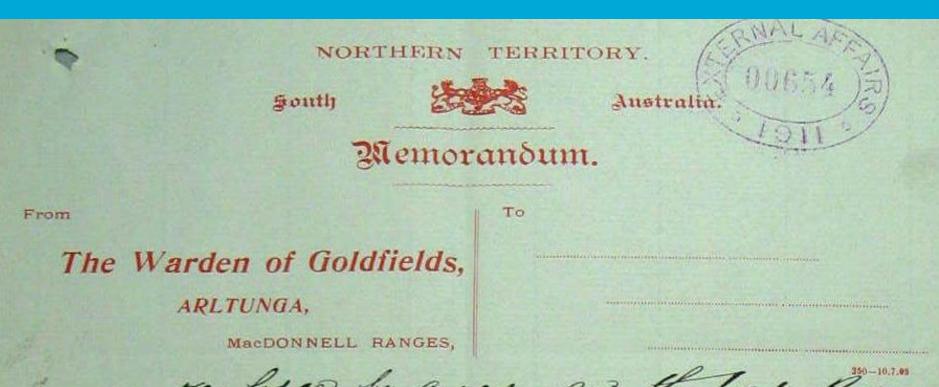


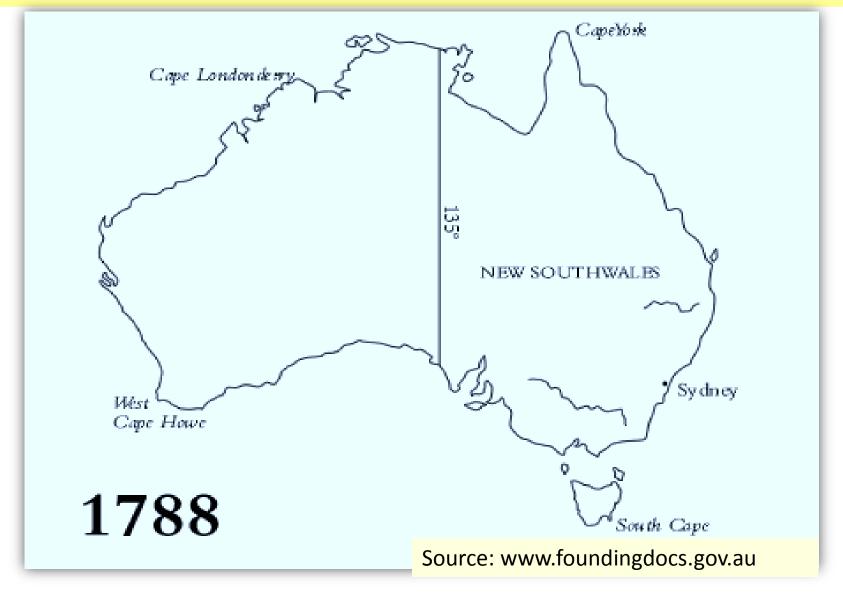
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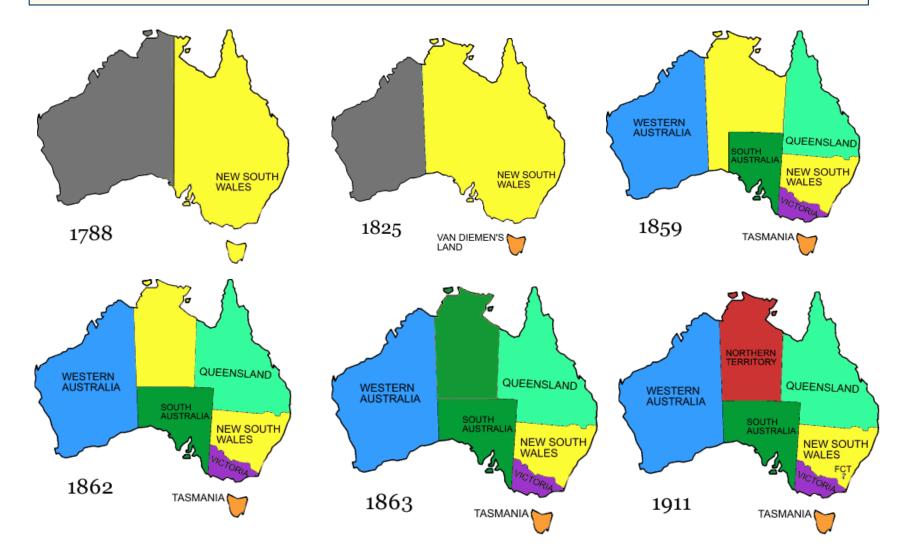
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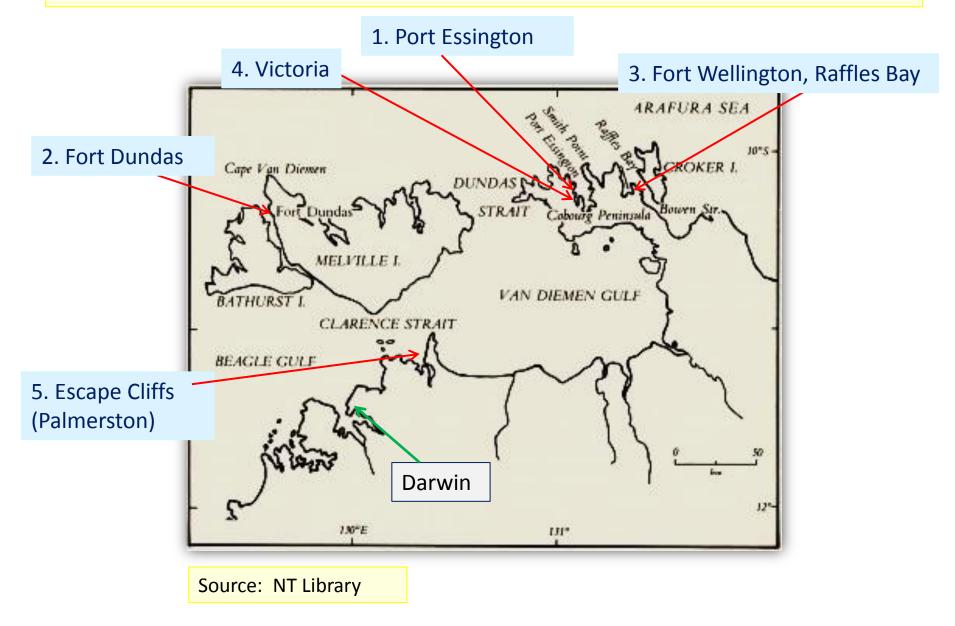
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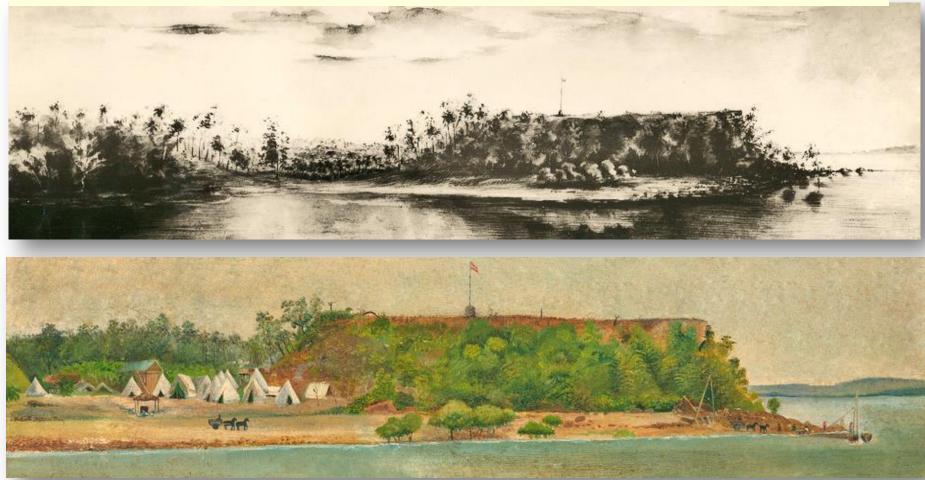
The current Northern Territory - part of New South Wales from 1825 to 1862



Failed attempts at white settlement – Northern Territory



Establishing Palmerston at Port Darwin



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1869 - George Woodroofe Goyder's Survey Party

