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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

Included in this collection of records are documents relating to the incorporation of the Aboriginal Publications Foundation (APF), the rules of the Foundation, Committee meeting minutes and papers, financial and membership records, correspondence, papers relating to staff matters and contact information used when attempting to increase circulation of the Foundation's journals, *Identity* and *Aboriginal and Islander Forum*.

There are also literary and factual contributions submitted for publication, articles prepared for publication and information such as flyers for new publications sent to the Foundation for possible coverage, such as in a book review, in the Foundation's journals. Also included is background

material on a wide variety of matters covered by the Foundation's journals.

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Provenance

The records of the Aboriginal Publications Foundation were held at AIATIS after the Foundation's office, which was at AIATIS for a short time, was closed. They were transferred to the AIATSIS Library by Robert Leslie Malezer in June 2003.

Material separated from collection

A.C.T. Koories Club records, received with this collection, are held in the Library at PMS 5960.

Records on thermal paper and newspaper clippings have been copied for preservation. The originals may not have been retained.

Related material

For a complete listing of works by and about the Aboriginal Publications Foundation held by the Library, and for other related material, consult [Mura[®], the AIATSIS catalogue](#).

Records of the Foundation can also be found at the National Library of Australia in the Papers of Charles Perkins, Series 7, Aboriginal Publications Foundation, 1974-80 (NLA MS 8047/7). The series is closed until 2010. A [Finding Aid](#) is available. The [National Library](#) also holds the papers of Barrie Ovenden, the first editor of the Foundation's journal *Identity*. They contain some material on the Foundation and are held at NLA MS 5074.

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Archivists note

Photographs received with the collection were reviewed by the AIATSIS Audiovisual Archive before being incorporated into this collection.

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Aboriginal Publications Foundation Incorporated was an Australia wide Aboriginal organisation, formed in 1970, with membership open to Australian Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders with Associate Membership to others. The Foundation received an initial grant from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs and although it hoped to become self-supporting over time it was unable to achieve this goal.

The Foundation's basic objectives, listed in its Rules, were

- To publish a journal of creative writing and the arts being the work of Aboriginal Australians
- To publish books, pamphlets and other publications by, and for, Aboriginal Australians
- To commission such works for publication
- To organise training for Aboriginal Australians in literary, visual and other relevant arts and crafts
- To provide scholarships, fellowships and advances and other assistance for Aboriginal creative artists of promise

- To conduct competitions, arrange exhibitions, make awards and in other ways recognize and reward distinguished performance by Aboriginal Australians in the literary, visual and related arts and crafts.

The Foundation was run by a Committee, which met in different states. The Committee appointed the Editor and was involved in some of the decisions of the Foundation's Office, such as salary rates, long service leave and superannuation provisions as well as in the content of their publications. A major part of the Committee's work involved obtaining grants for the Foundation so that the publication of *Identity* and *Aboriginal and Islander Forum* could continue and also in ensuring that the Foundation's operations were efficient.

Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) was the President of the first elected committee. The Vice Presidents were Doug Nicholls and Don Brady, Charles Perkins was Secretary, Gordon Briscoe was Treasurer, and members were George Abdullah, Ken Hampton, Harry Nelson, John Moriarty and Bob Randall. Charles Perkins, a Research Officer at the Office of Aboriginal Affairs at the time, was very important in establishing the Foundation.

The Foundation's first project was the publication of *Identity*, a national quarterly magazine first published in 1971. It was produced in Sydney until the Foundation's Office was established in Perth in 1974. The Foundation's Office was moved to Canberra in 1979.

First Birthday Issue of *Identity*

Volume 1, no. 5, July 1972, p.1

IDENTITY

Vol. 1 No. 5 July 1972

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Editor: BARRIE OVENDEN

Published by the Aboriginal Publications Foundation Inc.
PO Box 18, Mosman, NSW 2088. Phone 960-1790

Registered for transmission by post as a periodical — Category B.

Printed by Ambassador Press, Sydney.

Identity, July 1972



THIS YEAR, 1972. The time is Autumn.

There is a restlessness in the camps of black opinion. Nothing you can put your finger on, but it is undoubtedly there.

A something in the atmosphere that tells you there is hope.

A something that tells you a new courage is being born. A courage that moves a black woman, a black man, and a black child to brave the terror of confronting those who govern our lives.

A courage that makes black people look beyond the walls that have been up for so long to "protect" us.

There is a restlessness, too, in some camps of white opinion. This is unendurably clear in the faces of those who are so fond of sociological and research reports and investigational committees.

As long as the blacks can be dealt with as a kind of statistic . . . perhaps as something to manipulate . . . perhaps as something to avoid. . . .

But the barriers of communication between us are breaking down. What is happening to a black person in the slums of Redfern is also happening to those black people who are still living in the barren centre of our country.

Black people are now looking around them. They are now reading.

Identity — you have helped us to identify. The educated read. Those who have been deprived of education, look. You help to make us one.

This is your first birthday. You look so dignified as you stand on the railway station bookstalls and newsagents' racks. I am sure you make the editors and publishers of all the other magazines around you green with envy.

But then, of course, you belong to a dignified people.

We wish you well and trust that you will continue to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

We hope you will retain your superior level, remaining free from all small-mindedness.

FAITH BANDLER

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By 1980 the Foundation's sole objective was the publication of *Identity* 'as a national magazine of Aboriginal and Islanders views, opinions and style and [it was aimed] at promoting Aboriginal and Islanders talent in the various forms of Art' (*Identity*, vol. 4, no. 1, Oct 1980 [p.1]).

The President's 1981 report detailed the following general policies for the Foundation

- To publish *Identity* as a quality magazine
- The magazine to be a voice for Aboriginal thought and opinion and to speak freely on all subjects of interest
- To provide through the magazine a vehicle for Aboriginal creative writing and art, and that
- Committee members and members of the Foundation to be actively involved in production and distribution of the magazine

Identity ceased publication with volume 4, number 7, in June 1982 after the Australian Arts Board decided not to continue its financial support. The records indicate that the Foundation made strenuous efforts to cut costs and to find alternative funding. Sufficient funding to at least continue with *Identity*'s publication was sought for 1983/84 from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. The Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS) assisted in these efforts, agreeing to administrative support. Funding was presumably not found as publication of the journal was not resumed.

***Identity* Editors and some *Identity* milestones**

Volume 1

- no. 1, July 1971 Editor: Barrie Ovenden, forward by Kath Walker. Launched at the Chevron Hotel, Sydney, 5 July 1971
- no. 2, Oct. 1971 Editor: Barrie Ovenden, forward by Pastor Doug Nicholls. Article about the launch of *Identity*, pp.10-11
- no. 3, Jan. 1972 Editor: Barrie Ovenden, forward by Kevin Gilbert
- no. 4, April 1972 Editor: Barrie Ovenden, forward by Charles Perkins
- no. 5, July 1972 Editor: Barrie Ovenden, forward by Faith Bandler. Cover features Aboriginal Tent Embassy
- no. 6, Nov. 1972 New Editor: John A. Newfong, the first Indigenous professional journalist. Some biographical notes about Newfong in introduction of new editor. Editorial by John Newfong who also painted the 'Black Power' painting on the cover
- no. 7, July 1973 Editorial by John A. Newfong who was leaving to work first on Channel 7 Television Network then on *Ebony* in the United States. Announcement of new editor, Michael Anderson
- no. 8, Aug 1973 Looking for new premises – were at 252 George St, Sydney, NSW which were not seen as suitable for future operations. Co-Editors//Editorial: Jack Davis and Michael Anderson
- no.9, Jan 1974 Office moved to Perth. Editor: Jack Davis. Labelled vol. 2, no. 1 Jan 1974 on contents page, vol.1, no. 9 Jan on cover. Davis remained as Editor until 1979. Payment rates for articles mentioned for the first time
- no. 10, Mar 1974 March 1974 on cover; April 1974 on Contents page

Volume 2

- no. 2, Oct 1974 Gary Foley report on National Aboriginal Congress; article by John Austin and Michael Dodson – 'Aboriginal Law students, Monash University, Victoria'; Harold Thomas sketches
- no. 4, April 1975 Editorial reprinted by courtesy of Michael Tremlow and *National Review*
- no. 5, July 1975 Title changed to *Aboriginal and Thursday Islander Identity*. Comment on a certain amount of duplication of work of Aboriginal Arts Board and the Aboriginal Publications Foundation. Comment repeated in all issues until no. 9, Jan 1979
- no. 6, Oct. 1975 Title changed to *Aboriginal and Islander Identity*
- no. 9, April 1976 Editorial covers announcement of appointment of Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls to the position of Governor of South Australia

