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INTRODUCTION

The history of the dairy industry in Northern Tasmania, one of the state's most important industries, is one of private and co-operative enterprise dating from the early 19th century. The collection relates essentially to the various butter and cheese-making co-operatives which contributed to that industry, from the establishment of the first at Table Cape in 1892 to the amalgamation of the three large remaining ones to form United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd in 1981. These last three co-operatives (United Milk Products (UMP) Ltd, North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd and North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd) each had their own complex history of mergers, takeovers and asset sales.

Many items in the United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd collection were originally accumulated as source material to assist with the writing of UMT's centenary publication *Born of necessity* by Margery Godfrey and Ron Neilson (Smithton, 1992).

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in 1993 and 1994, with additional items donated in 1999. At the initial time of acquisition, the Museum was conducting a major research project into the history of the dairy industry in Northern Tasmania. Several items from the collection were used as exhibits in a related exhibition (*Cherry Churns and Cheese*). The research report was published in 1995 (Jill Cassidy, *The Dairy Heritage of Northern Tasmania*).

A.1 United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd

United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd was established under the *United Milk Products Ltd (Amalgamation) Act 1981* (No 33 of 1981), through the amalgamation of United Milk Products (UMP) Ltd, North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, Nedco Cool Stores Pty Ltd, and Nedco Co-operative Society Ltd and 'any other company ...'

In effect, UMT was the result of a merger between UMP (Smithton), the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd (Devonport), and the North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd (Legerwood). It was the culmination of discussions and negotiations over 60 years, during which time there had been six major rationalisations in the dairy industry in Northern Tasmania.

UMT's initial years were not without difficulty as the company confronted organisational, financial, shareholder and regional issues. It was not until 1984/85 that it was able to operate on a secure basis.

A.1/1	United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd, <i>United Milk Products Ltd (Amalgamation) Act 1981</i>	1981-1990
A.1/2	Board reports (includes agenda, minutes of meetings reports etc)	1981-1982
A.1/3	Board reports (includes agenda, minutes of meetings, annual report 1982 and other reports)	1982-1983
A.1/4.1	Board reports (includes financial and other reports)	1983
A.1/4.2	Board reports (includes financial and other reports)	1983
A.1/5	Financial, working papers re salaries, leave etc	1981-1988
A.1/6	Financial, working papers re position at 23 March 1982	1982
A.1/7	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1983
A.1/8	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1984
A.1/9	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1985
A.1/10	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook, March-April only	1986
A.1/11	<i>Employee manual, Newsletter August 1981-December 1982 (various issues), UMT News April 1994, Bonlac Foods Ltd merger information memorandum 1998</i>	1981-1998
A.1/12	Ephemera: certificates of inspection (Deloraine pressure vessels), milk production record sheet, shopping bag, Table Cape cheddar cheese wrap 1983, notes re Wynyard cheese factory and whey plant c1985, Australian Championships 1988 results, opening of new Wynyard facilities March 1989, program, notes for	1982-1992

centenary of opening of Table Cape Butter and Bacon
Factory 1992 (includes references to other co-operatives)

B.1 Table Cape Butter and Bacon Factory Ltd

Tasmania's first co-operatively owned butter factory was floated by C B M Fenton in 1892 with 98 subscribers. Dairying in the Wynyard-Flowerdale area had been developing quickly and, despite the economic depression of the 1890s, the success of the new factory was critical. By 1910 many local farmers were no longer mortgaged, the reputation of 'Lighthouse' butter was assured and a new brick building was under construction. The factory was rebuilt in 1958 to handle increased production. The question of amalgamation with the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company and the Emu Bay Co-operative Butter Factory first arose in 1926, but was rejected. In 1935, Table Cape became the first Tasmanian dairy factory to win the Australian Butter Championships.

In 1963, the Table Cape Company purchased the Yolla Dairy Company's butter factory to start its successful cheese-making venture. The merger between the Table Cape (Wynyard) and Duck River (Smithton) Companies, to form United Milk Products (effective from 31 January 1973), was an important rationalisation within the dairy industry following Britain's entry into the European Economic Community.