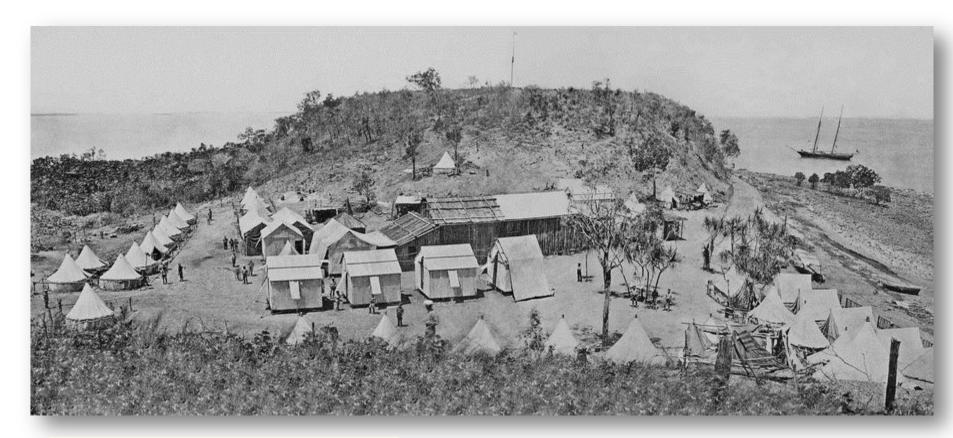


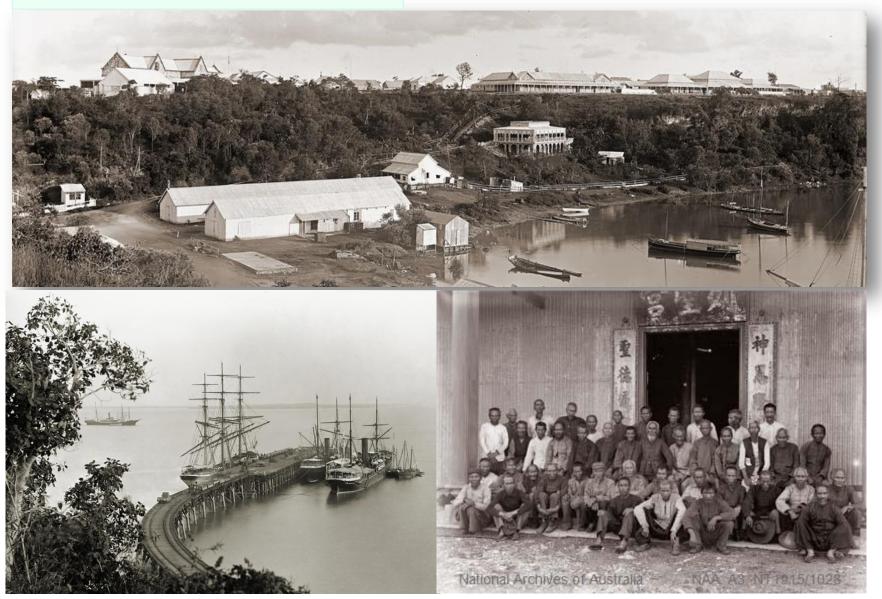
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Sept. 1870 - Planting the first telegraph pole, near Palmerston.



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1891 – Palmerston



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1891 - South Australian Census of the Northern Territory

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1900-1901 Most South Australians had enough of their Northern Territory and they wanted to get rid of it and the debt.



