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WE ARE PROUD OF OUR LANGUAGE! WE ARE PROUD OF OUR COLOUR! WE LOVE OUR LAND!

## THE RETURN OF GOONDAL.

GOONDAL LAND CLAIM HEARD IN COURT ON JULY 7th and 8th 1975.

This is the story Victor Williams told the court.

"In the old days Goondal used to be the ceremony ground for initiations and that was out of bounds to young people. I remember well those days. I was eight or nine and mum was a Larrakia. Women folk and younger people had to stand well away, you could see the men but only a ring of people. The real old people were allowed to go a bit closer.

I was stationed in the Army Barracks during the war. All the old people used to ask how the place was and if the army was digging it up. They seemed to be worried. When the army took over the ceremonies stopped. The Sergeants Mess is on the line where the women used to stop."

Norman Barra, Violet Adam, Peter Unia and Daribah Imabul from Belyuen, told the same story.

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Some people wanted to build Parliament House on Emery Point.

The Northern Land Council called a meeting at Bagot. Mr Kilgariff (Speaker of the Legislative Council of NT) was talking in a friendly way to the people. "We can look after this place goondal for you if you let us put Parliament House there," he said.

"No! I say no!" shouted Bobby Koolamurinee.

Fred Fogarty threw packets of tea and sugar onto Mr Kilgariff's map. "You bought our land for tea and sugar. Take it back! We will have our land." said Fred.

The meeting did not talk about Parliament House after that.

Everyone was talking about how we can use Goondal.

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For two days Judge Dick Ward heard all these stories. Nobody opposed our claim. The judge visited the land. All the women agreed, they want their children to go through the ceremonies. It would be a big mistake to lose Goondal.

### OLD MAN ROCK

Some Blacks say that Daribah Noon-galina made the cyclone.

"You break him, all Darwin finish", said George Mungalow. Old Man Rock is a very powerful Larrakia place, near Casuarina Beach. The Port Authority want to put a light on the rock. They say it is dangerous to ships.

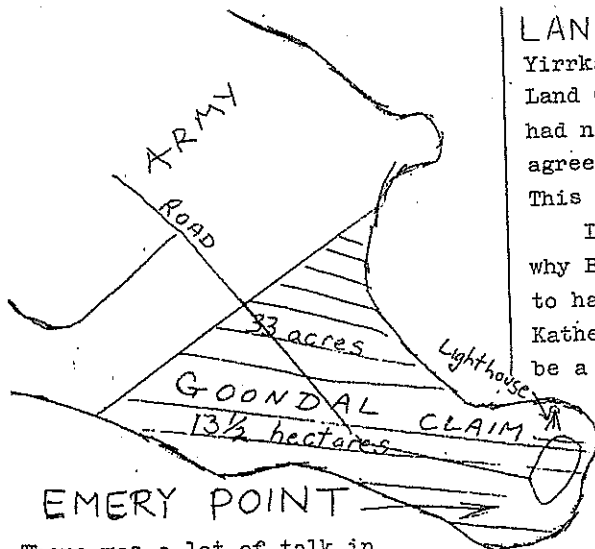
"You must talk to the Aborigines about that", said the Judge, on July 10th.

### CAR KILLS THREE

It was a terrible thing to hear about the death of three of our brothers in the one car smash at Mandorah. More and more of our people are dying in this new plague as more and more get cars.

The Gwalwa Daraniki members are all very upset to hear of this terrible accident.

We are very sorry for the people at BELYUEN REFUGEE CAMP (delissaville).



## LAND COUNCIL MEETING

Yirrkala could not take the Northern Land Council. Then Bamyili said they had no room. In the end Maningida agreed to accept the next meeting. This will be on July 28th, 29th 30th.

It is very hard to understand why Bamyili did not take the chance to have the meeting. The tribes around Katherine need their land. It would be a good chance to let everyone know.

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## STOP URANIUM

There was a lot of talk in the court about paying rates on this land!  
 One way to avoid paying rates on this ceremony site was to call it public parkland!  
 The Lands Branch reckon that our claim to Goondal is land worth \$770,000 if it was all houses. But the town planners said that Emery Point should be open space, not houses.  
 Why should Aborigines pay rates on ground for religious uses? Land rights is a farce, under these laws.

This month Sam Calder is in SOUTH AFRICA getting some ideas. He said on the radio that he was learning a lot in South Africa.

Last year he put an advertisement in the Darwin News. It said:

BUNJI AND MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PROBLEMS. Aboriginal Affairs are now of international interest because the Woodward Report recommends that the Arnhem Land Reserves be given to the Aboriginal people. If this massive wealth is to be given to Aborigines then people of 'honesty' and 'integrity' must assist and Administer Aboriginal Affairs."

Sam Calder does not have to worry. The tribes cannot stop uranium mining, even on reserves if the government says that it is in 'the national interest'.