B.1/1	Table Cape Butter and Bacon Factory Ltd, <i>Memorandum and Articles of Association</i> , 1910, 1954 and 1971 editions	1910-1971
B.1/2	Indentures for conveyance and reconveyance, abstracts and supplemental abstracts of title	1885-1980s
B.1/3	Mortgage deeds, insurance policies	1892-1971
B.1/4	Original specifications for Wynyard butter factory, manuscript	1892
B.1/5	Cheese factory building contracts with L T Stubbs (includes drawings)	1965
B.1/6	Minutes of Directors' meetings, photocopy of first meeting 12 March 1892	1892
B.1/7	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1967-1980
B.1/8	Directors' reports (includes Prospectus 1892, balance sheets 1893-1896, reports 1896-1972, with gaps, mainly photocopies)	1892-1972
B.1/9	Correspondence re building alterations	1939
B.1/10	T J McMahon share certificate	1966
B.1/11	Manuscript re R E Neilson's farm diary, Hawkesbury College	1950

B.1/12	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1970-1972
B.1/13	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1972-1973
B.1/14	<i>Jubilee souvenir 1892-1942</i> , photocopy, .. <i>An Occasion for Pride</i> .. program for official opening of Wynyard cheese-making plant 1972, <i>Table Cape Newsletter</i> nos 1-35, February 1970-January 1973, 'Table Cape: Tasmania's first butter factory', <i>The Examiner</i> , October 1987, photocopy	1942-1987
B.1/15	R E Neilson's certificates for grading, testing, cheese-making, butter-making 1948-1952, Lighthouse and Table Cape butter wraps	1948-c1970
B.1/16	Directors' report, including balance sheets	1893-1968

B.2 Yolla Dairy Company Ltd

The Yolla factory was built as a proprietary concern in 1906, following the closure of the Mount Hicks creamery (owned by Table Cape). It later became a co-operative and in 1912-1913 conducted the first herd testing service for suppliers in the state. A new factory was built in 1932, and it achieved a record production of 354 tons of butter in 1962. The factory was sold the following year to Table Cape for cheese-making purposes, but environmental problems contributed to its final closure in 1965. The Yolla Company's general store was also sold in the 1960s, although the Company itself was not finally wound up until 1977.

B.2/1	Yolla Dairy Company Ltd, <i>Memorandum and Articles of Association</i> , 1922 edition, two copies, one with 1954 amendments	1922-1954
B.2/2	Directors' reports, incomplete set (includes proxy voting form 1954)	1928-1964
B.2/3	Walter Wright memoir, typescript c1955	c1955-1989

B.3 Duck River Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd

This co-operative was about the sixth dairy factory to begin operating in the Circular Head region. It was established in 1904 as the Duck River Co-operative Butter and Bacon Factory Company Ltd (till 1935), largely through the efforts of Gippsland selectors. Despite financial and supplier difficulties, it was reaching record production by the time its new (second) factory opened in September 1918. A quality crisis led to a major staff reorganisation in the mid-1930s.

Duck River purchased the Circular Head Butter and Cheese Factory (Stanley) in 1937, Tassie Cheese Company (Broadmeadows) in 1939, the Montagu Cheese Factory in 1948 and the Cadbury-Fry-Pascall (Edith Creek) milk powder factory in 1969. By the time of its golden jubilee (1954) Duck River was the largest butter producer in the state, reaching a top production of 4,106 tons in 1971. A new bacon factory, built in 1951, continued a long interest in the subsidiary pig industry. Duck River merged with Table Cape Butter and Bacon Factory Ltd to form United

Milk Products (UMP) Ltd, effective from 31 January 1973. The bacon factory became United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd (see Section E.1).