Volume 3

- no. 5, Jan 1978 Numbered incorrectly as no. 4
- no. 7, July 1978 Black bordered Editorial 'The Australian Mining Industry Council v. The Aboriginal'
- no.. 9, Jan 1979 Announcement that the Aboriginal Publications Foundation office to be transferred to Canberra, ACT

	no. 10, Oct 1979	New Editor: John Newfong. Office now at 46-48 Colbee Court, Phillip, ACT 2606
Volume 4	no. 1, Oct 1980	Editors: John Newfong and Les Malezar
	no. 2, Jan 1981	Editor: Les Malezar. Editorial briefly outlines difficulties facing <i>Identity</i> with high production costs and low income and calls for readers to encourage new subscribers which were essential for the magazine's continuation. The Editor's response to the problems was a new style of magazine with new content
	no. 7, June 1982	Interim Editor: Jack Waterford. Editorial on possible demise of <i>Identity</i> magazine although the Australian Publications Foundation was still hoping to find alternative finance as the Australian Arts Board support had been withdrawn

No further issues published

	1982	Some material collected for 'Next issue' (See Series 10, Items 22a and 22b)
	July 1983	George Harwood appointed Managing Editor for 6 – 12 months in July 1983 after working voluntarily in May and manning an office, which he had organised at AIAS, on a part time voluntary basis. Minister for Aboriginal Affairs approved APF funds being channelled through AIAS in order to save administrative costs if funding was given to APF.

The Foundation also published *Aboriginal and Islander forum*, which began in 1975 and ceased publication with volume 3, number 12, January 1978/December 1979.

The Library holds *Identity* at S 21/10 and *Aboriginal and Islander Forum* at SF 21/2.

With the creation of the Aboriginal Arts Board there was some duplication in the work of the Foundation and the Board as both had similar aims. From mid 1975, while the objectives of the Foundation remained the same, the promotional work carried out by the Foundation was placed under the control of the Board and the Foundation became a referral body for the Aboriginal Arts Board.

Although the Foundation elected a Committee for 1983/84 and acquired an office at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, which was manned on a voluntary, part-time basis, the Foundation ceased operations after the publication of *Identity* ceased. The Aboriginal Arts Board of the Australia Council was fulfilling most of the functions of the Foundation by this time.

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1. *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*. Canberra, 1994, pp.23-24
2. *Identity*, vol.1, 1971 – vol. 4, 1982
3. *Kunmanggur* no. 7, 1971, p.8

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 Incorporation and rules, 1953, 1970-81

This series contains papers relating to the incorporation and the rules of the Aboriginal Publications Foundation, including changes to the rules made in 1981.

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- 1 Certificate of Incorporation, 12 August 1970, 1973 certified copy of the certificate and A.C.T. 'Associations Incorporation Ordinance 1953'
- 2 'Rules of Aboriginal Publications Foundation Incorporated' [no date] Three copies
- 3 'Rules of Aboriginal Publications Foundation Incorporated' annotated with changes to the rules; 'Proposed amendments to the Rules of Aboriginal Publications Foundation' [no date] (three copies); 'Amendments to the rules of Aboriginal Publications Foundation Incorporated Annexure 'A', approved at the Annual General Meeting, Sydney, 29 November 1981 (three copies); 'Original new rules' [no date] and 'Old rules' [no date] plus three copies of the new 'Rules', one with handwritten note 'New amended rules. To remain in Office'

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Series 2 Minutes of Meetings, 1973-83

This series contains the Minutes of the Aboriginal Publications Foundation meetings and associated papers, such as financial reports, editor's reports, and nominations for membership. There are also notes taken at some of the meetings and some draft minutes.

Minutes include those of the Sub-Committee Meeting of 12 September 1973, Executive Committee Meetings, the Annual General Meetings and a joint meeting with the Aboriginal Arts Board in July 1976.

Many of the papers have been annotated and there are multiple copies of some of the papers.

Several documents relating to staff matters have been moved to [Series 7, Staff](#) or [Series 8, Staff - Identity Editor](#).

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- 1 'Minutes book 1', 12 Jan 1973 – 18 Jul 1976
- 25/1 Minute book, 30 Nov 1976 – 12 Dec 1981. [This is an additional document held in Box 21.]
- 2 1973-76 copies of minutes
- 3 1977-79 copies of minutes
- 4 1980 copies of minutes
- 5 1981 copies of minutes
- 6 1982 copies of minutes
- 7 1983 copies of minutes

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Series 3 Financial records, 1971-83

This series consists of the financial reports and records for the Foundation and for the two journals the Foundation published, *Identity* and *Aboriginal and Islander Forum*.

Subscription records for the journals are held in [Series 4, Financial records - Subscriptions](#).

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- 1 Balance sheet and accounts as at 30 June 1971, 15 November 1971, 17 April 1972, 30 June 1972 (two copies), 31 December 1972, 30 June 1973 (two copies) and 30 June 1974 (three copies), prepared by Wallace McMullin & Partners
- 2-8 Financial statements, prepared by Wallace McMullin & Smail, 1975-81. Included are a letter covering a review of the current financial position, projected cash flow and financial position for the year ended 30 June 1980 and the financial assistance required by the Foundation for 1979/80 prepared by Wallace, McMullin & Smail, 29 May 1979. Also some covering letters and an undated handwritten note on expenditures. Some of the statements are signed copies
- 9 Treasurer cash book, July 1973-81
- 10 *Identity* journal, 30 June 1971-July 1 1980
- 25/2 *Identity* cash book, January 1974-June 1975. [This is an additional document held in Box 21.]
- 11 *Identity* cash book, July 1975-August 1976
- 25/3 *Identity* cash book, September 1976-December 1977. [Additional document held in Box 21.]
- 25/4 *Identity* sales ledger, 1974-1975. [Additional document held in Box 21.]
- 12 *Identity* sales ledger, June 1978-1979
- 13 *Identity* cash book, January 1978-June 1979 with Treasurer's A/C, January-June 1979
- 14 *Identity* cash book, July 1979-April 1981
- 15 *Identity* journal, July 1974-December 1978 with *Forum* journal April 1974-December 1978
- 16 *Identity* credit journal 1977-78 with *Forum* credit journal 1977-78
- 17 *Forum* ledger, June 1976-81
- 18 *Forum* sales ledger, January 1976-79
- 25/5 *Forum* cash book, February 1976-October 1978. [Additional document held in Box 21.]
- 19 *Forum* cash book, November 1978-December 1980
- 20 Monthly financial reports, 1981-83
- 21 Job record sheets, 1978. The sheets record the numbers and costs of jobs such as printing letterheads, visiting cards and brochures
- 22 Miscellaneous papers, 1973-78. Includes 'Advertising as a source of revenue for *Identity*', invoices, receipts, notes on wages and national wage case information, advertising rates, two advertisements for publication, form letters and unsigned copies of an agreement with Michael Anderson on funding for a project. Also included are 'Relative costs of one day meetings held at various locations', handwritten notes, 1978 cancelled cheques and forms, such as a claim form for travel and sitting fee allowances

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Series 4 Financial records - Subscriptions, 1973-83

The first part of this series consists of orders, renewals, invoices and receipts for subscription payments for *Identity* and *Aboriginal and Islander Forum* and there are also some for the 'Black Australia' poster. There is also some related correspondence such as letters claiming issues not received or credits. Included are copies of a form letter explaining the non publication of some issues in 1980 owing to the move of the Foundation's Office from Perth to Canberra in 1979 and the resultant loss of the Editor and also financial difficulties at the time.

The bulk of the *Identity* records deal with orders placed with subscription agents such as Ebsco, Gordon and Gotch, Globe Subscription Agency and Dekker & Nordemann.

Schools, universities, education centres, public libraries, government departments, prisons and individuals are among those who subscribed to the journals and there were some overseas orders, for example from Denmark, Papua New Guinea and the United States.

Correspondence concerning subscriptions can also be found in [Series 10, General files](#).

The second part of the series consists of invoices and receipts and a small amount of correspondence relating to orders, claims and payments for *Aboriginal and Islander Forum*.

The third part of the series consists of completed worksheets containing data about subscriptions for a batch entry computer system and the fourth part consists of computer printouts containing subscription details.