South Australian Railway – Palmerston to Pine Creek Images: NAA & NT Library

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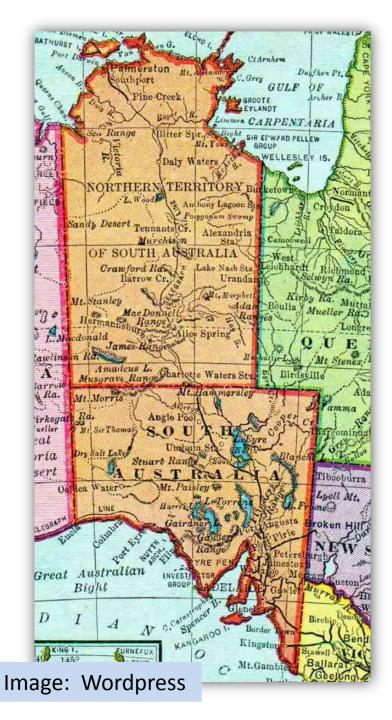
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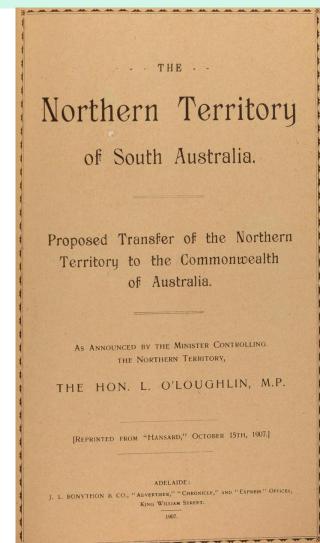
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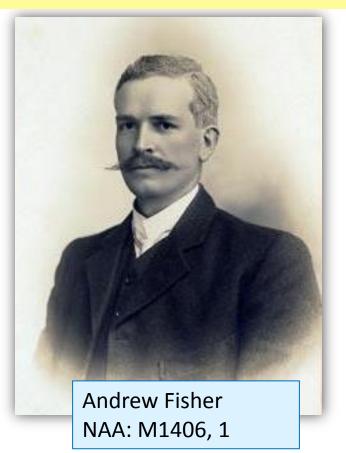
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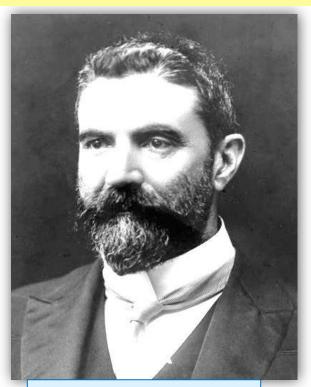
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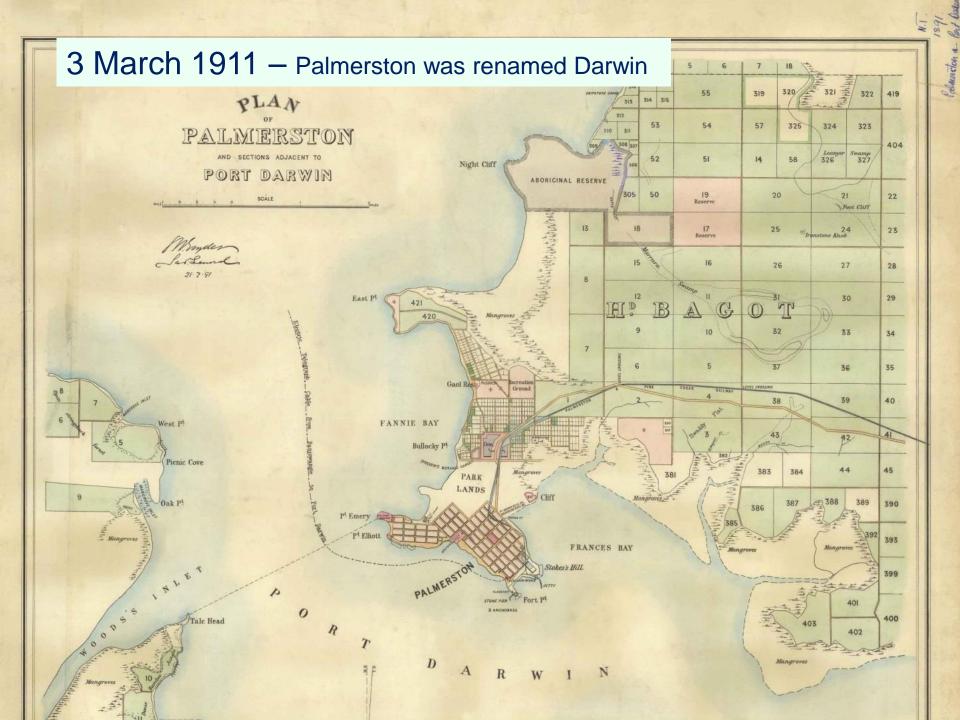


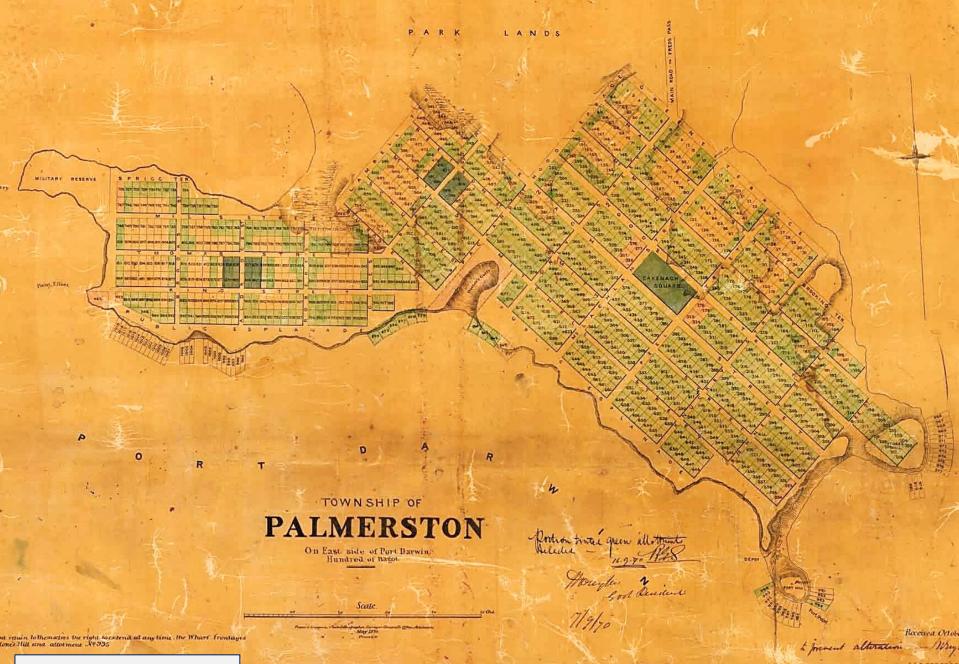


Alfred Deakin NAA: A1200, L11179A 2nd January 1911 - Raising the flag in Palmerston to celebrate the transfer of the Territory to the Commonwealth.



