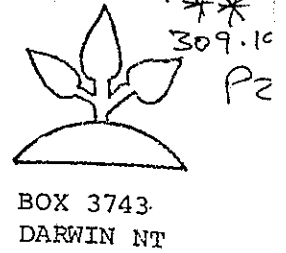


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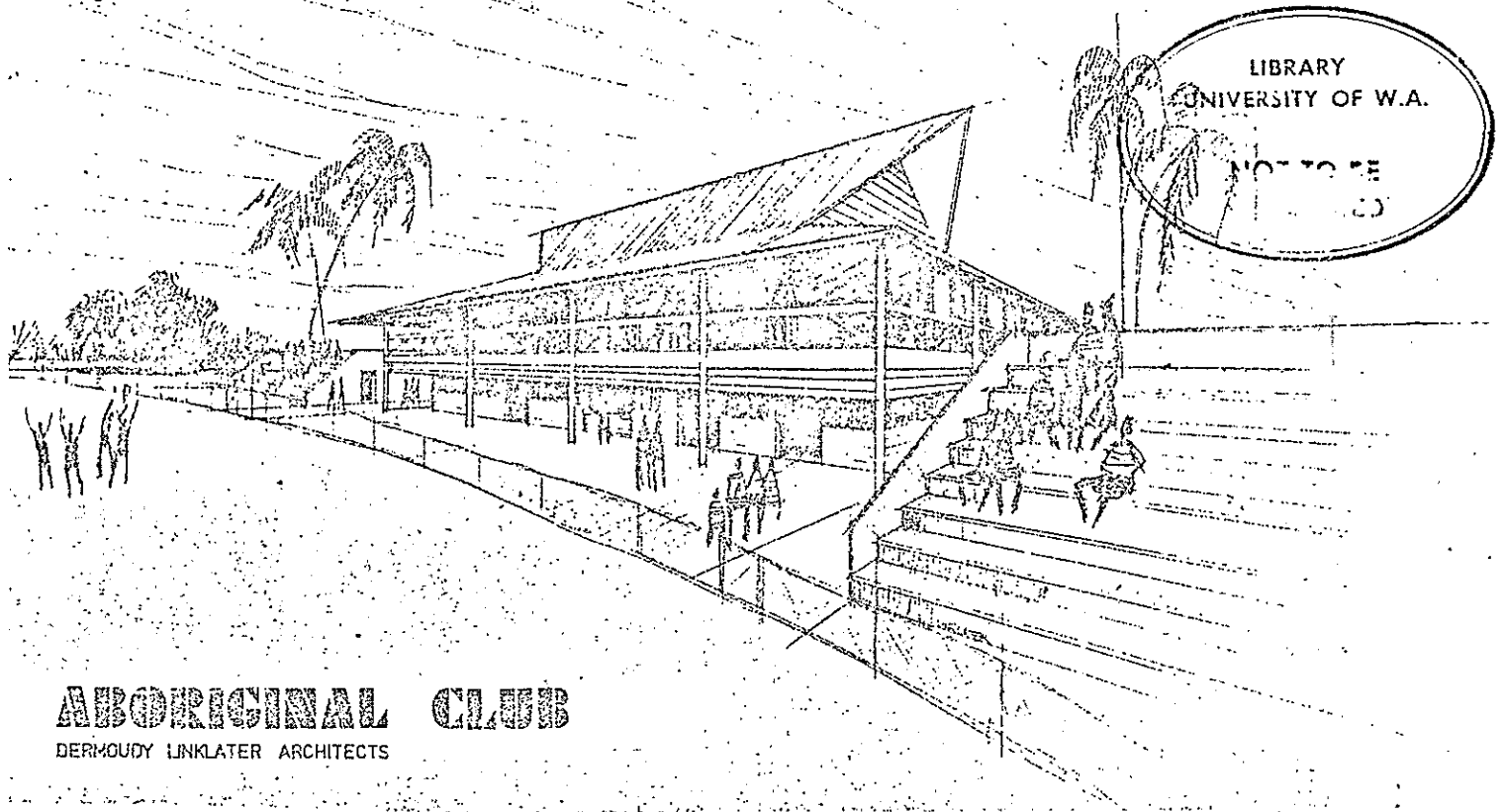
BUNJI

Many Tribes — One People



Last October in a special issue of Bunji, we set out ideas for an Aboriginal club in Darwin. It is not a new idea, but it seems like the time is right because our readers answered in a united and loud voice, saying.....