Folder/ Item

- 1-26 Subscription records for *Identity*, 1973-83. There are also a few records for *Aboriginal and Islander Forum*
- 27-55 Subscription records for *Aboriginal and Islander Forum*, 1976-80
- 56 Signed orders for *Aboriginal and Islander Forum*, 1975, returned in response to an appeal for signed orders as proof of circulation required by the Postal Department for registration of the journal as a Category C publication
- 57 *Aboriginal and Islander Forum* bulk order lists 1975-79. Contain numbers supplied, names, addresses, payment details and some related records such as a receipts
- 58-63 Wallace, McMullin & Smail batch data entry worksheets for subscriptions
- 64-65 Computer printouts of lists of subscribers, their addresses and codes related to their subscriptions, 1981-82. [Held in Boxes 6 and 7 – folio boxes]

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Series 5 Membership Register, 1974-82

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- 1 Membership register for 1974-77 and 'Membership and associate membership *Identity* Nov1979-' (no entries)
- 2 '1981- Members & Association Member's Membership book'. Entries for 1981 and 1982

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Series 6 Correspondence, 1953, 1974-82

This series contains files consisting primarily of correspondence.

Correspondence is also included in [Series 10, General files](#), which contains contributions for *Identity* and other papers which were often accompanied by letters.

A number of the papers are photocopies of the originals and there are multiple copies of some of the papers.

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- 1-6 Aboriginal Arts Board, 1976-82. Mainly concerned with grant applications. There is some work by Indigenous authors submitted by the Board for possible publication in *Identity*, such as poems by Margaret Brusnahan and by Errol Pickalla
- 7 Aboriginal Development Commission, 1980-82. Mainly concerned with applications for a grant from the Commission
- 8 Australia Post, 1974-82. Includes *Postal Service Act 1975* and July 1977 changes to by-laws, a statutory declaration, an application for registration of *Black Forum* as a periodical and a registered publications mailing statement form
- 9 Australian Capital Territory Registrar of Companies, 1953, 1976-81. Includes a copy of the Australian Capital Territory's 'Association Incorporation Ordinance 1953', which is a set of Incorporation procedures
- 10 Australian Information Service Department of Media, 1975. Letter from Publications Editor to Editor of *Identity*, regarding its new layout (1975) and report by Bob Hawkins, Publications Officer, of a meeting on the Aboriginal Publications Foundation at which he represented the Service (1975)
- 11-12 Berkley Consultants, 1982. After the Aboriginal Arts Board failed to provide a grant to the Foundation in 1982, the Foundation contracted Berkley Consultants to raise funds for the publication of *Identity*, and to take over its publication, with a percentage of the funds raised as payment. There are papers relating to this arrangement in this file. Included also is correspondence between various organisations, companies, etc. and Berkley Consultants with regard to a request for funds to support the Aboriginal Publications Foundation. There are also related papers such as a computer printout of addresses for trusts, big businesses and organisations associated with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs and names and address of companies and trusts to which letters requesting support were sent
- 13 *Identity* distributors, 1980. Copies of letters asking recipient to act as an *Identity* distributor. As the Foundation had had difficulty with commercial agents they sought individuals willing to act as agents, for the normal fee, in an effort to increase subscriptions
- 14 Ruth Kaplan, 1974-76, including letters to the Editor of *Aboriginal & Islanders Forum*, to other editors and also newspaper cuttings of letters to newspapers on issues such as human rights and racism. Also copies of questions asked in the Queensland Legislative Assembly, correspondence with the Parliamentary Commission for Administrative Investigations (Queensland), with the Queensland Law Reform Commission and with the Minister of Justice, 1974-76
- 15 Public Officer, 1980. Enquiry from, and response to, the Foundation's Public Officer regarding some expenditures and letter from the Public Officer regarding his position

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Series 7 Staff, 1973-81

In this series are papers, mainly correspondence, relating to Foundation staff and the positions of Office Manager and Editor. There is also an Editor's report and other correspondence with the Editor.

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Series 8 Staff - *Identity* Editor, 1979-82

This series contains papers relating to the appointment of Editors for *Identity* between 1979 and 1982. Although a number of applications were received in response to advertisements for the position in 1982 few were from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants. The *Identity* editors are listed in the [Background Note](#).

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- 1 1979
- 2-3 1980 [*Howl*, v.5 and vol. 6 from Folder 2 held in Box 20 - a folio box]
- 4-5 1982. [*Progress: the Official newspaper of the Nyoongar's Building Company*, September 1978, October 1978 and January 1979 transferred to RS 29.6/4 from Folder 4]

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Series 9 Names and addresses of contacts, 1973-82

This series contains lists of names and addresses and also directories used by the Foundation, for example when seeking subscriptions for *Identity*.

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- 1 Lists of office bearers of organisations involved in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, and of editors of Aboriginal publications. There are a wide variety of organisations listed, such as councils, committees, reserves, missions and organisations involved in Aboriginal affairs for all states with the exception of Tasmania, such as the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (N.A.C.C.) Secretariat, Mugarinya Group & 12 Mile Reserve Committee, Port Hedland, Harold Blair Aboriginal Children's Project, North Balwyn and AMOS (Aboriginal Movement for Outback Survival), Kalgoorlie. Others include the Roper River Citizens Club Inc.; the

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- Broken Hill Aboriginal Advancement Committee; the Unia Association; the Daley River Mission; the Redfern Housing Association and the Cunnamulla Native Welfare Association
- 2 Names and Addresses of A.L.P. Secretaries of Branches affiliated to the Tasmanian Section of the Australian Labor Party; House of Representatives and Senate 'List of Members' (1974); individuals; Australian Unesco Committee for Education; 'Endorsed A.L.P. candidates - 1977 elections' [W.A.]; *Diplomatic list* (1975); *Directory of public library services in Victoria* (1976) and letter from the Library Council of Victoria regarding orders by public libraries; a list of names and addresses for promotional copies of *Aboriginal and Islander Forum* November issue [no year]; a list of country newspapers sent by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs for possible addition to the circulation list; and list of 893 people, possibly Aboriginal, with Western Australian addresses (source unknown)
 - 3 *Directory of Aboriginal organisations and resources in Western Australia 1982*, compiled by May L. O'Brien (Perth, 1982)
 - 4 Directory of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, South Eastern Region
 - 5 'Parliament House, Canberra, telephone directory February 1973'

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Series 10 General files, 1968-83

This series contains general correspondence, much of it about *Identity* articles, draft articles, material submitted for publication, suggestions of issues to be covered in *Identity*, responses to articles in *Identity*, copies of university essays and comments on the journal from subscribers. There are letters of rejection for articles, a number because the author was not an Aboriginal, as the policy of the Foundation was to publish Aboriginal writers.

There are reports of conferences, ministerial and prime ministerial statements, copies of parliamentary questions and answers and publishers blurbs.

Letters covering payments for published contributions and letters asking for coverage in the journal, such as of *Up, not down, mate! Thoughts from a prison cell*, by Robbie Walker (1981) are also included in this series.

In addition there is correspondence about *Identity* subscriptions and other administrative matters, such as printing and advertising, or relating to the Foundation's operations and on other matters such as a request for information sources from a student undertaking a school assignment on Aboriginal people, and comments on proposed rule changes for the Foundation.

Letters and papers dealing with staff, such as references, confirmation of appointments, pay and performance have been removed and placed in the [Series 7, Staff](#). Correspondence is also held in [Series 6, Correspondence](#)

A number of the papers in this series are photocopies.

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- 1 1968-71, mainly correspondence
- 2 1972, mainly correspondence
- 3 1973

- 4 1974
- 5 1975
- 6 1976
- 7 1977
- 8 1978, mainly correspondence
- 9 1979
- 10-12 1980. Includes three photographs taken by Janine Roberts of Mornington Island Dancers performing and one of Ms Jean Jimmy and one of Joyce Hall speaking at the North Queensland Land Council 'Environment Week', Cairns, after land taken by Comalco (item 10); and a photograph of Bobby Jabanunga at the opening of the Hettie Perkins Hostel (Item 11) [photographs all held in Box 20 – a folio box]
- 13-18 1981. Includes photograph of Djondurru Dhammaratpji, Town Clerk of Ramingining, Arnhem Land being welcomed by Mayor of Springvale, Victoria at a Council meeting (Item 17); and of Ned Jakamarra and one of Peter Horsetailer Jatialjani and Ned Jakamarra at Timbalong, the site of the massacre and one of a boy with 'Green 16' and 'Bush' on back of photograph (item 18), [photographs all held in Box 20 - a folio box]
- 19 'Blackisms' poster. [Held in Box 20 - a folio box]
- 20-21 1982. Includes photographs of Mona Tur and family (Item 20) and from Yipirinya School which accompanied a letter of 10 March 1982 (Item 21). [Photographs all held in Box 20 – a folio box]
- 22a 'Next issue', 1982. A small amount of material dated in the second half of 1982 was gathered for 'the next issue' of *Identity* but it was not published as the journal ceased with the June 1982 issue
- 22b 'Next Issue' - Victor Deeble, 1982. Large, handwritten manuscripts of poems from the "Next issue" file. [Held Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 23 1983
- 24 Miscellaneous manuscripts sent for consideration for publication and draft articles. They include articles, book reviews, poems and short plays
- 25-28 Miscellaneous, 1981-82. Includes financial reports, correspondence, agendas and minutes of meetings and associated papers and copies of the rules of the Foundation. Also copies of draft articles and contributions. A number of the papers are labelled 'H. Boyle' or 'Helen Boyle' and some papers have been annotated
- 29 Miscellaneous undated papers. Includes correspondence, carbon copy of typescript manuscript of *The situation of Australian Aborigines: report of a Special Study Committee*, published by the Victorian Branch of Amnesty International in 1965, handwritten notes, photocopies of articles and brochure on Adina Aboriginal Arts