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First Commonwealth Minister responsible for the Northern Territory

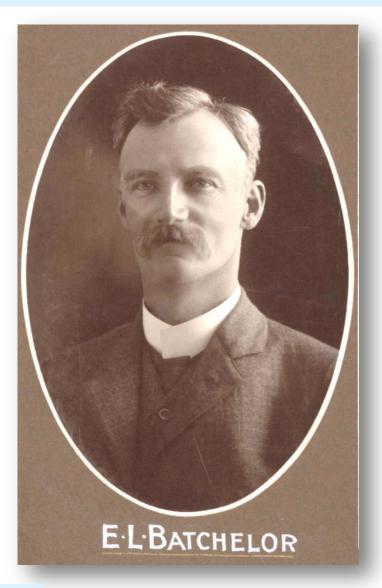
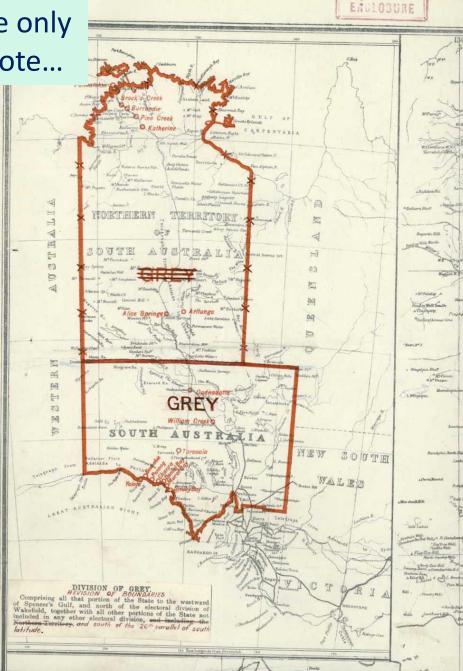


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From 1911... Territorians were the only Australians to lose their right to vote...



HOME AFFAIRS

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NORTHERN TERRITORY.

REPRESENTATION-LEASES.

Mr. SINCLAIR (for Mr. PALMER) asked the Prime Minister, upon notice-

1. What, in view of the acquisition of the Northern Territory by the Federal Government, is the position of South Australia in the matter of representation—

(a) In this House?

(b) In the Senate?

2. Will the Northern Territory be entitled to representation as a separate territory?

3. Will the same conditions apply to the area in New South Wales excised for Federal Capital Site purposes?

4. Will provision to meet the altered conditions be embodied in the proposed amending Electoral Bill?

Mr. FISHER.—The answers to the honorable member's questions are—

r. The representation of South Australia in the Senate and House of Representatives is not affected except that the persons resident in the Northern Territory are not now entitled to enrolment on any Commonwealth roll.

2. The Parliament may, under the Constitution, allow the representation of a Territory in either House of the Parliament to the extent and on the terms which it thinks fit.

3. See answer to No. 2.

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4. It is not proposed to deal with the matter in the Amending Electoral Bill.

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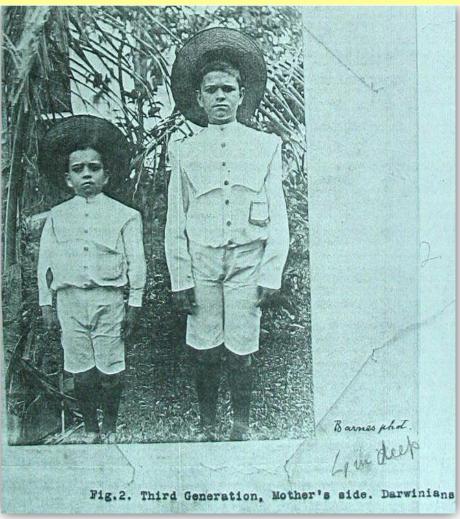
1922 - Harold George Nelson first member for the Northern Territory in the Australian House of Representatives

'Every grievance voiced by the people of the Northern Territory sounds like a foghorn in this Parliament' – statement made by Senator P.J. Lynch 1930