B.3/1	Duck River Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd, <i>Memorandum and Articles of Association</i> , 1904 and 1946 editions, mortgage deeds 1968-1969	1904-1969
B.3/2	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1907-1921
B.3/3	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1921-1931
B.3/4	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1932-1941
B.3/5	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1942-1949
B.3/6	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1949-1955
B.3/7	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' meetings)	1955-1962
B.3/8	Minutes of Directors' meetings	1962-1966
B.3/9	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of Executive Committee from February 1967 and other meetings) (Note: for minutes of Directors' meetings 21 July 1972-19 January 1973 see B.5/2)	1966-1972
B.3/10	Minutes of Executive Committee meetings (Note: for minutes of Executive Committee meetings from February 1967 see B.3/9)	1949-1967
B.3/11	Board reports (includes Chairman and General Manager's monthly reports, notices of Directors' meetings, financial statements)	1953-1961
B.3/12	Board reports (includes Chairman to January 1962 and General Manager's monthly reports, notices of Directors' meetings, financial statements and other papers)	1961-1966
B.3/13	Board reports (includes General Manager's monthly reports, notices of Directors' meetings, financial statements and other papers) (Note: for Board reports July 1971-October 1972 see B.5/3)	1966-1971
B.3/14	Directors' reports and statements of accounts	1905-1949

B.3/15	Directors' reports and statements of accounts	1950-1972
B.3/16	Share register	1905-1941
B.3/17	Share register	1933-1935
B.3/18	Dividend book	1937-1946
B.3/19	Dividend book	1947-1952
B.3/20	Dividend book	1952-1956
B.3/21	Dividend book	1956-1959
B.3/22	Income tax and statistical returns (includes lists of shareholders, agreement re sale of Stanley factory 1937, correspondence, depreciation schedules and other working papers)	1935-1945
B.3/23	Manufacturing account 1937, share scrip certificates, 1955-1963, summary wages sheets 1944-1972, credit slips 1982	1937-1982
B.3/24	Wages register (includes employees' names, positions and salary earned)	1941-1943
B.3/26	Production, L Neilson's graph books (1)-(9)	1939-1971
B.3/27	Production, milk trucks weighbridge register	1970
B.3/28	Production, L Bramich's van docket book	1966
B.3/29	Van drivers' attendance register	1960-1973
B.3/30	Ephemera: property sale blocks (drawing) 1945, cream converter (drawing) 1958, butter production award certificates 1946, piggeries' award certificate 1958, historical notes c1992, butter wraps	1945-c1992

B.4 Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Australia Ltd (Edith Creek)

Cadbury's built the Edith Creek factory in 1949 to produce spray dried milk powder. It was bought by Duck River in 1969 as part of a diversification program and closed by United Milk Tasmania (UMT) in 1988 as a result of the introduction of a new range of products.

B.4/1	Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Australia Ltd (Edith Creek), stock register re calf food, milk cans, fuel oil	1949-1957
B.4/2	Machinery maintenance register	1956-1959

B.5 United Milk Products (UMP) Ltd

UMP was formed as a result of the merger of Table Cape Butter and Bacon Factory Ltd and Duck River Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd (effective from 31 January 1973). It provided a bridge between the age of individual co-operatives and the establishment of United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd eight years later and was an important further rationalisation of the dairy industry in the State's far North-West at that time. Its golden year was 1978.

UMP was responsible for the upgrading of the Smithton bacon factory (operated by its subsidiary United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd (see Section E.1), and the development of the Wynyard whey processing plant. Butter manufacture was centralised at Smithton, and the former Table Cape factory converted to cheese making. Amalgamation talks with the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company were held in 1974 and 1976, culminating in the establishment of UMT from 1 August 1981.

B.5/1	United Milk Products (UMP) Ltd, abstracts and supplemental abstracts of title re land at Franklin 1907-1963, mortgage deed 1975	1907-1975
B.5/2	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of Directors of Duck River Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd to 19 January 1973, minutes of Directors of United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd meetings September-December 1977)	1972-1977
B.5/3	Board reports (includes Duck River Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd Board reports to 10 October 1972, notices and agenda of UMP Board meetings, General Manager's monthly reports, financial statements and other papers)	1971-1975
B.5/4	Board reports (includes notices and agenda of Board meetings, General Manager's monthly reports)	1975-1978
B.5/5	Annual reports and statements of accounts	1973-1980
B.5/6	Share register, A-C	1941-1979
B.5/7	Share register, T-Z	1916-1979
B.5/8	Summary wages sheets 1972-1975, share scrip certificates 1973-1981, employees' superannuation bonuses statements and certificates September 1973, lists of shareholders, United Milk (Trading) Ltd credit slips 1980-1981	1972-1981
B.5/9	Working papers re salaries, leave etc	1976-1981
B.5/10	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1972-1973
B.5/11	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1973-1974