Series 11 Jack Davis, 1973-77

Jack Davis (1917-2000) was the Editor of *Identity*, the major publication of the Foundation, from 1973-79. He was a playwright, an actor and a poet. Davis was active in Aboriginal affairs, for example in organizing welfare agencies for Aboriginals, run by Aboriginals, and in organizing protest marches. He was involved in sit-ins, and spoke publicly on Aboriginal affairs at service clubs and on radio and television. From 1967 to 1973 Davis worked for the Aboriginal Advancement Council of Western Australia.

In 1977 Davis was awarded the British Empire Medal for his contributions to literature and his

services to his people.

This series consists of a notebook relating to the work of the Foundation, manuscripts of some of Davis' work, letters to Davis congratulating him on the award of the British Empire Medal and papers of the P.E.N. Conference, where Davis was a guest of honour and presented a paper. There are also papers related to Davis' work on languages and to Davis' membership of, and participation in, the work of the Australian UNESCO Committee for the Arts during 1975 and 1976.

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Item**

- 1 Notebook containing draft poems, articles and notes, including notes on *Identity*. The handwriting indicates that it was compiled by Jack Davis
- 2 Manuscripts by Jack Davis
 - 'Aboriginal Australia to the others', by Jack Davis, a poem. Typescript
 - 'Song for the spirit dance' in Bibbulmum [Bibbulman] and English. Handwritten, unsigned
 - 'The Reporter: a one-act play'. Typescript. Three copies, two copies annotated
 - 'The dreamers', by Jack Davis. Roneoed. Three copies, one copy annotated
- 3 Aboriginal languages. Includes 'A glossary of the Bibbulmum [Bibbulman] language' compiled and illustrated by Jack Davis; letters to Davis from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies regarding funding for a study by Davis on the Bibbulmum [Bibbulman] language'; and a study grant and papers on the Pitjantjatjara language. Also includes 'Aboriginal languages: how many are there', by Peter Sutton (1975); map on the distribution of Aboriginal language in Central Australia (1974); 'Aboriginal Australia - some major languages;' and 'The Bibulmarm [Bibbulman] language' by Jack Davis
- 4-5 International P.E.N. Congress, 42nd, Sydney, 11-17 December 1977. Correspondence relating to the invitation to Jack Davis to be a Guest of Honour at the Congress and papers relating to its organization, such as social event dates. Included are
 - 'The Pacific poems' by Ruth Kovoho
 - 'Maori, Aboriginal and Papua New Guinea literature', by Linda Peterson
 - 'Bridge of Asian and European culture', by Yoichi Nakagowa
 - 'Poetry as a bridge', by Judith Wright
 - 'Not literature in culture, but culture in literature' by Youn-sook Moh
 - 'Shakespeare in Japan', by Stephen Kelen
 - 'Haiku as a keyword to understand Japanese culture' by Todi Akao
 - 'Hunters of silence: the Asian as ritual poet in the noisy world of the atom bomb', by Virginia R. Moreno
 - 'Dutch colonial literature' by Margaretha Ferguson
 - 'The Polish view', by Zygmunt Kubiak
 - 'Japanese literature, bridging Asian and Western cultures', by Kenji Takahashi
 - 'Anglo-American poetry in the twentieth century: the Chinese bridge', by Richard Howard

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- 'A way towards the formation of the standards of literary comparison in the Pan-Pacific areas', by Michio Ochi
 - The Maori idiom: Apakeha playwright', by Bruce Mason
 - 'A South Pacific literature emerges', by Olaf Ruhen
 - 'The Maori idiom: poetry and fiction', by Lauris Edmond
 - 'Theatre in the Netherlands: a few side-notes', by Jan-Willem Overeem
 - 'Literature seminar'. 'Mark Solon - UPNG' written on the top of the first page. Photocopy of chapters 1-5
- 6 British Empire Medal, 1976. Letters to Jack Davis, congratulating him on the award of the British Empire Medal
- 7-8 Australian Unesco Committee for the Arts, 1975-77. Jack Davis was invited to become a member of the Committee for the 1975/76 biennium. The papers relate to the work of the Committee, such as meeting papers, draft recommendations for the 1976 Unesco General Conference and a report of a Planning Committee for Proposed Unesco Seminar for Editors of 'Little Magazines' in the Pacific Area (1975) and a photocopy of a report of the Australian Delegation to the 18th Session of the Unesco General Conference (1974)

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Series 12 'The Black Trooper', by Peter Hill

'The black trooper', by Peter Hill (pseudonym Jack Ruth). Typed manuscript, described on the title page as 'life with Aboriginal Trooper Yurgama Jacobs and the people of the pioneering district of Tilabrook, where Yurgama kept law and order with the aid of his arkana or steel rimmed boomerang...' 'The Black trooper' was intended as a sequel to *Tilabrook tales* (1978) [Held in Library at B H647.70/T1. The National Library of Australia also holds a manuscript of 'The Black trooper' at NLA MS 8172].

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- 1-3 Manuscript of 'The Black trooper'. Typescript
- 4 Letter asking that the Foundation consider the manuscript for publication and copies of artwork [Held in Box 20 - a folio box]

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Series 13 Manuscript of poems

This series consists of a photocopy of an illustrated manuscript of poems. The illustrations are black and white drawings. There is a business card for Heather Towns, Design Director, Towns & Co attached to some of the illustration pages. There is no indication of the author of the poems.

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Series 14 Marnie Kennedy and Ngitji Ngitji (Mona Tur)

This series contains manuscripts submitted to the Foundation for possible publication.

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- 1 Annotated typescript manuscripts of the poems 'God's gift to the Aborigines' and 'Our history' by Marnie Kennedy. The later was published in *Identity*, vol. 4, no. 7, 1982, p. 29
- 2 'Only a bridge' (197-), by Mona Tur, a manuscript of a booklet intended for use by children in the 'hope that people who read this book may be able to understand the confusion that a part-Aborigine faces in a journey in two worlds' (Pref.). The booklet does not appear to have been published

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Series 15 Background material/draft articles – by subject, 1936, 1951-83

This series consists of background material and draft articles related to issues covered, or considered for articles, in Foundation publications. Included are reports, papers, correspondence, press statements, leaflets, conference papers, copies of *Hansard*, legislation and press clippings.

The papers are arranged in subject order. Many of the issues were covered in the Foundation's publication *Identity*.

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Closed access for Folder 56b. *Principal's* permission for reading. *Bill Gray's* permission for copying and quotation.

Folder

- 1 Aboriginal Development Commission, 1979-82
 - 'The Commonwealth Aboriginal Development Commission Bill, 1979: a critical commentary'
 - *Aboriginal Development Commission Act 1980* [Also held in Library at P AUS]
 - Leaflet on the establishment of the Commission on 1 July 1980 and publicity brochure describing the Commission
 - Aboriginal Development Commission *Background notes*, no. 1, April 1981
 - Aboriginal Development Commission Conference - Housing Grants-in Aid. Photocopy
 - 'Housing loans lending criteria, 1981'
 - Leaflet on housing loans
 - 'Draft policy guidelines - enterprise grants' and 'Policy paper - enterprise loans' (1981)
 - 'Draft policy on land acquisition', 1981

