

## **Meredith Burgmann Archives**

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### **TUCAR Folder: 1977-1987**

CBA chequebook Liverpool & Castlereagh Sts Sydney in name of "The Queensland Act Confrontation Committee", with cheque stub dated 3/1/78 made out to TUCAR for \$115.00.

Undated TUCAR flyer Address Box 15 Trades Hall from TUCAR Convenor Rod Pickette advising next meeting of TUCAR Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Room 9 Trades Hall.

One page from SEARCH NEWS dated November 2008, "TUCAR – a union platform to empower Aboriginal people Peter Murphy interviews Kevin Tory"

2 page undated TUCAR Charter, address Box 15 Trades Hall

*Tribune*, 5 April 1977, p2: Headline: UNIONS TO JOIN LAND RIGHTS FIGHT' – detailing proposed meeting to set up TUCAR. Clipping of article plus page/date.

Undated 1 page Notice of Meeting to be held on Wed April 13 1977  
'Business - Formation. of a Combined Trade Union Committee on Aboriginal Rights',  
Sponsors: Black Defence Group (incorporating Aboriginal Land Rights Campaign), AMWSU National and State Branches, FEDFA Federal and State Branches, Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Aust, NSW Fire Brigade Employees Union, Seamen's Union of Australia, BWIU State Branch, Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union NSW, Miners Federation General President and General Secretary.

TUCAR Letter Dec 15, 1977 signed Rod Pickette TUCAR Convenor Services "Dear Friend", advising and requesting support for letter sent to Premier Wran and Minister for Youth & Community Services re recognition of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and support for new land rights legislation in NSW.

TUCAR Letter Dec 15 1977 to Premier Wran

TUCAR Letter 3 February 1978 to 'The Secretary/Delegate' advising a special meeting of TUCAR on 8 February 5.30pm Room 9 Trades Hall to meet Mr Mick Miller Chairman of North Queensland Land Council.

Agenda for TUCAR meeting Feb 6 1978 + background letter re Cobargo (Aboriginal housing) case.

TUCAR letter dated March 15 1978 advising next TUCAR meeting Monday April 10. Includes Agenda.

TUCAR letter dated April 20 1978 re land claim from Jerringa Tribal Council Roseby Park

TUCAR letter dated April 20 1978 to NSW Premier supporting land claim at Roseby Park.

AGENDA – handwritten date 1977/78 – includes agenda item discussion of NSW Land Rights Conference and first land claim in NSW at Terry Hie Hie.

2 page undated Draft proposal (drawn up by the Black Defence Group) for name and charter of TUCAR

Undated 2 page TUCAR letter co-signed by Rod Pickette (Convenor) and Kevin Cook (Secretary) re

Peter Tobin Aboriginal Scholarship Foundation  
 North Queensland Trade Union Aboriginal conference  
 Aurukun & Mornington Island Appeal  
 Racial Discrimination at Walgett Hotels  
 Advertisement for Trade Union Journals  
 Affiliation

*Tribune*, 26 July 1978: ABORIGINES SUPPORT UTAH MINERS, article clipping re Tranby students and staff supporting striking Utah miners who had in the past supported Tranby and Aboriginal rights.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held 21 August 1978

TUCAR notice of meeting with representatives of North Queensland Land Council on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> (?1978) re Land Rights and Mining, Aboriginal attendance from Weipa and Aurukun

TUCAR letter dated May 25, 1978 advising next meeting of TUCAR on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>, Room 9, Trades Hall

Yellow Flyer supported by TUCAR advising public meeting on threats to Aboriginal areas in Queensland Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September with Speakers Al Grassby, Bertie Buttons, Les Malezer.

Green TUCAR flyer advising public meeting Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> on Aboriginal Land Rights, speaker Bob Bellear, Aborigines and the Media, speaker Lester Bostock

Yellow flyer advising free screening of Takeover of Aurukun Aboriginal Reserve at Tom Mann Theatre Thursday 3 September

TUCAR notice of meeting Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> 1979 signed Pickette and Cook; agenda items include Report from Marcia Langton on NSW government Parliamentary Select Inquiry into Aborigines,

TUCAR letter dated 12 February 1979, 'Dear Meredith' re support for a Teach-In at USYD March 17-18.

Green TUCAR letter 23 April 1979, signed Hannah Middleton (UASA), TUCAR Secretary

enclosing TUCAR 3-page submission for presentation to the NSW Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Aborigines. [See Union ENDORSEMENTS in scans by Sophia Khan]

Pink TUCAR letter dated 23 April 1979 advising next TUCAR meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> with Agenda.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting April 9, 1979 – items included request for freeze on all Crown Land pending Select C'ttee's recommendations, report on compensation paid by Tipperary Station NT for cattle stolen from Aborigines, request from Aboriginal Medical Centre for sponsorship of Sydney-Melbourne Walk, report on attempts to purchase part of the Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Reserve through the NSW Aboriginal Lands Trust and request for speaker on the national satellite system.