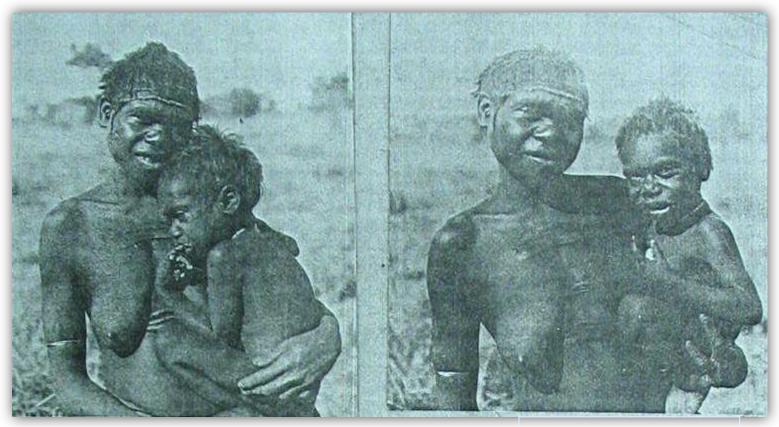
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1911 - Territory's non-Aboriginal population was 3,271



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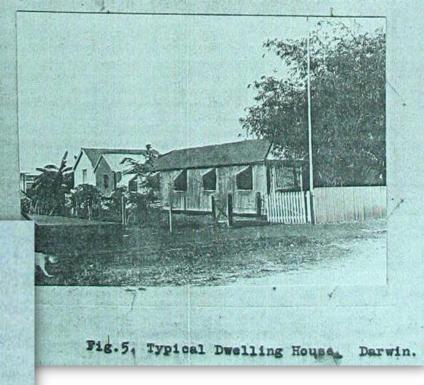
1911 - The Aboriginal population was estimated from 30,000 to 50,000.



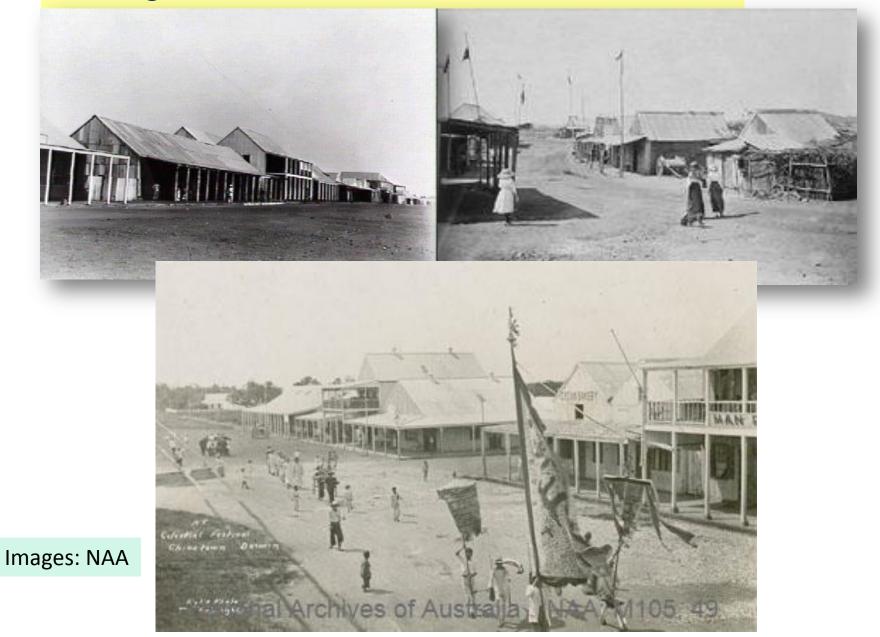
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1911 - Darwin itself was a ramshackle town





Cavenagh Street - Darwin's Chinatown



Establishment of the first Commonwealth administration



'Camp of Larrakeeya natives, Darwin 1911'. Taken by Sir Baldwin Spencer – SLSA B-72667-10

1911 - Aboriginals Ordinance (Commonwealth) The Chief Protector could take any Aboriginal person into custody.