- 'Aboriginal Development Commission: is it the shining star or a dark cloud?' Manuscript of article
 - Newspaper cutting on Commission staff, 1981
 - *Annual report*, 1981/82 and covering letter
- 2 Aboriginal Forum held in conjunction with the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, 1981. Resolutions presented at the Aboriginal Forum and copies of signed notices of motion of the resolutions. [One item held in Box 20 - a folio box]
- 3 Aboriginal Overseas Study Awards Scheme, 1978-82. Includes schedule of awardees (1975-81), references for some of the successful applicants (1980-81), list of departure and return dates, 1982 and two brochures
- 4 Aboriginal Overseas Study Awards Scheme, 1979, including 'Canadian Kumtux alternative schools and home-school co-ordinators, report' by Evelyn Greenwood (1979) [Also held in Library at PMS 5769] and 'Parenting education', extracts from a report by child care teacher Claire Andersen-Ward (1979?)
- 5 Assimilation, 1958-64
- *Progress towards assimilation: Aboriginal welfare in the Northern Territory*, Department of Territories, 1958. [Also held by Library at P AUS]
 - *The policy of assimilation: decision of Commonwealth and State Ministers at the Native Welfare Conference, Canberra, January 26th and 27th, 1961*
 - A statement by the Minister of Territories in the House of Representatives on 14 August 1963; and a 1964 reprint of this policy with a new preface on 'Progress'
 - 'The trend against "assimilation": the land question', by N. Peterson, *The Bulletin*, April 11, 1964, p.10
- 6 Aurukun and mining, 1975-76
- 'The Aurukun story' edited for publication
 - Aboriginal Islander Catholic Council 'Re: Aurukun Associates Agreement Act 1975', by F.G. Brennan. Edited for publication
 - 'Aurukun' leaflet issued by Queensland Aboriginal Embassy, accompanying letter and rally poster, 1976
 - Letter 'Re Aurukun Mining Act controversy' to Ministers and Home Missionaries from the Presbyterian Church of Queensland Board of Ecumenical Mission and Relations (Jan 1976). Photocopy
 - 'Mining at Aurukun - the facts', by Robert Bos. Photocopy
 - International Development Action 'Dossier on the proposed mining at Aurukun'. Photocopy
 - 'The Aurukun Associates Act, 1975. What's in it for Aborigines and why they don't want mining', June 1976 (two copies)
 - Draft article 'The corporate rights of Aborigines: the Aurukun case'
- 7 Education. 1972-73
- 'Adult education'. Photocopy
 - 'Direct responsibilities of the Department of Education and Science in the education and vocational training of Aborigines', a general statement prepared by the Department of Education and Science for the Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment, 1972

- 'Films suitable for A.A.E. Classes', prepared by Adult Aboriginal Education, 1972
- Statement on the education of Queensland Aboriginal and Islander children [Queensland Education Department? 1973?]
- 'The Aboriginal Secondary Scholarship Scheme' interview with Mr Mawbray, 1973?

8 Education, 1975-81

- 'Training and further education for personnel working in the field of Aboriginal studies, a submission to the Working Party on Aboriginalisation from Jane Morrison, 1975 and her accompanying letter sent to *Identity* editor for comment. Photocopies
- UNESCO 'Questionnaire on one aspect of the stimulation of cultural life: practice and organization of socio-cultural activities', 1975
- 'Aboriginal education', Education Department, NSW, 1975
- 'Proposals relating to the establishment of a Preliminary Education Unit for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders', a submission prepared by Reginald L. Shelley and others, Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education, 1976? Photocopy
- 'Adult Aboriginal Education - 1976' prepared by the Western Australian Technical Education Division
- Papers relating to the 1981 Technical and Further Education for Aborigines Conference. Photocopies

9-10 Election 1983. Copies of the Australian Electoral Office printouts of voting in each electorate. Photocopies

11 Employment, 1963-74. Papers, including newspaper cuttings, correspondence and press statement 'Employment programme to assist Aborigines' by the Minister for Labour and National Service. There are papers and reports related to the employment of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and to the removal of legislative discrimination, such as in relation to the wages of station hands, including draft of 'Workforce and occupational statuses of Aborigines', by L. Broom. There is also correspondence between K.R. Slater and George Wilson, Executive editor of *Current Affairs Bulletin* regarding the solicitation, submission and rejection of an article on Aboriginal enterprises, in particular, the Turtle Farm Project, 1974. [Three items in Box 20 - a folio box]

12 Festac, 1973-77. Papers relating to the organisation of the 2nd World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, Lagos, Nigeria, 1977, including documents relating to the organisation of the Festival and an advertisement for applications from Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders wishing to attend. There are also two colloquium papers, one on 'A black civilization and education' (November 1975) and one on its sub-theme 'Black civilization and science and technology', issued with 'Industrialization and black civilization in Australia', by Gordon Briscoe, and a short article, annotated for publication, on attendance at the Festival by 41 Aboriginal people

13 Health, 1973-81

- Letter regarding the Aboriginal Dental Scheme in New South Wales, 1975?
- Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment submissions from Naomi Mayers and R. Laing on behalf of the Aboriginal medical service, 1973 (photocopy), from J.E. Cawte on 'Mental welfare of Aborigines', 1975 (photocopy), and 'Health and community development, a new approach', submitted by B.S. Hetzel, T.N. Cutter and M.D. Dobbin, 1975

- Information paper on 'Aboriginal Health and living conditions in Australia' and 'Policy statement on Aboriginal health' for the Aboriginal Mission to China, 1981, including translations into Chinese
 - Letters to Ruth Kaplan from Department of Health regarding the incidence of leprosy among Aboriginals, 1975
- 14 Health, 1976-80
- 'A survey of health of pre-school and primary school children in a mixed race community in N.S.W. including a trial of daily ascorbic acid supplementation', by M. Dowling and others, 1976? [Also held by Library at P NEW]
 - 'Prevention of disability', Canberra, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, 1979. Photocopy
 - Article annotated for publication on 'Aboriginal health past and present: mild drug addiction' and an Editorial on 'Lepers: Aboriginal and Deafness: Aboriginal'
 - National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organisation (N.A.I.H.O.) National Conference, Sylvania, N.S.W., 10 February 1980 Agenda, form letter to speakers, list of health service representation at the Conference and N.A.I.H.O. definition of health. Photocopies
 - Edited manuscript of article on N.A.I.H.O., 1980?
- 15 Housing, 1974-76. Papers mainly related to the Aboriginal Loans Commission and information about applying for loans. Includes a letter from the Commission to the Editor of *Identity*, regarding Aboriginal tenancies (May 1974) and a photocopy of an article 'Redfern Aboriginal Housing Project' by Gerry Wain, *Polis*, 1976; 3; 3-6 [which also held by Library at P WAI]
- 16 Human rights, 1980-81. 'Human rights kit' (1980), papers relating to the 'Consultation with Human Rights Non-Government Organizations in the A.C.T.' (1981) and a photocopy of pages 427-429 on Australia from *Country reports on human rights practices for 1979*
- 17 Indians of North America, 1976-81. Press release on the Minority Rights Group's *The Original Americans: U.S. Indians*, 1978; photocopies of articles, correspondence, and *Indian news*, vol. 17, no. 7, special issue, 1976? and *The native people of Canada*, vol. 1, no. 4, 1981? [Two items held in Box 20 - a folio box]
- 18 Land rights and leases, 1968-82. Includes notes and correspondence. Correspondents include Commission for World Mission, Uniting Church of Australia, National Campaign for Land Rights and Self-Management in Queensland. Also 'Summary of a report of NSW Aboriginal Land Board Conference, April 22-24'; media releases from the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (1976) and Aboriginal Action (1976); ministerial press statements; and leaflets and flyers
- 19 Land rights and leases, 1975
- 'Flight of Queensland Aborigines demands urgent international attention', Quaker Race Relations Committee (Northern Section) Australia
 - 'The land rights position in the A.C.T., South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, N.S.W., and Queensland', by Stewart Harris. Annotated photocopy
 - 'Observations and notes on the functions of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner as prescribed by Section 50 of the Act (with reference only to the Borrooloola and Walpiri claims)', by Stuart McGill. Photocopy. [Also held at PMS 3117]

- 'Land rights at Point Pearce'
- 'Chapter 14: Repeal of the Queensland Acts?' Photocopy
- 'Land rights and compensation: the long road ahead' by Kevin J. Gilbert, 1975

20 Land rights and leases, 1976-81

- 'Land rights and the Finke River Mission', by Rod Hagen, 1976 [Also held by Library at PMS 2982]
- 'Notes on the Albrecht Argument', by Rod Hagen, 1976 [Also held by Library at PMS 1660]
- 'Land rights and the Aboriginal reality: a reply to Pastor Paul Albrecht', by Geoff Eames. [Also held by Library at PMS 1679]
- 'National Land Rights Conference', Sydney, August 1976
- 'Liberal Country Party Amendments to 'Aboriginal Land Rights (N.T.) Bill, 1976', comments by Geoff Eames, 1976 (Three copies). [Also held by Library at PMS 1658]
- 'Land rights or a sell-out' by Geoff Eames 1976?
- 'The Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976: the promise and the reality', by Pat Mullins, Barrie Pittock and Joe Camilleri on behalf of Aboriginal Action, plus a personal enclosure, a copy of 'Black Man, why?' by D. Beryl Phillips for possible inclusion in *Identity*
- 'Legislative Assembly legislation on land rights', commentary by Geoff Eames, 1977 (Three copies). [Also held by Library at PMS 1661]
- 'Conference on Land Rights and the Future of Australian Race Relations', Townsville, 28-30 August, 1981