B.5/12	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1974-1975
B.5/13	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1976
B.5/14	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1976-1977
B.5/15	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	c1978
B.5/16	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1978-1979
B.5/17	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1979-1980
B.5/18	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1981-1982
B.5/19	Ephemera: butter, cheese and casein production award certificates	1975-1981
B.5/20	Ephemera: leaflets, Table Cape Cheese Factory Open Day program 1981, Scotchtown Road property, drawing	1975-1981

C.1 Emu Bay Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd

Incorporated on 21 December 1892, the Emu Bay factory began operation on 24 January 1893, only a few months after the Table Cape factory. Originally named the Emu Bay Butter Factory Company Ltd, it was founded by Captain W Jones (the 'King of Burnie') and located on Cooee Creek, just west of Burnie.

The Company became a co-operative on 25 February 1911 and had other factories at Riana (until 1925), Stanley (sold to Duck River in 1937), Irishtown and Nabageena (1920s). In 1928, it amalgamated with its main competitor, the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, and Ulverstone Butter Factory Company Ltd. This merger was the first major rationalisation in the state's dairy industry.

C.1/1	Emu Bay Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd, <i>Memorandum and Articles of Association</i> , 1911 edition, mortgage deed 1924, fire insurance policy receipt 1927, agreement with North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd Sep 1928 (Note: includes C.2/10 Document 31)	1911-1928
C.1/2	Directors' reports and balance sheets, 1921 and 1925 only	1921-1925

C.2 North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd

Established at Burnie on 27 September 1907, this co-operative enjoyed steady production through the 1914-1918 War period and the 1920s. Amalgamation talks with the Emu Bay Co-operative Butter Factory Company broke down in 1926, as did another proposal the following year to merge with Emu Bay and the Table Cape Butter and Bacon Factory to form a new company to be called Amalgamated Butter Company Ltd. Instead, the eventual amalgamation with Emu Bay and the Ulverstone Butter Factory Company in 1928 resulted in North-Western being re-incorporated.

By 1929, with the purchase of the A F Stenhouse factories at Deloraine and Devonport that year, the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company was the largest dairy manufacturer in Tasmania. The Round Hill Dairy Company near Burnie was purchased (and closed) in 1936. Ulverstone's Coastal Dairy Company was purchased in 1965. This Company was renamed Dairylands in 1967, although the factory closed in 1972. By 1978, the North-Western Co-operative was owned by some 6,000 shareholders, most living in the state, and wholly owned the subsidiary Dairylands Pty Ltd and its Devonport and Deloraine factories. It dominated the dairy industry in the region between Burnie and Deloraine for over 50 years, until becoming part United Milk Tasmania (UMT) in 1981.

C.2/1	North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, <i>Memorandum of Agreement and Articles of Association</i> , 1907, 1928 (includes second copy with later amendments and 1972 editions)	1907-1972
C.2/2	Draft and original Memoranda of Association and Certificate of Incorporation (Note: C.2/10 Documents 8, 9 and 137)	1928
C.2/3	Agreements, correspondence, mortgages, certificates (Note: C.2/10 Documents 1-20, with gaps)	1927-1952
C.2/4	Deeds, agreements, trade mark and other certificates, correspondence, minutes and notices of meetings (Note: C.2/10 Documents 21-35, with gaps)	1922-1937
C.2/5	Agreements, insurance policies, debentures, apprentice forms, registration certificates, lists of shareholders 1924 (Note: C.2/10 Documents 36-50, with gaps)	1915-1964
C.2/6	Agreements, insurance policies, mortgages, correspondence, registration certificates, Devonport factory specifications (includes drawings) (Note: C.2/10 Documents 51-70, with gaps)	c1935-1958
C.2/7	Agreements, advertising contract, correspondence, certificates, licences (Note: C.2/10 Documents 71-100, with gaps)	1936-1964
C.2/8	Export licences, registration certificates, agreements, abstract of title, insurance policy, correspondence (Note: C.2/10 Documents 103-139, with gaps)	1929-1950
C.2/9	Certificates of title (includes photocopies), correspondence, mortgages, Deloraine water chlorination plant contract, insurance policies, debenture (Note: C.2/10 Documents 140-187, with gaps)	1928-1973
C.2/10	Register of agreements for Documents 1-312 (see C.1/1, C.2/2-C.2/9 et al) and register of insurances	1922-1982