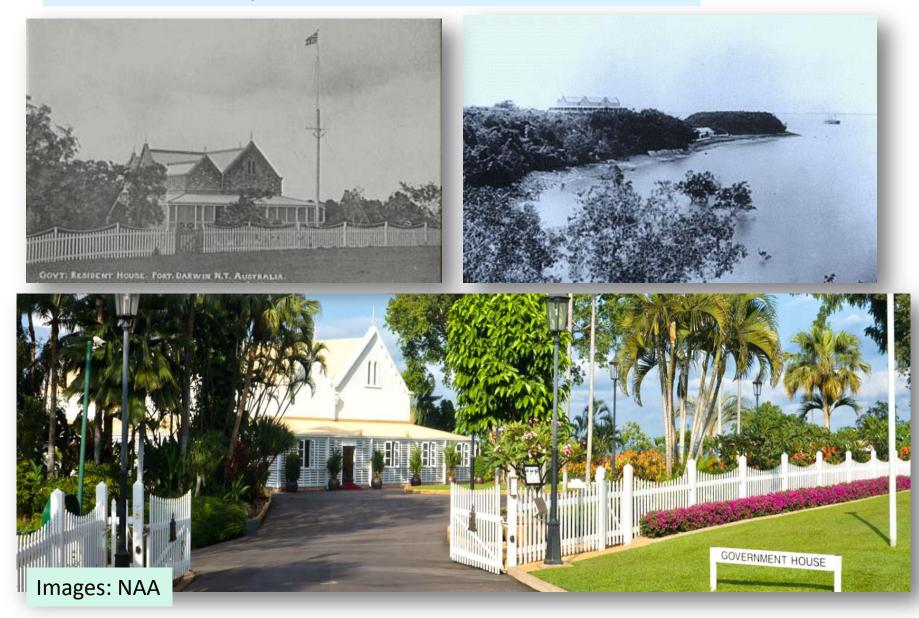


E.C. Stirling sits in a smart buggy at Knuckey's lagoon - SLSA

Samuel James Mitchell - Government Resident of the Northern Territory

The Residency - Judge Samuel James Mitchell near the flagpole, with jabiru and cat on the lawn - Images: SLSA

The Residency to Government House



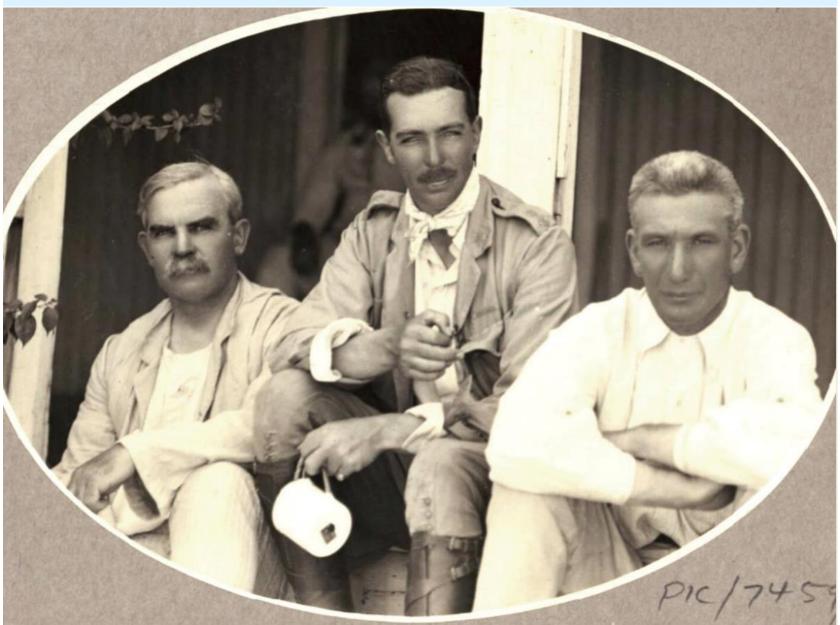
1912 - Dr. John Gilruth, Administrator of the Northern Territory and family.

1912 – Commonwealth Parliamentary Party to report on the Northern Territory.

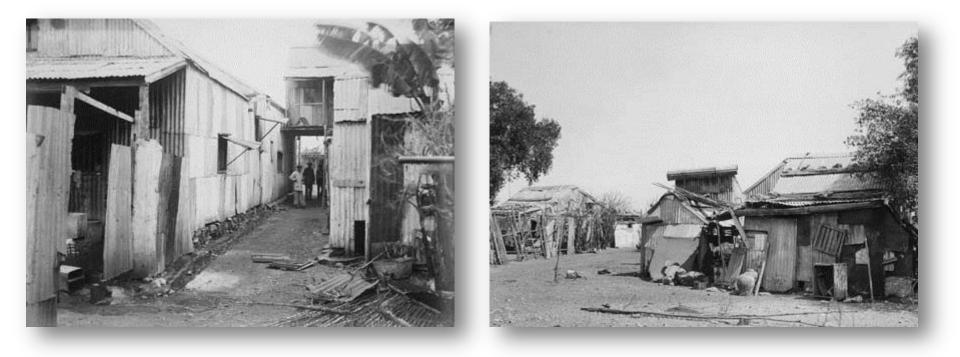


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1912 - The Minister for External Affairs Josiah Thomas, Sir Walter Barttlot & Dr. Gilruth [left to right]



1914 - Premises in Darwin condemned by the Public Health Board - Chinese hovels.



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1914 - Vestey Brothers built a meat processing works at Bullocky Point, Darwin.



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1917 – The Northern Territory Railway reached Katherine on route to Alice Springs.