21 Land rights and leases - Aboriginal Land Rights Commission. *First report* July 1973. [Also held by Library at B A927.52/R1]

22 Land rights and leases - Land Board, 1971. 'Transcript of evidence', Land Board hearing November 1971. Applications: Yugul Cattle Company: Roper River; Duncan Yapanula (Roper River); Diocese of the Northern Territory (Anglican Church) (Numbulwar); Gordon and Paul Bara (Wallaby Swamp Recreation Area: Groote Eylandt); Murwangi Pastoral Company: Milingimbi. [**Closed access:** *Principal's* permission for reading. *Northern Territory Government's* permission required for copying and quotation]

23 Land rights and leases - Legislation, 1975-76. Includes papers relating to land rights bills before the Federal parliament, including *Hansard* reports relating to the Bills, speeches on the Bills, the 'Aboriginal Land (Northern Territory) Bill 1975', the 'Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976', and the 'Aboriginal Councils and Associations Bill 1976'. Also included is an annotated manuscript of an article 'Proclamation of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act*', a copy of amendments to the 'Aboriginal Land Rights Bill', an annotated copy of 'The facts' a summary of a survey taken from *Beyond the Act, Queensland Aborigines and Islanders: what do we want* (1979) [book held by Library at B A155.68/B1], and a petition on land rights

24 Land rights and leases - Northern Land Council statement and attached papers, 1976

- 25 Land rights and leases - Aboriginal Land Fund Commission. List of purchases, list of reserves in South Australia, list of land transferred to the Aboriginal Lands Trust in South Australia (1977), list (1975) and map (1977) of Queensland reserves, and table of areas and populations of Aboriginal reserves. Photocopies
- 26 Legislation - Queensland, 1965-71. *Act to promote the well-being and progressive development of the Aboriginal inhabitants of the State and the Torres Strait Islanders, 1965*; Queensland 'The Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders' regulations of 1966, and *An act to amend the Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act of 1965 in certain particulars*. Also a draft report on the Queensland *Aborigines Act 1971* and *Torres Strait Islanders Act 1971*, by Garth Nettheim'
- 27 Legislation - New South Wales, 1954. 'Regulations: Aborigines Protection Act, 1909-1943'
- 28 Legislation - Northern Territory, 1936-71. Ordinances and regulations
- 29 Legislation - South Australia, 1962-71. Bills, and a rough draft of a bill, Acts and Regulations. Also speeches by D.A. Dunstan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs on the 'Prohibition of discrimination bill' (1966) and the 'Aboriginal Lands Trust Bill' (1966)
- 30 Legislation - Victoria, 1958-67. Bill, Regulations and Acts, speech on 'Aboriginal Affairs Bill (no. 2)' (1967) by E.R. Meagher, Minister of Housing, and photocopies from *Hansard* of debate on 'Aborigines (Amendment) Bill' (1965)
- 31 Legislation - Miscellaneous, 1966-68. Speech on 'Constitution Alteration (Aborigines) Bill 1966' by Wentworth; 'Discriminatory state legislation regarding Aborigines', a state by state listing; and photocopy of *Race Relations 1968* Chapter 71 (London, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1972 reprint)
- 32 McArthur River Station and Lake Nash, 1976. Notes prepared by the Library, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Darwin, 1976
- 33 National Aboriginal Conference (N.A.C.), 1981-83. Declaration of the poll in the National Aboriginal Conference election, 28 October, 1981; address by the Chairman, R. Nichols, Canberra, 9 November, 1981; 'The Government and the National Aboriginal Conference, address by the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, 10 November, 1981 and press release on the address. Also a press release from the WA Branch of the Conference regarding an editorial 'Aboriginal land wrongs', copy of the editorial, and letter to the Australian press conference (1981); 1981 timetable and 'Organisation review and summit meetings (1983) and a Department of Aboriginal Affairs press summary 19 April 1983 annotated 'N.A.C'
- 34 N.A.C. Administrative Association Incorporated 1975. Australian Capital Territory Certificate of Incorporation for the N.A.C Administrative Association Incorporated 1975. Poor quality photocopy. Includes Constitution of the Association
- 35 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (N.A.C.C.), 1976-77. Includes media releases, some annotated for articles, and letters to the Editor from the Committee
- 36 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (N.A.C.C.) miscellaneous papers, 1973-77. Includes copies of Committee correspondence, such as a letter about making a submission to the Administrative Review Committee, a letter to the Australian Press Council regarding media coverage of the manner in which Aboriginal Advancement might occur and a letter from the Secretary of the Inquiry into the Role of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (1975). Also included is an NAC National Aboriginal Legal Services policy; a submission by the Land Conservation Council (Victoria) regarding the Mallee study report (1976), and the Proceedings of the Council meeting on 3 and 4 May, 1973
- 37 National Congress of the Aboriginal People and the Torres Strait Islanders [National Aboriginal Congress]. First constitution, containing footnotes on amendments [no date]
- 38 National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals in the Australian Public Service 1979. Papers relating to an APS [Australian Public Service] Seminar, November 1979, mainly

'Exposure draft: review of progress towards the implementation of the National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals in the APS', November 1979

39 National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals (NESA) in the Australian Public Service, 1981. 'Handbook for the Implementation of the National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals (NESA) in the Australian Public Service' 1981 draft sent to Les Malezer, for comments and suggestions, from the Office of the Public Service Board. The draft lacks Chapter 7 and the Appendices

40 Ngukurr (Roper River Mission), 1968. Report on the Roper River Mission

41 Ngukurr (Roper River Mission), 1970-76. 'Reaction to attrition: the Ngukurr strike of 1970', by John Bern, handwritten comments added and 'The Yugal cattle company at Ngukurr, Roper River, Northern Territory', by Steven Thiele (1976)

42 Ngukurr (Roper River Mission), 1961-72

- 'Roper River' - two brief descriptions
- Report of a visit, by J.S. Shurmer, 1968
- Comments on a 1974 incident. Photocopy
- 'Routine report - visit to Roper River December 1970', by Rod Settle
- 'Second report on beef cattle project for the Roper River settlement area', by L. Woods and others, 1969
- Church Missionary Society annual report 1960/61
- Report of a 1969 short survey
- Aboriginal population - annual census figures 1968; inventories of buildings and water supply (1968); and the constitution of the Roper River Citizen's Club
- 'Bushfire control at Roper River', by P.E. Leske with an introduction by R.L. Southern, (1966)
- Proposed transfer of the Mission to the government - various papers and reports related to the transfer.
- Newspaper clipping on Yugal company, 1972

43 Ngukurr (Roper River Mission), 1960. 'Roper River Mission Water Resources Survey', by the Northern Territory Water Resources Branch

44 Numbulwar (Rose River) Mission, 1953-73

'Review report ... Inspection June 15th and 16th 1953'

- Extract from memorandum by Assistant Director of Agriculture on agricultural pursuits and possibilities at the mission, 1961
- Sanitation report, 1963
- 'Water investigation: Roper River Mission and Numbulwar Mission', 1963
- 'Conservation survey of Anbali Plain - Blue Mud Bay', 1964
- Report on a ceremony at Numbulwar by Nandjiwarra Amagula and Arch Richards, 1973. Photocopy
- Three brief descriptions of the Mission
- 'Rose River Mission Water Resources investigation & survey Field Officer's report'