C.2/11	Minutes of meetings	1915-1929
C.2/12	Minutes of meetings	1929-1931
C.2/13	Minutes of meetings (includes summary of minutes re sale of Stanley factory 1936-1937) (Note: for copy of agreement re sale of Stanley factory see B.3/22)	1932-1937
C.2/14	Minutes of meetings	1938-1939
C.2/15	Minutes of meetings	1939-1940
C.2/16	Minutes of meetings	1940-1947
C.2/17	Minutes of meetings	1947-1949
C.2/18	Minutes of meetings	1950-1958
C.2/19	Minutes of meetings	1958-1961
C.2/20	Minutes of meetings	1961-1963
C.2/21	Minutes of meetings	1963-1965
C.2/22	Minutes of meetings	1965-1966
C.2/23	Minutes of meetings	1966-1967
C.2/24	Minutes of meetings	1967-1968
C.2/25	Minutes of meetings	1968-1969
C.2/26	Minutes of meetings	1969-1970
C.2/27	Minutes of meetings	1970-1971
C.2/28	Minutes of meetings	1971-1973
C.2/29	Minutes of meetings	1973-1974
C.2/30	Minutes of meetings	1974-1975
C.2/31	Minutes of meetings, Directors' minute book	1975-1977
C.2/32	Minutes of meetings, Directors' minute book	1977-1981
C.2/33	Minutes of shareholders' meetings	1963-1981
C.2/34	Minutes of Full Board meetings	1968-1970
C.2/35	Minutes of Full Board meetings	1970-1972

C.2/36	Minutes of Full Board meetings	1973-1974
C.2/37	Minutes of Full Board meetings	1975-1978
C.2/38	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1931-1936
C.2/39	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1936-1940
C.2/40	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1968-1970
C.2/41	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1972-1973
C.2/42	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1975-1976
C.2/43	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1976-1977
C.2/44	Secretary's minutes of meetings, manuscript	1976-1978
C.2/45	Directors' reports and statements of accounts, except 1928, 1930, 1932, 1942	1927-1962
C.2/46	Annual reports and statements of accounts	1963-1980
C.2/47	Occasional reports re butter production and factory facilities March 1954, marketing arrangements February 1977, cheese plant April 1978; products manufactured at Devonport September 1979; report to Industries Assistance Commission July 1978; submission to Minister for Primary Industry July 1978; specifications for finest quality dairy products September 1978	1954-1979
C.2/48	Correspondence re amalgamation, shares, <i>The Mercury's</i> defamatory article, purchase of A F Stenhouse factories, milk handling, cold storage, N A Lade (resignation), E T Johnstone Estate, co-operatives' meeting	1928-1978
C.2/49.1	Share register	1907-1928
C.2/49.2	Share register, A-L	1929-1936
C.2/49.3	Share register, L-Z	1929-1936
C.2/50.1	Share register, C-D	1929-1960
C.2/50.2	Share register, E-G	1929-1960
C.2/50.3	Share register, H-K	1929-1960
C.2/50.4	Share register, N-R	1929-1960
C.2/50.5	Share register, S-T	1929-1960

C.2/50.6	Share register, U-Z	1929-1960
C.2/51	Register of Directors' shareholdings, includes unused share scrip certificates	1962-1980
C.2/52	Miscellaneous papers (includes balance sheet 1934, war bonds 1947-1948, butter operations summary sheet 1952-1953, share scrip certificates 1907-1972, dividend printouts 1962-1964, bank cheques, receipts, Table Cape factory share offer 1972)	1907-1972
C.2/53	Export butter accounts register	1921-1945
C.2/54	SOLA exchange book	1924-1925
C.2/55	Manuscripts re Company history, J R Hilder, Dairyland cheddar cheese etc	1907-1992
C.2/56	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1950-1963
C.2/57	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook, Company advertising	1968-1972
C.2/58	Newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1974-1979
C.2/59	<i>Newsletter</i> nos 3-105, with gaps	1972-1980
C.2/60	Ephemera: butter wraps, stationery, certificates of inspection (refrigeration machinery), ballot papers for election of Directors 1977, Victorian Dairy Farmers Study Tour visit to J Archer property, Moltema 1979 (booklet), menu, programs, invitation, leaflets, Launceston Legacy certificates of adoption, Dairy Cow kit (posters)	1940-1981
C.2/61	Cheese production section opening November	1978
C.2/62.1	<i>Dairying in Australia</i> (VHS, col., 20 min.) by the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd.	nd
C.2/62.2	<i>Dairying in Australia</i> (16 mm film, col., 20 min.) by the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd.	nd