Pink TUCAR letter dated 24 May 1979 enclosing copy of appeal from Wreck Bay Aboriginal community re land rights and advising next meeting and agenda of TUCAR Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Blue TUCAR letter dated 3 August 1979 advising next meeting Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Agenda included NPWS report on sacred sites at Mumbulla Mountain, Mining at Wallaga Lake, Berreloola.

Blue single page titled 'Campaign around TUCAR submission on land rights to NSW Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon Aborigines' – page lists TUCAR members who will contact different unions.

TUCAR letter 24<sup>th</sup> August 1979 advising next meeting Mon 10<sup>th</sup> September

TUCAR Minutes of meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> August 1979, includes advice that Chairman of Mt Isa Mines had written to the Prime Minister critical of the basis on which land had been proposed for inclusion in the National Estate Register under the terms of the Australian Heritage Commission Act and had suggested that powers under the Act had been used improperly to prevent mining by the company.

Minutes (on yellow paper) of TUCAR meeting held Sep 10<sup>th</sup>, 1979. Items discussed included potential closure of Mt Druitt CYSS yellow House and the AWU case for award wages for Aborigines living on Queensland Reserves.

1 page titled 'ENDORSEMENTS' listing unions endorsing the TUCAR submission to the Select Committee on Aborigines, April 1979:

Firemen and Deckhands Union of NSW

Aust Social Welfare Union

Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Aust (NSW Branch)

Plate Sheet and ornamental Glassworkers Union of NSW

Building Workers Industrial Union (NSW Branch)

ATEA(NSW Branch)

NSWTF

FEDFA (NSW Branch)

Seamens Union of Australia (Sydney Branch)  
 AMWSU (NSW Branch)  
 NSW Fire Brigade Employees Union  
 Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Aust (NSW Branch)  
 Water and sewerage Employees Union (Wages Division)  
 Waterside Workers Federation of Aust (Sydney Branch)  
 Aust Coal and Shale Employees Federation (Miners Federation)  
 APTU (NSW Branch-Mr Phillips)  
 Letter headed 'Campaign against mining Aboriginal land' 33 Smith St Fitzroy Victoria re proposed trip by Kimberley Aboriginal representatives to the USA to visit Indian organisations and present a case to the UN in NY for land rights in WA.

One page "The Yellow House Mt Druitt"

TUCAR letter dated 21 September 1979 advising next meeting to be held Monday 8 October

TUCAR letter 17<sup>th</sup> October 1979 – re invitation to public meeting organised by TUCAR on 12 November on the work of the Select committee upon Aborigines

TUCAR letter of 18 October 1979 advising Maurie Keane and Pat O'Shane to speak on 12 November, and advising next TUCAR meeting to be held Monday 10 December.

TUCAR Invitation to public meeting Monday 12 November Room 64 Trades Hall

Meredith's handwritten notes (2 small pages) 'for TUCAR Dec 10' – appears to be draft of letters to Frank Walker requesting charges against John Terry (ALS) in Walgett be dropped and similar action against Aborigines cease.

TUCAR letter of 21 March 1980 advising next meeting to be held Mon 14 April. Agenda items included 'Bill of Rights and Treaty of Commitment', Aboriginal Development Commission, AWU award wage case in Qld.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held Mon 17 March 1980

TUCAR information sheet entitled 'Noonkanbah Station' re opposition to mining, Amax Petroleum.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held 9 June 1980. Includes advice that TUCAR agreed to circulate copies of the ALS leaflet on the land rights demonstration organised for National Aborigines Day on 11 July.

TUCAR letter dated 14 November 1980 advising next meeting to be held 8 December.

TUCAR minutes of November 10 1980. Included advice that the Tent Embassy had been dismantled so that no further action was required by TUCAR, a report on the work of the Aboriginal Education Council, a report on the issue of radioactive waste from Hunters Hill and its proposed dumping near sacred sites around Menindie.

TUCAR letter dated 14 November 1980 to Premier Wran expressing support for the land rights recommendations by the Select Committee upon Aborigines and urging the Government to bring down legislation 'with as much speed as possible'.

TUCAR letter of January 28 1981 advising next meeting to be held on Monday February 9.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held Monday 12 January 1981. Included advice that it was agreed to circulate an advertisement of TUCAR's work to send to all trade union journals, workers club and Aboriginal journals.

Undated TUCAR info sheet on the new Aboriginal Development Commission.

TUCAR letter dated Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1981 advising next meeting to be held on Monday March 9. Included advice on Yirrawala case re need for Aboriginal control of sacred paintings and artefacts.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held Feb 9. 1981. Includes advice that Mr Cecil Patten representing the Aboriginal Legal Service and the Organisation of Aboriginal Unity, had addressed the meeting.

TUCAR letter of May 25 1981 advising next meeting to be held on Monday June 8. Paul Coe president ALS has been asked to speak on the implications for Aboriginal programs and funding of the Fraser Government's 'new federalism' and policies of 'smaller government'.