WE WANT OUR OWN CLUB SOON.



ABORIGINAL CLUB
DERMOUDY LINKLATER ARCHITECTS

This is an architects drawing of what the club could look like, beside a football field, on the old Ludmilla dump area of Kalalak.

It is not a football club, but many readers hope that the grounds would become the home field for WANDERERS.

NOT FOR DRUNKS

Blacks want to get away from the racist hotels, to a place where we can relax and feel at home. Where we make our own rules to suit ourselves. The club is a family place, not for drunks. On one side is a large children's playground and upstairs is all dry area (no Alcohol).

On the ground level is a lounge/dance hall and members bar and beer garden

Membership is to be open to any colour but anyone who does not know how to behave loses their membership.

MEETING TO BE ADVERTISED.

The Kalalak community say they are happy to talk about the land. The biggest problem will be getting the loan to start serious planning. All this is up to the committee who is elected at the first general meeting of interested people to be advertised soon.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

OENPELLI TRUSTS THE LAW. CHANEY CHANGES

The government is going to destroy the Land Rights Act. Why? What is wrong with the Act? Or Chaney says "As the act stands an agreement between mining companies and the land council is open to challenge on the grounds the land council failed to obtain the consent of every additional owner or failed to consult every community" (see NT News Feb 8th)

The Oenpelli people have always said that the YUNUPINGU LAND COUNCIL let in uranium miners without getting...

A ONE-SIDED LEASE.

The Kalalak people were worried when news came on the radio that the NT Government was going to take back the Gurindji land. The NT Government had written the Gurindji a letter warning them that their cattle station had not kept to the lease agreements.

The Kalalak people had good reason to be worried. They also have a lease agreement which Paul Everingham pushed them to sign last year. It is a very tough one-sided agreement.

Like the Gurindji, the Larrakia have land, but no rights.

For the record, below is printed, in simple words, all the things the Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc agreed to do when they signed the Kalalak lease (lot 5182 and lot 8630 - 301 hectares).

- (a) The government people have a "reasonable" right to inspect the land.
- (b) The government keeps the power to let anyone mine for minerals on the land.
- (c) The government can take back any part of the land (resumption).
- (d) Sewerage, water, electricity and drains that cross the land can be inspected fixed and so on.
- (e) Rent is ten cents each year.
- (f) The land can be handed back, or the land can be taken back if the Gwalwa Daraniki Association does not do any of these fifteen things printed below....

1. Pay the rent one year in advance.
 2. Use the land only in the way agreed (Special Community Development).
 3. Pay any rates and taxes.
 4. Keep to the usual laws for leases (Ordinances).
 5. By October first 1981 there must be at least one toilet/shower building costing not less than \$10,000 and this building must be kept in good condition.
 6. The land must be planted with trees and bushes (landscaped) - the natural bush is counted as landscaped.
 7. Any boundary fences must be approved by the minister. Any fence should be kept in good condition.
 8. People should not cut down or destroy any live natural trees in the lease area.
 9. Drawings of any new works, to show how the area will look, must be given to the Planning Branch for approval before the building plans go to the Building Authority for approval.
 10. By April the first 1980, the GDA must pull down any "structure" (any sort of building?) that the Building Authority does not like. (The Minister can give more time).
 11. Aborigines will not interfere with work on the new connector road.
 12. The GDA will check up with the Department of Transport and works for the safest place for entrances to the land.
 13. By October 1st 1980 any Kalalak roads or parking areas should be finished showing where vehicles can or cannot go. These roads should be at least formed and gravelled. The time limit can be extended.
 14. The narrow beach, as marked on the lease map, is a public right-of-way (footpath) Note: the sea boundary of Kalalak is not the high or low tide mark, but the outside edge of the mangroves.
- THE NT GOVERNMENT AGREED TO DO ONLY ONE THING. IT IS.....
15. The Government will put up "substantial" fencing on both sides of that part of the new highway that cuts across Kalalak. They will also look after the fence.