C.3 Ulverstone Butter Factory Company Ltd

This small co-operative began operations in 1910, following the purchase of a factory started by Murdoch Bros (Hobart) in 1907. The highest percentage of its production was exported to the United Kingdom, a factor which contributed to the Company's financial difficulties in the 1920s. It amalgamated with the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company and Emu Bay Co-operative Butter Factory Company in 1928. The Ulverstone factory was then closed (apart from a short period during the 1929 floods), and sold in 1936.

C.3/1	Ulverstone Butter Factory Company Ltd, agreement re purchase by North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, fire and motor vehicle insurance policies (Note: includes C.2/10 Document 32)	1923-1928
C.3/2	Directors' reports and balance sheets	1926-1928
C.3/3	List of cream suppliers Apr-May 1928, statement of accounts January 1929	1928-1929

C.4 A F Stenhouse (Deloraine and Devonport)

The Deloraine Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd commenced in 1900 under the name Western Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd (until 1907). Some years later the Devonport Butter Factory Company, also a co-operative, commenced operations (27 October 1911). Both were sold to Alexander F Stenhouse in the mid-1920s, before being purchased by the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company in 1929 for 7,000 pounds. North-Western maintained a factory on the Devonport site until 1974. The Deloraine factory closed about 1985.

C.4/1	A F Stenhouse (Deloraine and Devonport Butter Factories), fire insurance policies, lists of plant and machinery (Note: C.2/10 Document 46)	1926-1929
C.4/2	Minutes of meetings (includes Western Co-operative Dairy Ltd minutes of meetings 27 July-1 October 1900, pig accounts 1907-1915)	1900-1915

C.5 Round Hill Dairy Company Ltd

Begun in 1931 by R G Cook and F Brown, and located at Wivenhoe (east of Burnie), this factory survived only a few years before being purchased by the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company in 1936 and closed.

C.5/1	Round Hill Dairy Company Ltd, agreement with T Wiseman re lease and purchase (Note: C.2/10 Document 72)	1931-1936
C.5/2	Minutes of meetings, photocopy	1930-1936

C.6 Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd (Ulverstone)/ Dairyland Pty Ltd

Incorporated in October 1933, soon after the final closure of North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company's Ulverstone factory (formerly the Ulverstone Butter Factory Company Ltd), Coastal Dairy Company operated independently for barely 30 years. It too was purchased by the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company (in 1965) and the name changed to Dairyland Pty Ltd (from September 1967). The factory was closed in 1972, but the Company continued as a subsidiary of North-Western, responsible for retail distribution throughout Tasmania.

C.6/1	Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd/ Dairyland Pty Ltd,	1933-1973
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Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association 1933 and 1973 editions, Certificate of Change of Company Name 1967, photocopies

C.6/2	Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd/ Dairyland Pty Ltd, Minutes of meetings (includes Directors' reports 1982-1985) (Note: for minutes of meeting 13 April 1941 see C.6/3)	1962-1985
C.6/3	Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd, correspondence re Directors, shareholders, F T M Brown (includes minutes of meeting 13 April 1941)	1939-1943
C.6/4	Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd/ Dairyland Pty Ltd, share register	1933-1977
C.6/5	Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd, share scrip book (includes certificate nos 76-100 not issued)	1933-1974
C.6/6	Coastal Dairy Company Pty Ltd, share transfers, declarations of trust, share scrip certificates etc (Note: C.2/10 Document 184)	1965-1976

D.1 Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd/North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd

Commercial dairying in Tasmania's North East started almost at the same time as in the North West. There had been earlier privately owned factories, but the region's first co-operative, the Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd was not established until 1908. Its main competitor was the Tasmanian Produce and Cool Storage Company Ltd ('Cool Stores') which had factories in both Launceston and Ringarooma. Amalgamation of the two enterprises was discussed in 1923, and again between 1929 and 1932, but fell through. Instead, the Ringarooma Co-operative was renamed the North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd in 1932 and its new factory at Legerwood was opened the following year.

