the memory of the honorable Edward John Ward MP*, The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Ward 05

1961, *Official Industrial Directory*, Trades Union Publicity, Sydney.

Ward 06

Rivett, D 1941, *Coming demands for technical men*, Melbourne Technical College, Melbourne.

Ward 07

George, DL 1914, *The Great War: speech delivered by the Rt Hon David Lloyd George, MP*, Hodder and Stoughton, London

Ward 08

Pritchard, EW 1946, *Dialectics in theory and practice: a clear and concise account of this much misunderstood subject*, Edgar W Pritchard, Marryatville

Ward 09

1957, *Report on the committee on Australian universities*, Commonwealth government printer, Canberra.

Ward 10

1949, *Report on the royal commission: Timber rights in the territory of Papua-New Guinea*, Commonwealth Government Printer, Canberra.

Ward 11

ALP Journal, September 1963, ALP, Sydney

Ward 12

Solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the Hon Edward J Ward MHR, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, 3 August 1964

Ward 13

1963, *Nation*, No 127.

Ward 14

1963, *Trumpet Call*, Vol. 5, No. 4

Ward 15

Australian Labor Party Executive report 1964

Ward 16

1963, *The Bulletin*, Vol. 85

Ward 17

Baume, E 2GB Radio broadcast typescript.

Ward 18

3 black and white photographs in envelope

Ward 19

Banking Bill 1947, Speech by EJ Ward, House of Representatives, 23 October 1947

Ward 20

Newspapers and clippings from 1963-5, including Australian Financial Review, Century, The Australian, The Sun-Herald, Daily Mirror, The Sydney Morning Herald.
Most referring to death of EJ Ward.