But no Aborigine can agree to the mining of this poisonous rock. Please read this advertisement. It has nothing to do with the Larrakia and their claims. BUNJI prints this advertisement to give all tribes a chance to think about it.

## NEWS FROM V.B. PERKINS CO. PTY LTD

V.B.Perkins is the biggest barge company on the north coast, going to settlements and missions. Aboriginal Affairs bought a controlling interest last year. Senator Cavanagh nominated the Board of Directors. They are B.H.Smith (Chairman), V.B.Perkins (Managing Director), R.M.Rooney (Gen Manager), Martin Ford, J.W.McBean (T.L.C. of NSW), J. Doherty, R.G.Cole.

They are trying 'to encourage Aboriginal participation', at all levels. A Holding company is being formed to hold the Departments equity. These directors will be the four nominated by Senator Cavanagh plus two additional directors who will be Aborigines from the coastal communities. The name of the holding company which will own 75% of V.B.Perkins will be Arnhem Transport Services Pty Ltd. James Galarruway Yunupingu and Bernard Tupaloura have been invited to the next Board meeting.

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WANTED: TEN - TWENTY BRAVE ABORIGINES TO GO INTO THE HILLS AND FIGHT THE URANIUM MINERS IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

Leaving early next year. Must be ready to live off the land for several years.



# Letters



This is a report from Yarralin Council.

I believe that the Hooker is going to take the land back. I did talk face to face with Mr Shaw. I did ask for that ninety square miles and he did agree. We had a meeting at Yarralin and he did give me the bore, the tank and this yard and this fence and Sugar Loaf Pocket, and did show me the map. He did put it on the paper from the Pocket to Yarralin Waterhole. From there we bin show him the mosquito dreaming.

This the area, we still going to fight for it slowly for the place, we Can't let it go the area. My place is for the Wattie Creek and Yarralin, for the Gurindji and Narrinman and other people, and Mudbura to come together. We are careful for the dreaming.

We went to VRD to see Gilbert McAntree for this ninety square miles. He said, "No, I can't give him this land, I don't want any idea from Aboriginal." from Alan Young.

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This letter is from a Perth newspaper.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this to let you know the truth about Warburton.

The people have talked among them selves saying that the town belongs to the Europeans. But the things that are happening - the housing, the hospital etc are causing the people to be afraid because it seems the Europeans are taking over the place. That is why the children have no respect for the Europeans property and so they damage their houses and even the hospital.

We are often not shown complete plans that are being prepared for projects. We see them only when they happen. That is why the trouble began

(continued) over the sacred land.

In our culture the children and also the adults have more respect for our laws than for the European law.

TERRY ROBINSON from  
Warburton Ranges WA.

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Hullo,

I am in New York with two Micronesian people to address the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations. I will be meeting with the American Indian Movement people next week and I hope we can work out who is coming to Australia and when. It is pretty overwhelming but really exciting. Love to all.

Cheryl (Buchanan).

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The President of the National Indian Brotherhood of Canada, Mr George Manuel, has informed us that the International Conference of Indigenous people will take place September 22nd - 26th 1975, probably in Ottawa the capital of Canada.

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(George Manuel visited the Northern Territory in 1971. It is good to see all aboriginal people of the world getting together).

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BUNJI would like to get all the Aboriginal Newsletters like BOONDI (from Purfleet), Son of Nemarluk, Narungga News, Maningrida Mirage, Tiwi Talkabout, Darang etc so please send us a copy. We can pay or swap. Subscriptions to BUNJI cost \$1 for five issues.

Dont forget Aboriginal News which is free to groups from P.O. Box 17 Woden ACT. Also Black News Service 330 Brunswick St, Fitzroy Victoria every three weeks at \$20 per year.

# KULALUK PLAN

AREA 1. FOR DANCING & CEREMONIES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. FOR MEETINGS OF ABORIGINAL GROUPS CUSTODIANS LIVE THERE.  
 AREA 2. BEACH CAMP. SIMPLE SHELTERS. TRADITIONAL ARTEFACT MAKING AREA, FISH SPEARRING. NO FULL TIME RESIDENT.  
 AREA 3. FISH CAMP - RANGERS HUTS - CREEK ORIENTATED.

AREA 4. CEREMONIAL AND INSTRUCTION AREA.

- HC - FOOTPATHS - AREA OUT OF BOUNDS TO TRAFFIC
- N - POSSIBLE OUTDOOR DISPLAY - BLACK HISTORY, CULTURE
- S - NURSERY FOR GROWING TREES TO REPLANT KULALUK.
- S - SEWERAGE INSTALLATION
- OB - OLD BURIAL GROUND (TO 1958)
- NB - PROPOSED NEW BURIAL GROUND - BY REQUEST - ONLY.
- WBB - WATER BUFFALO AND WATER BINDS - GRASS SWAMP.
- 050 RAIN FOREST
- 000 REPLANTING
- 000 RAIN FOREST
- 000 MANGROVES