This lease agreement was signed on 3rd August 1979 by
F. Fogarty, A.L. Treves, Bobby Secretary, Kathleen Secretary
Topsy Secretary, for the community.

The Larrakia did not ask for land to rip it up to make money as the Europeans do. That is why they will need help to keep to these rules for the lease.
The only rule which came from the people's side was rule eight, the rest are government ideas.

DEAR READERS,

The reason there has been no issue of BUNJI since September 1979 is only because we are broke again, except for a \$10 from George Brown. Your generous donations are always welcome to PO Box 3743, Darwin. We still have copies of our book "URANIUM MINERS, GET OFF OUR LAND" from the same address for 50 cents.

A POEM OF ROGER'S FENCE.

Roger Steele told the Kalalak mob -
"Here is some wire, I'll give you a job"
But no-one liked Roger's fence. To use
barbed wire did not make sense.
Then Roger Steele saw too late,
His brand new fence had no gate!

LOCAL NEWS

NO CAMPING AT BAGOT SAYS COUNCIL.

The Bagot Community Council is sending out letters to all settlements making clear that Bagot is not for camping when you come to town- Too many visitors have made life too hard for the permanent residents and their school children, says the council.

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A large crowd were at the funeral of our brother JOHNNY FEJO, who died last November at the age of 37. Johnny was one of the first members of the Gwalwa Daraniki and travelled to Brisbane in January 1972 to tell everyone about the fight for Larrakia lands. He lived in a humpy at the Kalalak camp until the day he died.

OLD BAGOT CEMETERY.

Should we clean up the old bagot cemetery, down from Totem Road? A project to keep this small area neat might interest many communities because people from every tribe are buried in this grave-yard. There is only one marked grave now. It is for a man from Elcho Island who died in 1952. If the cemetery is marked out, this would make sure no graves are disturbed.

ALICE SPRINGS STANDS STRONG TOGETHER.

There are at least nine leases for camps in Alice Springs but only three in Darwin.

This is not because Alice Springs needs more. In Darwin, Michael Baluka's group tried hard to get a camp. The Catholic Missions also need a place.

In Alice Springs, the tribes speak in a strong united voice through the Central Congress and the TANGATJIRA COUNCIL. These organisations work for the welfare of the people and their awakening.

In Darwin there is only the Aboriginal Development Foundation. This organisation lives off the peoples poverty and ignorance of what is going on

NOTHING LEFT FOR THE CAMPS.

There was a story in the newspaper last year that told us for the first time, how much money the Aboriginal Development Foundation has, and how they spend the money.

Well, in the newspapers, the ADF said it had no money for the camps' improvements. After paying ADF wages, office rent and vehicle expenses there is not much left for anything else.

HUNGRY CHILDREN IN DARWIN.

In town there are too many kids going hungry or eating just bread and sweet tea. Even the "health clinics" turn people away.

This is because Mr Fraser's government is for the rich. Aborigines hate Mr Fraser's government, because blacks are not rich. They cannot be rich while any of their brothers and sisters are in need. RICH PEOPLE ARE CRIMINALS - there is no difference at all. Mr Fraser's government is by criminals for criminals.

KALALAK BANTUSTAN BECOMES A SWAMP.

The Government is looking around for place to build a few more camps in the new Kalalak Bantustan.

They will need to go by boat. This wet se Kalalak is a huge swamp, which is the very reason the whites gave back this area. In the old days the Larrakia tribe would not camp in the swamp. They moved to the high ground. The high land is now the most valuable in Darwin, for the big fancy houses.

Gundal is one important Larrakia place high ground. The history of that land claim shows us that the settlers will not return high ground easily.

The NLC is now trying to have Gundal (Ene Point) protected under the sacred sites law

BANJI OR BUNJI ???

This month we go back to spelling our name as BUNJI. Our change to BANJI was getting one mixed up.