In 1946, the North-Eastern Co-operative took over the Winnaleah Dairy Company and Pyengana cheese factories from the 'Cool Stores'. Further amalgamation, this time with the Scottsdale Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, was first mooted in the late 1930s. Following North-Eastern's agreement to convert from a company to a registered society, the merger was finally effected from July 1966. It was a period of considerable prosperity. Another new factory was opened at Legerwood in 1965, the co-operative won the Australian Butter Championship in 1972, and took control of Toppa Products (Tasmania) Pty Ltd (Launceston) from January 1974.

In a climate of change in the dairy industry in the late 1970s, influenced in part by Britain's entry into the European Economic Community, the North-Eastern Co-operative received expressions of interest in amalgamation from Betta Milk Co-operative Society Ltd and Lactos Pty Ltd. These did not eventuate, but a merger with United Milk Products (UMP) Ltd and the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company to form United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd did. The latter commenced operations in August 1981.

D.1/1	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd, <i>Memorandum and Articles of Association</i> ,	1908-1952
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1908 edition, two copies with later amendments

D.1/2	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company (Society) Ltd, indentures of conveyance, abstract and supplemental abstract of title, mortgage deeds	1950-1981
D.1/3	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd. minutes of meetings	1908-1913
D.1/4	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd/ North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, minutes of meetings	1914-1937
D.1/5	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, minutes of meetings	1937-1950
D.1/6	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, minutes of meetings (includes typescript copy of Memorandum of Association and list of shareholders 1952)	1950-1961
D.1/7	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company (Society) Ltd, minutes of meetings (includes lists of shareholders 1965-1966)	1961-1968
D.1/8	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, minutes of meetings (includes lists of shareholders, Chairman of Directors annual report 1970)	1969-1977
D.1/9	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, minutes of meetings (includes Chairman of Directors annual reports 1978-1980)	1977-1981
D.1/10	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd/ North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company (Society) Ltd, rotation of Directors, record book	1914-1947, 1979-1981
D.1/11	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd/ North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company (Society) Ltd, correspondence re deceased shareholders, E Robertson's share scrips, proxy voting, cream and milk suppliers, G A Dehais, Director's nomination, annual reports	1909-1980
D.1/12	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd, annual balance sheets, except 1909-1910, 1913, 1915	1911-1932
D.1/13	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, annual balance sheets/ balance sheets and statements of accounts	1933-1966
D.1/14	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, annual reports and financial statements	1967-1980

D.1/15	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd, balance sheets, except 1913	1909-1920
D.1/16	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd, balance sheets	1921-1932
D.1/17	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, balance sheets	1933-1946
D.1/18	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd, balance sheets	1947-1965
D.1/19	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, balance sheets	1966-1975
D.1/20	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, balance sheets	1976-1980
D.1/21	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd, bills payable/receivable register 1908 (includes two promissory notes 1931)	1908, 1931
D.1/22	Ringarooma Co-operative Butter, Cheese and Bacon Factory Company Ltd/ North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, share scrip certificates, lists of shareholders 1966-1982	1909-1974
D.1/23	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, share register A-K	1966-1976
D.1/24	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, share register L-Y	1966-1976
D.1/25	North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, ephemera: Company statistics 1893-1971 (poster), <i>Legerwood</i> (leaflet), Gilbert & Associates (Chartered Accountants, Launceston) stationery)	1971-1975

D.2 Scottsdale Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd

Established in 1911, and not to be confused with the short-lived Scottsdale Co-operative Dairy Company (1889-1890), this co-operative served its district for 55 years. It was successful from the outset, overcoming quality problems in the 1930s and realising a record butter production of 602 tons in 1964-1965. However, it was never a large producer. In a climate of increasing industry rationalisation, it amalgamated with the North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Company (subsequently Society) in 1966. The Scottsdale factory continued in operation until 1970.

