

## Records about Aboriginal people

### UNION AND ORGANISATION RECORDS

The records of many unions and organisations include files about Aboriginal organisations and issues. The items listed below are just a sample.

#### **Amalgamated Metal Workers Union**

Aborigines – Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement, 1970–78 (Z102/30)

**Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia, Federal Council**  
Aborigines Strike Fund, 1967 (E192/9/4)

#### **Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations**

Aborigines, 1964–70 (E215/19, 49)

#### **Australian Council of Trade Unions**

Correspondence with unions – WA and Darwin, 1929–40 (N21/48)

Secretary's subject files – Aborigines, 1946–71 (N21/362 & 662, N68/1–3)

North Australian Workers Union, 1946–69 (N21/625, 2030–32)

Congress minutes, 19.9.63 and 16.9.65 (S784/2–3)

#### **Australian Railways Union**

Tas Branch – Aborigines, 1958–68 (E231/99, N11/1)  
SA Branch – Aboriginal Education Foundation of SA, 1968–69 (N79/461)

#### **Australian Teachers Federation**

Education for Aborigines seminar, 1966 (E223/25)  
Aboriginal education, 1966–73 (E275/1–2)

#### **Australian Workers Union**

Pastoral Industry Award, AWU v. Pastoralists' Federal Council of Australia, 1917 (N117/560)

#### **Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia, Federal Office**

General correspondence, 1965 (N84/205)

#### **Federated Engine Drivers & Firemen's Association, New South Wales Branch**

Aboriginal rights, 1977–83 (N72/1226–27)

#### **Federated Furnishing Trade Society**

SA Branch – ACTU Congress 1963, Aborigines – equal wages (N98/32)

#### **Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union**

Aborigines – FCAATSI and other organisations prior to 1972 (Z370/79)

Aboriginal advancement, 1962–75 & Aborigines – Northern Territory, 1963–73 (Z370/80)

North Australian Workers Union – minutes and correspondence, 1971–76 (Z370/12)

#### **Federation of Scientific and Technical Workers, Victorian Branch**

Correspondence with Aboriginal organisations, 1946–56 (A14/8/6)

#### **New South Wales Farmers Association**

Aboriginal land rights, 1964–82 (N92/843–45)

#### **New South Wales Teachers Federation**

Aborigines, 1965–75 (N111/1–8)

FCAATSI, 1965–73 (N111/9–16)

#### **North Australian Workers Union**

Correspondence, 1942–44 (E170A/1)

#### **Seaman's Union of Australia**

Fremantle Branch – correspondence and clippings, 1945–57 (E183/17/9)

Federal Office – Aborigines, 1961–78 (N38/61–65)

Victorian Branch – Aborigines, 1966–72 (Z263/1)

Council for Aboriginal Rights, 1957–65 (Z263/12)

Sydney Branch – Aborigines, 1970–78 (Z91/95)

#### **Sheetmetal Working, Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia**

Papers of TW Wright, NSW Branch Secretary and Federal President – Aboriginal organisations, 1960–72 (E206/1)

Federal Council meeting, May 1964 (E245/33)

#### **South Australian Institute of Teachers**

Education of Australian Aborigines (N91/264)

#### **Union of Postal Clerks & Telegraphists, Executive Council, Sydney**

Thompson case, 1970–71 (E226/98–100)

FCAATSI, 1964–72 (E226/389–92)

#### **Waterside Workers Federation**

Aborigines – FCAATSI, 1963–66 (N114/489)

**Waterside Workers Federation (cont.)**

Aborigines – land rights – Gurindjis, 1972–74 (N114/490)  
Aborigines, 1976–80 (Z432/24)  
Aborigines – employment, 1964–65 (Z432/24)  
Aborigines – land rights, includes Noonkanbah dispute, 1965–82 (Z432/24)  
Sydney Branch photograph – Aborigines demonstrating for equal rights (Z248/80)  
Sydney Branch pamphlets on Aborigines (Z248/69)

**COMPANY RECORDS**

The Noel Butlin Archives Centre holds records of a number of Australian pastoral companies and stations where Aboriginal people lived and worked. We also have comprehensive maps to identify stations and a complete set of the *Australian Pastoral Directory* to track ownership of stations. Some examples of company records are:

**Australian Agricultural Company**

Brunette Downs Station files on Aboriginal/Native payments, 1963–71 (Z354/1 & 5)

**Australian Estates Pty Ltd**

Eva Downs Pastoral Co native wages books, 1963–68 (Z200/79)  
Creswell Downs Pastoral Co native wages books, 1959–68 (Z200/83A)  
Walhallow Pastoral Co Pty Ltd native wages book, 1961–68 (Z200/87)

**Bovril Estates Ltd**

'Native Ledger' – Victoria River Downs Station, 1932–50 (87/5)  
Statements of wages paid to Aboriginal station and domestic workers on Victorian River Downs Station, 1951–52 (42/12)  
Papers relating to Aborigines and their employment, 1945–48 (42/14)  
Papers relating to Aborigines employed on Victoria River Downs, 1954–60 (87/18)  
Aboriginal employment – printed regulations and reports, 1945–51 (119/11)

**Dalgety Ltd**

Correspondence between London Office and WA Branch, 1899 (N8/90)

**Elder, Smith and Company**

Mt Eba Station ledgers, 1879–1900 (8/212/2–7)

**Fletcher Bros**

Ularunda Station, Queensland: labour contracts, 1929–38 (14/3/3) and wages, 1928–32 (14/4/17)

**McKillop & Sons Pty Ltd**

Buddha Station, Narromine, wages and rations, 1871–78 (Z376/17)

**Peel River Land and Mineral Company**

Correspondence from United Graziers Association on employment of Aborigines, 1922 (115/50)

**PERSONAL PAPERS****J E Coleman collection**

Aborigines, 1971–74 (P119/3)

**Keith Hancock collection**

Aborigines – letters, notes, printed material, 1890–1969 (P96/11)

**Michael Hess collection**

Documentary material of 1946 Pilbara pastoral workers strike, 1946–50 (Z522)

**Geoff McDonald collection**

Aborigines – World Council of Churches (N94/837–844)  
Aboriginal Land Rights (N94/868–887)  
Aboriginals – leaflets, 1976–84 (N94/930, P94/54/1)  
Aborigines, 1968–85 (N94/1416–1428)  
Publications – Aboriginals, 1950–84 (N94/503–521, N94/1551)

**J Normington Rawling collection**

Pamphlets, 1915–39 (N57/1292–1304)

**Dr John Playford collection**

Council for Advancement of Aborigines – circulars (P14/13/20)  
Aborigines – news cuttings, 1968–72 (P124/536)  
Aboriginals, 1968 (P128/150)

**Tom Wright collection**

Aborigines, 1964–65 (P120/983)  
Pamphlets re Aboriginals, 1933–67 (Z267/1–2)  
Press cuttings re Aboriginals, 1946–76 (Z267/6)  
Personal file on Aborigines, 1940–55 (Z267/8)

**SERIALS**

*Australian Abo Call*, Nos 1–6, Aborigines Progressive Association, 1938 (S1149)

*Aboriginal Affairs Information Paper*, 1962–66 (S6)

*Smoke Signals*, Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, 1960–67 (S404)