There is a tribal word, banji, which means brother-in-law. This word is spelt with "a" because in Aboriginal words, the "a" is always said like in "lubra".

But in towns, the old word banji has become a popular slang word for "mate or friend". It is this slang of the English language we use for our title. It is spelt bunji with the "u" sound like in "bunyip".

Everyone understand now !!!!????

THE SAD STORY OF BILLY'S CAVE.

Get a copy of a little book called 'KILL ME SOFTLY' by Phyl and Noel Wallace.

These two true friends of the desert people tell a sad, true story of how one tribe lost a big dreaming place forever.

After their new Toyota was wrecked this group had nothing but unhappiness.

The writers understand very well the problems facing the tribes of the NT today.

FIII JETS STILL BOMB DREAMING

The land claim for Cox Peninsular and island was being heard while the RAAF were blasting Dooen (Quail Island) with live bombs.

The Larrakia look forward to support from the amateur fishermen's lobby group in getting the bombing stopped soon.

Judge Toohey stopped the claim to the mainland because Mr Everingham had declared all the bushland to be part of the "City of Darwin".

COCONUTS FROM SNAKE BAY

Thanks to the Snake Bay Council for their donations of coconut palms to Kalalak. Any more of these would be a great help, provided we can get firebreaks before the grass dies.

MARCH ON MAY DAY, MAY

LETTERS

From Harry Butler

Thankyou for your invitation to contact you in Darwin concerning the Aboriginal Land in the city of Darwin. I have recently been working with the Central Land Council and they have made it very clear that they are not interested in conservation as such, rather than land title, although obviously conservation is an important part. I would need to be absolutely sure that the traditional owners were seriously involved in conservation.

Anyway it looks like a good move, and nature itself of course has a magnificent method of re-establishing itself, given the time and the opportunity. If you keep other people out, particularly the sandminers, I'm sure there will be ample opportunity to develop it slowly, although that magnificent banyan tree of course will never come back for many, many years.

Good luck with your project anyway,
HARRY BUTLER.

Dear Harry,

Land rights and conservation are one and the same thing. But the tribes will need help putting right all the mistakes made during the occupation of tribal lands.

Dear BUNJI,

This association provides services to all our members who are traditional owners and residents of more than twenty homeland centres in Arnhem Land.

Can you send us your magazine please? If you send more than one copy we will pass them onto the people in the bush. I think it is important for people to hear what is happening about land rights and other things in different places.

Ian Hughes, Outstation Resource Association
Maningrida NT 5791.

(Be careful Ian, A man could go to jail for talking like that up here!)

Dear Bunji,

I am personally very interested in your scheme for an Aboriginal Club. It seems the most sensible solution to our problems with drinking and not to forget to mention the loss of aboriginal money to racist gluttons in the greater community. Hoping that our organisation will find common ground with your interests.

Veronica Elsegood, Secretary for FORWARD.

THE BUNJI HALF HOUR NEXT WEEK.

Be listening next week to the Bunji half hour on 8DN Radio Talk Back. Hear the strange sounds of Warren Pain tearing Bunji into a hundred pieces on microphone. (Our last issue was ripped up on this show because of the "racist cover" - Cobb's cartoon).

LETTERS

Dear Bunji,

We are writing to see what the news is as it has been some time when we got your newsletter number 3 september 1979. We wonder if any more are coming out?

The American Indian Movement is coming and there are the Ku Klux Klan. We need to know what they are doing in Darwin. I got that a lot of money has come from the USA. Someone high in the Ku Klux Klan may be coming, if he is not here yet.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours in the fight for aboriginal land rights and liberation.

Indigenous Peoples Support Group. Melbourne

A BLACK RADIO PROGRAM.

WIYENDJI NUNGGULA (Jacob Roberts) is working hard to start an Aboriginal Radio program. This has been needed for many years. Wiyendji says the radio show will be on ABC short wave with lots of black news and interviews. He hopes it "will keep everyone in touch and join us together", Wiyendji told Bunji.

FROM PAGE ONE

NO. NO. NO. NO. TO URANIUM MINING ON OUR SACRED LAND. SUPPORT THE OENPELLI PEOPLE IN THEIR BRAVE FIGHT TO STOP URANIUM.