D. 2/1	Scottsdale Cooperative Dairy Society Ltd, indentures for conveyance and reconveyance, abstract of title, mortgage deeds	1911-1966
D. 2/2.1	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of	1938-1950

	shareholders' general meetings)	
D. 2/2.2	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' general meetings)	1950-1963
D. 2/2.3	Minutes of Directors' meetings (includes minutes of shareholders' general meetings)	1963-1966
D. 2/3	Balance sheets and statements of accounts, except 1962, list of shareholders 30 June 1966	1961-1965

D.3 Nedco Co-operative Society Ltd

This Society was set up in 1975, following the re-organisation of the North-Eastern Co-operative Dairy Society Ltd, to operate merchandise stores at Scottsdale and Legerwood. It was one of two Nedco companies named in the *United Milk Products Ltd (Amalgamation) Act 1981* which established United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd.

D.3/1	Nedco Co-operative Society Ltd, annual reports	1976-1980
D.3/2	Share scrip certificates, proxy voting forms, list of shareholders 30 June 1980	1976-1980

E.1 United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/United Meat Products Ltd

United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd, which also traded as UMP Abattoirs Ltd, was a subsidiary of United Milk Products (UMP) Ltd. It had its origins in the Duck River bacon factory built in 1951, although the North-Western Co-operative Dairy Company's production of bacon as a side industry dates back much earlier. The name United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd was changed to United Meat Products Ltd in August 1981, following the establishment of United Milk Tasmania (UMT) Ltd.

E.1/1	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, <i>Memorandum of Association</i> , 1973 edition, Certificate of Change of Company Name 1981, Holder Technical Assistance Deed between UMT and J Schoen Company 1981, agreements with Byron Agricultural Company, E Yaxley, Richardson's Meat Industries, some photocopies	1973-1986
E.1/2	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, minutes of Directors' meetings (includes notices, and minutes of other meetings, some photocopies)	1977-1986
E.1/3	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, Companies Act returns (includes Directors' reports, balance sheets and other papers)	1973-1983
E.1/4	United Meat Products Ltd, Stegman report 'A Higher Value Meat Process' October 1979	1979

E.1/5	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, correspondence re laboratory testing standards, employees' leave, chilled beef exports, Tasmanian Exports awards, German small goods technology, Byron Agricultural Company export licensing agreement, UMP Piggery, D J King	1978-1986
E.1/6	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, balance sheets and accounts	1974-1985
E.1/7	United Meat Products Ltd, monthly profit and loss statements	1983-1984
E.1/8	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, abattoirs costings	1980-1982
E.1/9	United Meat Products Ltd, R Campbell's working papers	1982-1984
E.1/10	United Meat Products Ltd, B Smith's asset split papers re UMP and Richardson's Meat Industries Ltd	1984-1985
E.1/11	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd/ United Meat Products Ltd, newspaper cuttings scrapbook	1978-1982
E.1/12	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd, <i>UMP presents chilled boneless beef from Tasmania</i> , spiral bound volume 1979 edition	1977-1979
E.1/13	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd, <i>UMP presents chilled boneless beef from Tasmania</i> , spiral bound volume 1980 edition	1977-1980
E.1/14	United Milk (Abattoirs) Ltd, <i>UMP presents chilled boneless beef from Tasmania</i> , booklet, newspaper articles stationery, forms	1976-c1979

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F.2/1	Committee of Co-operatives, minutes of meetings	1967-1968
F.3/1	Tasmanian Farmers Co-operative Association (Burnie), invoices (includes billheads for Emu Bay Co-operative Butter Factory Company Ltd and Yolla Butter Factory	1912

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G.1/1 *Companies Act, Unclaimed Moneys Act* 1918-1970

G.1/2 *Dairy Produce Act, Milk Act, Milk Regulations, Food and Drugs Regulations, Dairy Industry Bill, Public Health Act, Pesticides Act* 1932-1976

G.1/3 *Stamp Duties Act* 1931-1970

G.1/4 *Traffic Act* 1925-1968

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