

TUCAR material, held within Federated Engine Drivers & Firemen's Association of Australasia Papers (NSW Branch), (FEDFA)

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Held in digital form in Tranby Archives.

Many of the documents in the Noel Butlin Archive have been scanned/photographed and are held in .pdf form in the Tranby archive. The date method used to name files is (YYMMDD). However, there are a range of relevant items (flyers, newsletters, memos) that are not specifically dated. Usually the contents of the document has at least enabled a good guess at the year (but not always).

- When its not possible to confirm the day or month (or either) of a document, then zeros have been used in the document name. So if a document was created in 1986 but we have no more specific information the title will start with 860000.
- If there is no date at all, the title will start with ND.

There are a number of FEDFA folders with material relevant to Aboriginal politics. The most relevant three for TUCAR or Tranby are:

- 'TUCAR', which contains all the correspondence/meeting minutes/other material that FEDFA received directly from TUCAR, this material is generally on TUCAR letterhead.
- 'TUCAR Newsletters', which contains all TUCAR newsletters between #1 (Nov 1984) and #28 (June 1990). Most of the newsletters were copied from the NLA holdings, except for #9 and #10 which were not in the NLA collection, and so were photographed from the FEDFA archive. Archival origin is indicated in the title of each newsletter document. In the FEDFA archive there were also examples of newsletters #1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23.
- 'Tranby', but contains little, mostly notices for upcoming AGMs and annual financial reporting.

There are five other folders:

- Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee
- Bicentennial Protests
- Committee to Defend Black Rights
- Land Rights
- Miscellaneous

These contain a range of material collected by FEDFA that is not always directly related to TUCAR or Tranby, but some of which was organised by the same people. Some of this material lists Tranby as a meeting place or mailing address.

The titles of these folders roughly match the 'items' (see below) in the FEDFA collection, but this does not mean the contents of these folders match. For example, the documents in the 'Land Rights' folder are drawn from several of the FEDFA items – rather than just Land Rights item. See the yellow/purple post-it notes in each photo for which 'item' the material was originally found in.

There is sometimes very considerable crossover within this material, so it was often difficult to decide which folder to file a document in.

The FEDFA archive also contains photocopies of newspaper articles in the collection on a broad range of Aboriginal issues (not directly related to Tranby/TUCAR), which indicate someone at FEDFA was keenly interested in this. There were also various publications and pamphlets that again didn't seem to have any relationship to Tranby/TUCAR at all, so have been out.

Below is a breakdown of the contents of the relevant folders (labelled as 'items') in the FEDFA archive

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There are ten 'items' (folders) in the FEDFA archive that deal with Aboriginal issues and rights.

Item 7 – Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

- All contents photographed, and all to do with the NSW Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Watch Committee, which was probably operating out of Tranby.

Item 8 – Aborigines - 'Bicentennial Protest' Committee, newsletter

- Photographed all, but not really clear about connection to Tranby

Item 9 – Aborigines - Blackbooks Catalogue

- A few book catalogues in here, not photographed. Organisation based at Tranby

Item 10 – Aborigines - Committee to Defend Black Rights

- Everything in this item photographed, most had some connection to Tranby.

Item 11 – Aborigines – Federal & State Policies (1980) 1984-1986

- Not photographed.
- Includes some communication between Sergio Zorino (Secretary of FEDFA) and members of parliament regarding Aboriginal land rights. As well as photocopies of the policies of various organisations with regard to Aboriginal people (Labor Council of NSW, Federal ALP, NSW ALP, ACTU, NSW Trades and Labor Council).

Item 12 – Aborigines – General

- Some contents photographed, but it was largely made of photocopies of newspaper articles on a wide range of Aboriginal issues (from a range of newspapers, especially *Tribune*, *SMH*, *Financial Review*).

Item 13 – Aborigines – Land Rights

- Some contents photographed. This folder was again primarily made up photocopies of newspaper articles.

Item 14 – Aborigines - Trade Union Committee on Aboriginal Rights

- Every document photographed (except TUCAR newsletters already copied at NLA)
- If items are stapled together they have generally been treated as one document. For example, there are many instances where TUCAR sent FEDFA a short letter informing them of the time and date of the next meeting, and stapled to this letter were the minutes of the previous meeting (generally held a couple of weeks before the letter was dated). These have been filed as one document, under the date of the letter, rather than the minutes.

Item 15 – Aborigines – Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College

- All photographed. Mainly consists of notices of AGMs and financial reports.

Item 16 – Aborigines – Western Districts Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs

- Single letter in this folder, photographed and filed it in the 'Misc' folder, but doesn't seem to have any connection to Tranby/TUCAR.