Last year when IAN VINER and YUNUPINGU used sneaky tricks to sign the URANIUM AGREEMENT they BROKE THE LAW. Viner and Yunupingu broke the law when they signed the uranium agreement without all the owners of that area being there to sign.

When the Oenpelli people went to court to prove that the "agreement" was not legal, Mr Chaney, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs decided to change the law.

When the miners want to start digging now they will not have to get everyone to sign.

As the miners know, they will never get our people to sign away the dreaming.

But the miners have the power. They can change the laws to suit themselves.

This is why we should not let other people make the rules to suit themselves.

BLACK LAW COMES FIRST.

Blacks should not trust the courts. we can now see, the laws of the courts are made by the enemies of land rights.

Blacks have their own laws which are older than white law and our responsibility to this true and unchanging law of the dreaming.

BUNJI is printed and edited by William Bartlett Day of Kalalak, Nightcliff.

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a supplement to BANJI newsletter.

ITS TIME FOR OUR OWN ABORIGINAL CLUB IN DARWIN.....

Johnny was sitting on the footpath outside the Parap Hotel. He had been thrown out for having no thongs, singing in the beer garden and being broke as well.

Yesterday Johnny had spent one hundred dollars in that bar until his bag had been stolen with everything in it. Like most of Darwin's black bars, the Parap is a pig yard where blacks get treated like pigs too.

Johnny's troubles would not be so bad if Darwin had a good Aboriginal Club. In our own club, we make the rules to suit our own style and needs. Think of the Yacht Club where you can sit around in swimming costume and enjoy a beer in the shade, or the German Club where you can sing folk songs to your hearts content, without hassles.

Our own club has not been built yet but here are some of the plans, a pleasant place where the money we spend goes back to the members, where there's so much going on that you will be too busy enjoying yourself to get drunk.

BUILDINGS: The new club will be well designed to suit the various needs of Aborigines living in, and visiting Darwin. The plan will include several bars and large shady beer gardens. The Decoration inside this club will make you proud of our long history.

WHERE ?: The Kalalak lease, on the large flat area called the old Ludmilla dump. This is behind Bagot on the west of the new connector highway, well away from housing and handy for transport. There is a pedestrian subway there and plenty of space without interference to the Kalalak environment.

WHEN ?: Lets start things moving now- hold a meeting, incorporate an association etc so that the club can begin stage one next year.

HOW ?: The club profits will pay back the loan that will be necessary to get started.

NOT JUST GROG: A good club isn't just for selling grog, which as you know has caused a lot of problems in our community.

SPORTS: All around the club buildings will be sports fields of every kind both for club use and hire to the general public. There must be plenty of blacks who aren't involved in sport who can help start a few club sides. Included will be change rooms, lockers, showers and laundry.

FAMILY: The club will encourage a family atmosphere and involve women right from the top. In the dry areas will be childrens playground, trampolines, swimming pool, pinball, snack bar, TV, library.

ACTIVITIES: Regular dances, entertainers, films, sports training, meetings and conferences, TV, and GOOD COUNTER MEALS. etc etc JUKE boxes, rehearsals (music)

EMPLOYMENT: Position of manager to be advertised throughout Australia

Jobs as groundkeepers, yardmen, barstaff, kitchen hands etc.

DRESS AND BEHAVIOUR : Feel relaxed at your own club. Enjoy yourself. Clean and tidy is enough for most bars and gardens. The committee might decide to withdraw the membership of silly people because we cannot let the club be spoiled by a few idiots.

MEMBERSHIP : Will cost you at least twenty dollars a year, less for family groups. Members can sign in visitors only a few times. The club will be open to all at the committees discretion (not segregated).

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ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ? PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT BACK TO "ABORIGINAL CLUB", P.O. BOX 3743, DARWIN. this will help give an idea of the interest from outside the city area.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PROPOSED ABORIGINAL CLUB.

name

age (approx)

settlement (address)

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THESE ARE A FEW FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CLUB.....

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Suggested name for an Aboriginal Club
