

The Kulaluk Hero: Rikki Shields, uncle of Lynette Shields and Christopher Shields jnr
 In 1971 I worked with Rikki (Richard) Shields on the Darwin wharf. I was new to Darwin, but Rikki introduced me to his uncle Bobby Secretary, who was at that time considered to be among the last of the Larrakia tribe, the traditional owners of the Darwin area. Bobby and his family were living under old sheets of corrugated iron in a camp they called Kulaluk, in suburban Darwin. Rikki's brother Christopher Shields snr was the father of Bobby's niece and nephew, Lynette and Christopher Shields. Lynette could claim to be the senior traditional owner of Darwin. Christopher is deceased. Helen Secretary's parents are Kathleen S. and Con Castrissious. On the first ever National Aborigines Day, July 9, 1971, Rikki and I planned a protest march in support of the remaining Larrakia. All the residents of the camp, joined by others from the Bagot Reserve agreed to walk from Kulaluk, eight kilometres into the city, carrying protest signs. On the morning of the planned march the campers were hesitant to set off on their first public protest until Rikki gave a stirring motivational speech, urging the Larrakia and their supporters to stand up for their rights. Inspired, we then set off on the first steps of a long eight-year march, described in my book, "Bunji: a story of the Gwalwa Daraniki Movement". I give Rikki the credit of stirring us to action and of being amongst the first to publicly identify with the tribal people in the camps of homeless Aborigines around Darwin, and in particularly the city's own Larrakia people.
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LOCATION UP-DATE APRIL 1971

Location Bagot..... 005

Aborigines present but NOT listed in Computer Print-out (Please complete as many details as possible in time)

Name	Sex	Language Tribe	Skin Group	D.O.B.	Place of Birth	Marr. Status	Location Came from	Further Identification Details (Relatives - Parents, Consorts, Child)
English	Aboriginal							
KATHLEEN SECRETARY 06443	F	LARRAKIA	-	17.4.1947	DARWIN	S	DARWIN	FATH. - SAMUEL MTH. - TOSY SECRETARY CH. 1. LYNETTE 21.2.1965 CH. 2. CHRISTOPHER JOHN 23.3.1967 CH. 3. HELEN PATRICIA 7.1.1969
HANNEY JUDY 008138	F	WALANG	ANGRETT	1931	GOULBURN N.S.W.	M.	GOULBURN N.S.W.	FATH. - DEC'D MTH. - DEC'D MTH. - FRANK NUMANAMANA CH. 1. SIMON 9.7.61
FRANK 06131	M	NUMANAMANA	QUAQUOJI	1926	MANUNGION	HEAD	MANUNGION	FATH. - NARDELIA DEC'D MTH. - MITAKA DEC'D WIFE - SUDY MUMUN
BARNET 05535	M	KINYOHA	BARISHE	1920	MOIL RES.	M.	FIMBER OK DALY RIVER	FATH. - DEC'D MTH. - DEC'D WIFE - NOKA
ROLO ?	M	KINTOHA	TOLAMA	1941	NEWBY SPR.	M.	CON. N. WA DODDER	FATH. - BANGU BEGURI MTH. - DEC'D WIFE - DAISY BINGEKI CH. 1. JIM 1968 CH. 2. MICHAEL 1970

Census - Bagot.

Dec 1968

Single women
Kathleen Secretary's Quarters

NAME	ABORIGINAL	GROUP	TRIBE	SEX	D. OF B.	
RUBY	JINGALA	NANGARI	GURINJI	F	1895	Pensioner * Sen. Robert Cobell Mt. Aboriginal B. 1932, Father Jack Cobell a European
KATHLEEN KATHY SECRETARY (KATHY)	-	-	LARRAKIA	F	1947	F. SAMUEL M. TOSY SECRETARY YURUGUDAMIRI IN DARWIN HOSPITAL still in Darwin
LYNETTE SECRETARY				F	21/2/65	Father Christopher Shields jnr pastor
CHRISTOPHER				M	23.3.66	"
HELEN PATRICIA				F	7.1.69	still in Darwin Hoop.

Welfare reports from the archives: Helen Secretary's parents are Kathleen S. and Con Castrissious.
 Kathleen Secretary's parents are Topsy Secretary and Samuel Yurugudamiri (Tiwi Tribe).