1960. [Two accompanying maps held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 45 Oenpelli, 1971-75. 'Oenpelli', by Tim Perchard (1975) and 'Destruction of an Aboriginal community' Ronald M. and Catherine H. Berndt (1971). Photocopies
- 46 Papunya, 1962-64
- 'Papunya settlement: five year development program'
 - Papunya/Haasts Bluff statistics and inventory
 - Brief description of Papunya
 - Brochure on Aboriginal art from Papunya
 - 'General details of Papunya and Yuendumu'
 - 'Proposals relating the future of the Pintubi at Papunya', by J.P.M. Long, 1962
 - 'Census notes: people contacted and evacuated', 1962
 - 'Social development of the Papunya people', J. Long, 1964
 - 'The Pintubi patrols: welfare work with desert Aborigines - the later phases', by J.P. Long, *Australian territories*, vol. 4, no. 6, November 1964. Photocopy
 - 'Report of patrol west of Papunya, April 1964'
- 47 Papunya, 1971-79
- 'Investigation into sources of water for a Pintubi Outstation west of Papunya', by R. French and C.K.S. Baker (1971)
 - Report to the Minister of Aboriginal affairs on the health of some Pintubi children, by Dr. F. Grunseit, 1973. Photocopy
 - 'Yayayi assessment' by J. Hunter, and related papers, 1974. Photocopies
 - 'Aboriginal Employment Project Consultative Team report: Yai Yai', 1974
 - 'Report on visit to Papunya area, February 1975', by M. Ivory. Photocopy
 - 'Aboriginal Employment and Community Team report: Yayayi', 1975. Photocopy
 - 'Petrol sniffing Papunya: a community solution' in *About people* (1977), pp. 7-11
 - Talk by Garry Williams, Central Land Council (1979)
- 48 Population, 1971-76. Includes question by Senator Colston and reply regarding the number of persons of Aboriginal descent in each electoral division, 1971 Census, 1968; boundaries; a letter from the Australian Bureau of Census to J. Davis, editor of *Identity* regarding the 1976 census and a 'Census information kit, 1976 which includes some handwritten notes
- 49 Population, 1971 'Fertility patterns among Aboriginal Australians', by F. Lancaster Jones, 1971. [Also held by Library at p JON]
- 50 Probation and parole, 1974-75. 'A brief guide to supervision of probationers & parolees' (1974); and brochure on 'Probation and Parole Service', Crown Law Department. Aboriginal Honorary Probation and Parole Officer Training Course 4th - 8th August, 1975'
- 51 Referendum on *Constitution Alteration (Aboriginals) 1967 Act*. Includes copy of the proposed law, the case for 'yes', and a 'summary and statements' of the result of the referendum vote, issued by the Chief Electoral Office (1967), a poster showing the proposed changes to the constitution and a photocopy from *Hansard* of debate on the Bill (1967). [One item held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet]

- 52 World Council of Churches (WCC), 1981. Newspaper clippings and letter regarding World Council of Churches visit to the Aborigines, June 15 - July 3, 1981, accompanied by WCC press releases 'Aboriginal poverty shocks WCC Team' and 'Self-determination key to Aboriginal Development - WCC Team'. [One clipping held in Box 20 - a folio box]
- 53 World Council of Indigenous Peoples Conference (WCIP), 1981. Includes papers relating to the Council such as handouts; organizational arrangements; suggestions for dealing with the press; newspaper cuttings and photocopies of cuttings; and a message from the President of the Council, George Manuel who was unable to attend for health reasons. Also includes Australian Aboriginal comments on WCIP draft charter and other documents on the charter, papers regarding the legitimacy of the NAC representing all Australian Aborigines and a message from the NAC Chairman, Jim Hagen
- 54 World Council of Indigenous Peoples Conference (WCIP), 1981. Includes
- Aboriginal land rights in Australia: background paper, draft survey and recommendations, by Marcia Langton, 1981
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'Position paper on Australian Aboriginal women'
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'Position paper on economics'
 - National Aboriginal Conference, 'Position paper on education'
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'The Australian Aboriginal position paper on Indigenous ideology and philosophy'
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'Position paper on Makaratta'.
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'Position paper on nuclear arms build-up in the South Pacific and the development of American bases on Australian soil'
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'Position paper on politics'
 - National Aboriginal Conference. 'Position paper on refugees'
 - National Congress of American Indians 'Political and economic imperialism: a position paper'
 - 'Muslims in the South of Thailand' [no author]
 - 'W.C.I.P. In Canberra: opening by Governor-General', *in Aboriginal Newsletter*, no. 80, 1 May 1981. p. 1
 - *WCIP Newsletter*
 - Background paper: World Council of Indigenous Peoples
 - Newspaper clipping, press release, 'Submission to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples from the Australian Aboriginal people on our national issues'; 'The Australian Aboriginal position paper on Indigenous ideology and philosophy' presented to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples Third General Assembly 1981, Australia' by the National Aboriginal Conference Secretariat and 'The Australian Aboriginal position paper on politics, economics and imperialism'
 - Conference liftout from *Identity* (no volume number of date)
 - Aboriginal Forum program
- 54a World Council of Indigenous Peoples Conference (WCIP), 1981. Sheet of coloured photographs of the Conference used in *Identity*, vol. 4, no. 4, 1981. [Held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet]

55 Yirrkala, 1963.

Report from the Select Committee on Grievances of Yirrkala Aborigines, Arnhem Land Reserve together with Minutes of proceedings of the Committee (1963)

56a-b Yirrkala, 1951-67

- Report of an anthropologist who spent twelve months at Yirrkala. Photocopy. [**Open access reading**; Bob Wilding's permission required for copying and quotation]
- 'Yirrkala School Parliament', by R.L. Croxford
- 'Yirrkala Mission', annotated
- 'Land rights case: story told by R.D. Marika, Yirrkala'. Photocopy
- 'Yirrkala: official Aboriginal surnames'
- Traced map of Yirrkala
- Two brief descriptions of Yirrkala
- 'Review report' for 1951 and for 1952
- Newspaper cutting on the foundation of the Yirrkala Mission, 1955
- 'Welfare of the Aborigines of Gove Peninsula', 'Revocation of part of the Arnhem Land Reserve for wards' and 'The petition from Yirrkala', statements in the House of Representatives by the Minister for Territories, Paul Hasluck, 1963
- 'Visit to Yirrkala with members of W.R.E. [Weapons Research Establishment] Section, Department of Supply, for discussions with Aborigines and Mission re site for tracking station', 1963. Annotated.
- 'Comments on political undercurrents in Yirrkala Community' by Bill Gray, 1966 [**Closed access**. *Principal's* permission for reading. *Bill Gray's* permission for copying and quotation. Held in Folder 56b]
- 'A report on the concert/education excursion to Western Australia by Elcho Island and Yirrkala pupils' (1967) and souvenir programme

57 Yirrkala, 1968-76

- 'Wood chip industry, Eastern Arnhem Land - Gove', 1968
- 'Report on field trip to Yirrkala and Port Bradshaw, Northern Territory, August-September, 1969', by Carmel White
- Correspondence between Roy D. Marika, Chairman, Yirrkala Council and Gordon Bryant, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, 1973. Photocopies
- Situation reports written in March, May and July 1973. Photocopies
- 'Law and order: visit to Yirrkala 16-18 September, 1976' by A.R. Welsh. Photocopy
- Submission on law and order at Yirrkala to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs from the Department of Aboriginal

Affairs, Northern Territory Division, 1976. Photocopy.

- Draft reply on a parliamentary question by L.R. Johnson, 1976. Photocopy
- Description and history of Yirrkala (1976?). Photocopy

58 Yuendumu Sports Weekend, 10th, 1-4 August 1980. Typescript article by Alick Jackomos; list of photographs; newspaper cutting. [One item held in Box 20 - a folio box]

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Series 16 Background material - Miscellaneous, 1976-82

This series contains general information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

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- 1-2 Mal Colston, 1976-77. Copies of Senator Mal Colston's questions, on a variety of topics, to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Senate (1976-77), plus statements by Colston on the Torres Strait border issue (1976) and the Green paper on Aboriginal affairs (1976). There are also two letters from Colston to J. Davis, Editor of *Aboriginal and Islander Forum* regarding financial support for the Foundation and *Forum* and a copy of the parliamentary question asked in response to a letter sent by the Editor to Colston on this matter
- 3-7 Newspaper clippings (photocopies) on a variety of subjects relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs. Some are photocopies of cuttings supplied by PSB Press Cutting Service. [Folders 5-7 held in Box 20 – folio box and some items from Folder 7 held in the Manuscript Plan Cabinet]

Series 17 Organisations - Minutes and papers, 1973-82

This series contains minutes of meetings and meeting papers for organisations.