Undated TUCAR info sheet headed "National Aborigines' Day" re July 10 1981 as a focal point in campaign for Aboriginal land rights and endorsing ALS advertisement in the National Times calling on NSW Government to implement land rights legislation.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting of May 11, 1981

TUCAR letter advising next meeting on Monday July 13. Rally to be held in Sydney Square on National Aborigines Day to be preceded by a march from ALS Botany St Redfern.

Minutes of meeting held July 13, 1981. June meeting had been cancelled due to holiday. Contains list of donations and affiliations to 1/7/81.

TUCAR letter of July 27, 1981 advising next meeting Monday August 10. Items on Wee Waa (including death of Eddy Murray) and Queensland (move by Bjelke Petersen to replace reserves with leases) – petition attached.

TUCAR letter dated August 17 1981 advising AGM to be held Mon September 14 followed by a public meeting.

Minutes of meeting held August 10 1981. AGM postponed until September.

TUCAR letter dated 15/9/81 to 'all members of the demonstration organising committee (DOC)' advising first meeting to be held Monday September 21.

TUCAR letter of Sep 29 1981 advising next meeting to be held Monday October 12, a demonstration in support of land rights in NSW to be held at the State office Block 4pm Friday October 30 and an art exhibition in support of land rights to be held at Paddington Town Hall from Friday October 23 to Sunday November 1.

Minutes of TUCAR AGM held Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> (1981)

Yellow flyer headed 'Land rights NSW The Facts' promoting the March from ALS Fri Oct 30 To the State Office Block.

TUCAR flyer promoting Apmira Artists for Aboriginal Land Rights exhibition at Paddington Town Hall to be opened by Professor Bernard Smith on Friday October 23. Purpose – to publicise the land rights cause and raise money for the NSW, Kimberley and North Queensland Land Councils. Flyer lists patrons of Apmira – Faith Bandler, Artur Boyd, Marea Gazzard, Sali Herman, Wandjuk Marika, Les Murray, Peter Sculthorpe, Bernard Smith, Thancouple, Patrick White.

TUCAR letter dated July 31 1981 to The Attorney General Mr Walker re Wee Waa/ death of Mr Eddy Murray requesting an Independent Enquiry.

Undated flyer for concert and Rally in the Park for Friendship & Against Racism Sat November 24 Belmore Park from 12 midday. Organised by NSW Committee for the 12<sup>th</sup> World Festival of Youth & Students. TUCAR listed as first co-sponsor.

TUCAR letter of October 22 1981 advising next meeting to be held on Monday November 9 and including advice of land rights demonstration on Oct 30.

Newspaper report, *The Australian* 4/11/81 "Discriminate FOR Aboriginals – report" re FAUSA report on Aboriginal education.

TUCAR letter of November 20 1981 advising next meeting to be held Monday December 14.

2 page TUCAR flyer 'Support changes to ACTU policy on Aboriginal Rights' – includes Tranby logo 'We work together to live'.

4 page TUTA leaflet 'Aborigines in Unions TUTA July 6-10 1981 advertising Aborigines in Trade Unions course. Course leader Mr C Miller

TUCAR letter of February 16 1982 advising next meeting to be held on Monday March 8.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held February 8 1982

TUCAR letter of August 19 1982 advising next meeting to be held Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>

Minutes of meeting held August 9 1982. Includes advice that ACOA delegate would attend on regular basis and report from Steering Committee of people for Land rights and Justice re Commonwealth Games protests.

TUCAR letter of August 23 1982 re People for Land Rights and Justice and Commonwealth Games protests.

TUCAR letter of August 23 1982 re Commonwealth Games protests.

Labor Council of NSW Circular dated 30 August 1982 re Aboriginal Land Rights enclosing copy of Mervyn Penrith's speech to Labor Council.

TUCAR letter of October 25 1982 advising next meeting to be held Monday November 8. Includes advice re funding cuts to Aboriginal education including Tranby Educational College.

Minutes of TUCAR meeting held Monday October 11 1982

TUCAR letter of October 25 1982 to Senator Baume, Minister for Education protesting cuts to Aboriginal adult education courses.

SMH 26/5/84 advertisement 'Immigration and Aboriginal Land Rights' supporting a non-discriminatory Immigration policy and self-determination for Aboriginal people. Signatories include individuals and trade unionists

4 page TUCAR Newsletter Number 10 June 1986

TUCAR press Release of 28 April 1987. Covering letter seeks support in condemning the Liberal Party's Aboriginal Affairs policy.

TUCAR letter of May 22 1987 advising next meeting Monday June 15 NSWTF building, 300 Sussex St and enclosing Minutes of meeting on May 11 1987

8 page TUCAR Newsletter Number 19, August/September 1987

TUCAR letter of 23 September 1987 advising next meeting Monday October 12 and enclosing Minutes of meeting held September 13 1987.

Invitation to AGM of TUCAR Monday 8 February 1988 at NSWTF

NUCAM – 3 flyers, appear to be 1988/1989

Aboriginal Land Rights Support Group No 3 Newsletter, 12 pages, not dated. Includes items on Berrelcool, Noonkanbah, Yarrabah, The Yellow House.

