

Some of the forgotten Larrakia families

The Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation is structured around eight family groups. Not all Larrakia families are represented by the Larrakia Nation. Some of those who claim they are not consulted are shown in the photographs below.



Left: Dominic Bishop. Centre: Titus Bishop. These men live with their mother at Knuckeyes Lagoon. Their grandfather was Captain Bishop, who fought for land rights with Bobby Secretary in the 1970s. Right: Andrew Thompson. Andrew lives in the Bagot Community. He claims that he is not a member of the Larrakia Nation or the Gwalwa Daraniki Association that holds the Kulaluk lease. Like Dominic and Titus, he lives in poverty on the land of his ancestors.



Left: Gwendoline Rankin. Gwen's mother marched for land rights in 1971. She and her brother and their children and nephews and nieces live in the Bagot Community in Darwin. Her mother was a member of the Danggalaba clan of the Larrakia people. Their rights as a traditional owner are not recognised. Centre: Stephanie Thompson. Stephanie's mother was Paula Thompson. Her grandmother was Margaret Moy, a wife of Tommy Lyons, Larrakia elder. Stephanie and her siblings live in poverty in the Bagot Aboriginal Community in Darwin. Right: Michael Rankin is a very sick man in 2011. His mother fought for Larrakia rights in the 1970s.



Left: Elisha, Dallax, Marilyn and Kathleen from the Rankin family at home in Bagot. Centre and right: Neville Morton, grandson of Captain Bishop and his brother Victor Campbell.