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Exceptions

Folder 2 which is **open access** - reading. Permission of *Aboriginal Lands Trust, WA*, required for copying and quotation

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- 1 *Aboriginal history*, 1980-82. Minutes of meetings, March, November and December 1980; January, March, May and July 1981 and January and March 1982. Agendas for December 1980, February, May, June, and August 1981, and February and April 1982. There is also a letter to Les Malezer, Editor of *Identity* at the time, inviting him to join the Editorial Board and Management Committee (June 1981) and a letter regarding the finances of the Association (1981)
- 2 Aboriginal Lands Trust [WA], 1973. Minutes, 2nd meeting, 8-9 March 1973. Minutes, Steering Committee for the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee and the

Aboriginal Lands Trust, Perth, 8 March 1973. Jack Davis, editor of *Identity* was a member of the Trust [**Open access** -reading. Permission of *Aboriginal Lands Trust, WA*, required for copying and quotation]

- 3-6 Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, 1973-77. Includes Meeting papers and Minutes of meetings, including minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, of which Jack Davis was a member, Publications Advisory Committee, Options and Copyright Committee, Prehistory Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, the Social Anthropology Advisory Committee, Psychology and other Committees. Also proposals for appointment of Associate Members and referees reports and associated correspondence on manuscripts submitted for publication, and other correspondence. [**Closed access:** Subject to the *Archives Act*. *Principal's* permission is required for reading, copying and quotation]
- 7 Co-operative for Aborigines Ltd, 1973. [Tranby College is run by the Co-operative]. Minutes of meeting of Board of Directors, 20 September 1973 and 18 October 1973
- 8 Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Ltd, 1981. Minutes of Board meetings, 7 January, 26 January, 25 March, 8 April, 3 June, 5 August and 1 December, 1981. Also Special Board Meeting 26 June 1981

Series 18 Published material - Journals, newsletters, etc.

This series consists of a list of journals, newspapers etc. which were received with the collection and which have been transferred to the Library's Serial or Rare Serial collections.

For the location of these titles, and also for full details of the Library's holdings of these titles, consult [Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue](#).

Series 19 Published material - Maps

This series consists of a list of maps received with this manuscript collection and transferred to the Library's Map Collection.

For the location of these maps consult [Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue](#).

Series 20 Published material - Books

List of books received with this manuscript collection and transferred to the Library's Book Collections

For the location of these titles consult [Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue](#).

Series 21 Published material - *Identity*, 1972-82

Identity was a quarterly magazine published by the Aboriginal Publications Foundation between 1971 and 1982. In the first issue, volume 1, no. 1, 1971, Kath Walker stated 'It is produced mainly by and for the Indigenous people of Australia. It strives for identification for Indigenous people and a true, sincere understanding of their situation. *Identity* must develop into a loud and clear voice of the Indigenous people. For this we need articles, stories, reports and photographs' (p. 1).

Although the Aboriginal Publications Foundation had a wider set of aims when it was formed, the publication of *Identity* was its first project and its key operation and, by 1980, was the sole aim of the Foundation. It was a 'national magazine of Aboriginal and Islanders views, opinion and style' and was aimed at 'promoting Aboriginal and Islander talent in various forms of Art' (*Identity*, vol. 4,

no. 2 January 1981, p. 3)

The magazine published articles of fact, short stories, short plays, poetry, legends and book reviews, as far as possible by Indigenous writers. There was also a section for readers to have their say. The Foundation's policy was to have an Aboriginal editor for the magazine, although this was not always possible. Barrie Ovenden, John A. Newfong, Michael Anderson, Jack Davis, Les Malezer and Jack Waterford were editors of the magazine. George Harwood was appointed as Managing Editor after publication of *Identity* ceased and the Committee was seeking funding to publish it again but their efforts were not successful.

While the contents of *Identity* varied, with the balance changing between factual articles and literary pieces, a typical issue, that of volume 2, number 6, October 1975, contained

- Photos of pupils of the Black Community School, Townsville, Queensland
- 'Comment' on the relationship between the Aboriginal Publications Foundation and the Aboriginal Arts Board
- 'Eat, die, and learn: the botany of the Australian Aborigines', by L.J. Webb
- 'T.S.I. Dancing Company Pty. Ltd.'
- 'White stereotypes of the Aborigines', by Peter Dossor
- 'Study grants and awards' advertisements and contact details
- 'Investigation', a report of the W.A. departmental police inquiry procedure which was given at the Laverton Royal Commission. It was seen as an insight into the procedures.
- 'The Goanna and the crocodile', a dreamtime legend
- Senate report on compensation for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders for dispossession of their land after a motion by Senator Neville Bonner was passed unanimously in the Senate
- 'Black women's statement'
- Cairns Festival - 4 pages of coloured photographs
- 'White heat', by Andrew Lansdown. Short story
- Legend: 'The bird with the beautiful song'
- Poems, by Jack Davis, Andrew Lansdown and A.L. Corpus
- Book reviews
- 'Women hold up half the sky', by Hilary Saunders
- Letters to the Editor
- 'All things bright and beautiful', by Judith Woodfall
- Extract from ...*Education for Aborigines*, a report of the Schools Commission's Aboriginal Consultative Group
- Legend: 'Wanganenni (the bird that could not sing enough)'
- Resource materials from *Aboriginal news*
- Legend: 'The Ant and the mouse'
- Extracts from *Bunji*
- 'Jambawal the Thunder Man'
- Legends: 'The Jakari and the Pintoomi' and 'The ant that worked to save its life'

Identity was available through subscription but also from newsagents and bookstalls. Also,

Foundation Committee members were asked to assist in promoting the journal and were asked to be distribution agents.

The name of the journal changed slightly during its life. From volume 1, number 1 - volume 2, number 4, April 1975 it was called *Identity*. Volume 2, number 5, July 1975 was called *Aboriginal and Thursday Islander Identity*, and, from volume 2, number 6, October 1975 to volume 3, number 9, January 1979 it was called *Aboriginal and Islander identity*. With volume 3, number 10, October 1979 the name *Identity* was resumed.

This series contains an imperfect set of *Identity* issues. A complete set is held in the Library at S 21/10 and at RS 21/32.

Further background information about *Identity* can be found in the [Background Note](#) in this finding aid.

Item

- 1 Vol. 1, no. 5, July 1972 - vol. 1, no. 8, August 1973; vol. 1, no. 11, July 1974
- 2 Vol. 2, no. 4, April 1975; vol. 2, no. 7, January 1976; vol. 2, no. 8, April, 1976; vol. 2, no. 10, October 1976
- 3 Vol. 3, no. 1, January 1977 - no. 4, October 1977
- 4 Vol. 3, no. 5, January 1978 - no. 8, October 1978 [Volume 3, no. 5, labelled no. 4 on cover]
- 5 Vol. 3, no. 9, January 1979 - vol. 3, no. 11, 1979
- 6 Vol. 4, no. 1, October 1980 - no. 3 Autumn 1981; vol. 4, no. 5, October 1981 - no. 7, June 1982

Series 22 Published material - *Aboriginal and Islander Forum, 1978*

Aboriginal and Islander Forum was published by the Aboriginal Publications Foundation from April 1975 until January 1979. It ceased publication with volume 3, number 12, Dec '78/Jan '79. It was also known as *Forum*.

Forum published short articles and news on current events and issues of interest to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The Library holds this title at SF 21/2.

Held in Box 20 - a folio box.

Item

- 1 Vol. 1, no. 1, April 1975 – no. 12, March 1976. 2 sets. Set 2 lacks no. 5, August 1975 and no. 7, October 1975
- 2 Vol. 2, no. 1, April 1975 – no. 12, November 1977. 2 Sets. Set 1 lacks no. 7 and no. 11. Set 2 lacks no. 5, no. 6, no. 7 and no. 11. Vol. 2, no. 2 May 1976 labelled vol. 2, no. 5, May 1976
- 3 Vol. 3, v.1, no. 1, December 1977 – v.3, no. 10 October 1978. Set 1 lacks v.3, no. 2. Set 2 lacks v.3, no. 2, and no. 9, 1978

Series 23 Published material - *A bastard like me, 1975-76*

This series contains a copy of *A bastard like me*, by Charles Perkins (Sydney, Ure Smith, 1975).

This book is an autobiography of Charles Perkins who was influential in establishing the Aboriginal Publications Foundation and became its founding Secretary. He remained involved with the Foundation both as a member of the Foundation's Committee and as a result of his positions within the Australian Public Service.

The autobiography was reviewed in *Identity* vol.2, no.6, October 1975, p.27 and it could be purchased from the Foundation.

This book is held in the Library at B P448.34/B1. It has been digitised by the AIATSIS Library and can be found at

http://www1.aiatsis.gov.au/exhibitions/e_access/book/m0063258/m0063258_a.htm

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Series 24 Published material - Equipment manuals and brochures

A collection of manuals and brochures for office equipment such as shelving and typewriters, and graphic design aids such as Letraset

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Series 25 Additional material - Aboriginal Publications Foundation minute book, 1976-1981, and financial records, 1974-1978.

Found among Aboriginal Housing Panel archives held at MS 4064/Box 1, and added to MS 3781 in February 2018.

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- 1 Minute book, 30 Nov 1976 – 12 Dec 1981
- 2 *Identity* cash book, January 1974-June 1975
- 3 *Identity* cash book, September 1976-December 1977
- 4 *Identity* sales ledger, 1974-1975
- 5 *Forum* cash book, February 1976-October 1978

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