

NATIVE UNION INCORPORATED

The Native Union was founded by William Harris in 1926. It had as its aim, "To secure equality for Aborigines in all spheres of West Australian cultural and social life" through the establishment of cultural centres with educational facilities in metropolitan and country areas.

In 1968, a small group formed a Native Union, and the Secretary, Doreen Trainor, secured properties in Brookton. Doreen Trainor was also the Minister's representative at prisons throughout the State.

The club was disbanded in 1975, and it was decided that a Youth Council be formed to include the youth of Pingelly, Beverley and Brookton.

Sources:

Minutes 8312A/2; 8312A/3; 8312A/5; *West Australian [newspaper]*, 31 December, 1979, p. 15

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SUMMARY OF CLASSES

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Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
8312A/1	Date range: 1958-1987 Native Union Incorporated letterhead – Letter to D Trainor relating to Gavin Winmar – Letter to D Trainor relating to the treatment of Aboriginal inmates of West Australian prisons – "Brutality towards Australian Aborigines – WA style", essay and notes – application forms for legal aid – Native Union Incorporated minutes and agendas for Brookton, including "Native Union newsletter", April 1972 - <i>Bush Tucker Stories</i> , booklet - Native Union Brookton – Pingelly (South Avon) Ladies Council, and youth club – letters from Ronald Dodd to D Trainor including photograph – Native Union Education Plan – English Essays interviews – Royal Commission Fremantle Prison – Standing Committee on social environment
8312A/2	Date range: 1968-1980 "General correspondence" includes "Whitewash; the Trainor report" and Ronald Dodd – Extracts from notebook of D E Trainor – Fremantle Prison – Alphabetical file of correspondence for Native Union Incorporated, including constitution – miscellaneous correspondence including letter to Mr Beazley explaining projects involving Aboriginal prisoners and ex-prisoners, and correspondence and photograph connected with Michael Grantley Egan - unidentified wedding? photograph – "Brookton housing, study grants and convention notes" includes Aboriginal Advancement League financial reports – Native Union Incorporated, Fremantle, balance sheet and accounts – Subscription Book – The Comets basketball, organiser Anne Yarran – Native Union Incorporated Certificate of Incorporation – Native Union

	Incorporated minute book and constitution, 1971 - 1975
8312A/3	<p>Date range: 1954-1978</p> <p>Mainly miscellaneous correspondence relating to Brookton and Pingelly, requests for grants, agendas for meetings, financial matters, George Abdullah's meeting, Brookton-Fremantle project, Sports Committee, demise of Native Union, training scheme, Record of Negotiations between Native Union Incorporated and Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra, Aboriginal Loans Commission, Constitution "Bundi Club" Meekatharra – Technical Education Division roll book for the Native Union Youth Club class – instructors – poster "Keep alive the spirit of William Harris; Join the Native Union" – receipts and payments including account book – "Aboriginal Advancement and Integration, second draft", annotated – "The prisons Act, 1903 – 1918", annotated – "Prison 1972", notebook – "10/9/1970 – 11/11/1970", notebook – notebooks, untitled – "Select Committee Inquiry into Aboriginal Affairs, Western Australia, 1958" includes appendix listing missions in Western Australia, and State Housing Commission plan, timber framed house, 1956</p>
8312A/4	<p>Date range: 1949-1979</p> <p>Letter to Doreen Trainor from Government of Western Australia Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority inviting her to unveiling of a plaque – "Commonwealth of Australia Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment, proof", annotated – "Collie" – "Wyalkatchem" – note books, some probably prison visits – Department of Native Welfare Officer's Journal, Central Perth, D E Trainor – correspondence relating to proposal to set up a nursery, and to refusal of grant to Brookton and alleged misappropriation of funds – miscellaneous including changes to the Constitution, Brookton grant, George Abdullah's visit – photographs including Native Welfare sign on Doodlakine Native Reserve and negatives "Mr Chadwick" – mainly correspondence with John Dawkins relating to requirements for proof of identity for unemployment benefits – miscellaneous including observation of Nyungar life, disbanding of Native Union, "Pensees" by R J Chadwick, annotated, note written by Gladys O'Shane, Holloways Beach – financial ledger</p>
8312A/5	<p>Date range: 1962-1976</p> <p>Attendance book for Native Union meetings – note book relating to sewing - "newsletter and correspondence" – miscellaneous including newspaper articles, ideas for agenda for meetings, Narrogin incident, Brookton, White Street house, time line of events of the Native Union, balance sheet, request for buses, membership list, Jigalong Native Cattle Station, adult native education, Meekatharra</p>

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