17 Dec 1918 - The Darwin Rebellion



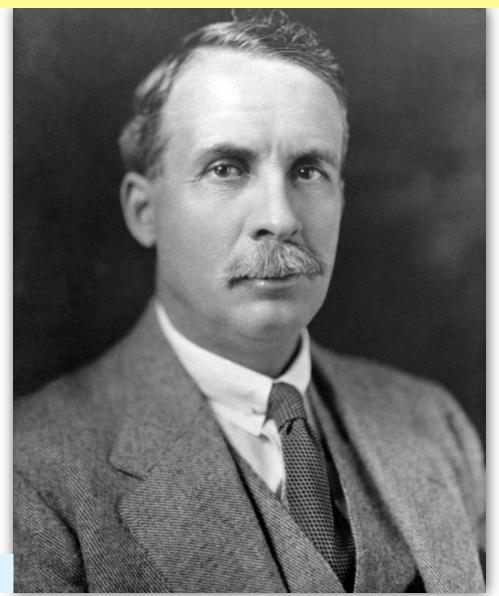
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Darwin Rebellion - was the culmination of unrest in the Australian Workers' Union 1911-1919.



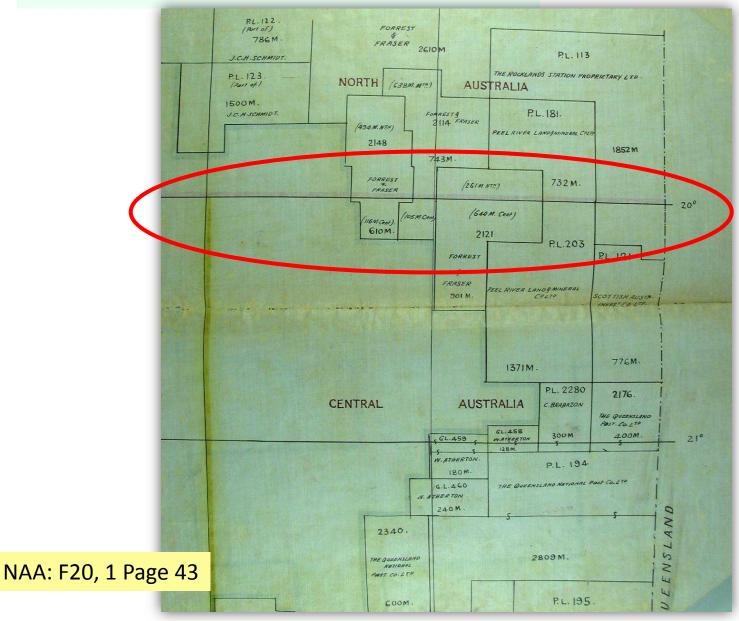
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Senator George Pearce - Minister for Home & Territories 1921-1926, responsible for NT.



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Dividing the Territory - 1926–31



PM Bruce – recommended Sir George Buchanan to undertake a number of studies and to report back to the Government. 1926. THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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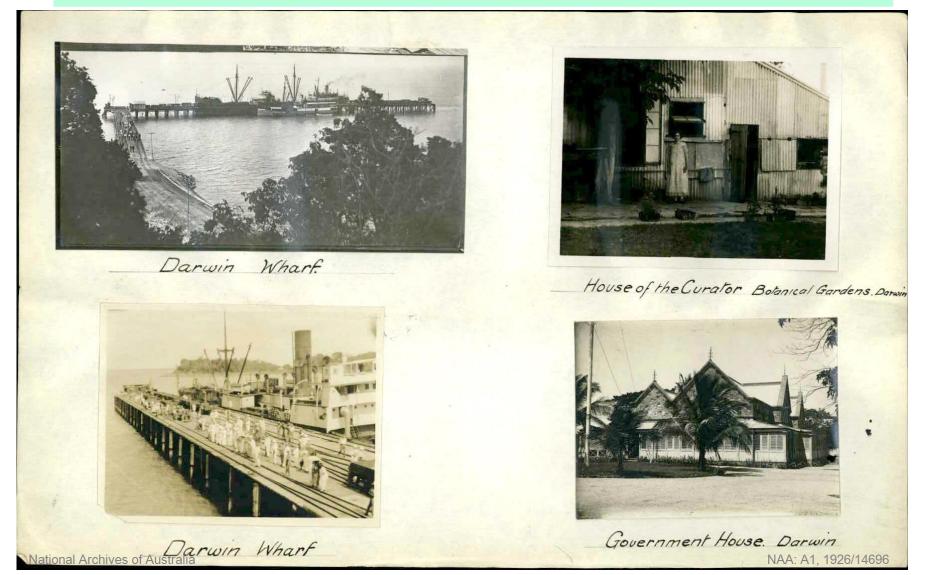
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KingRiver Crossing after improvement.

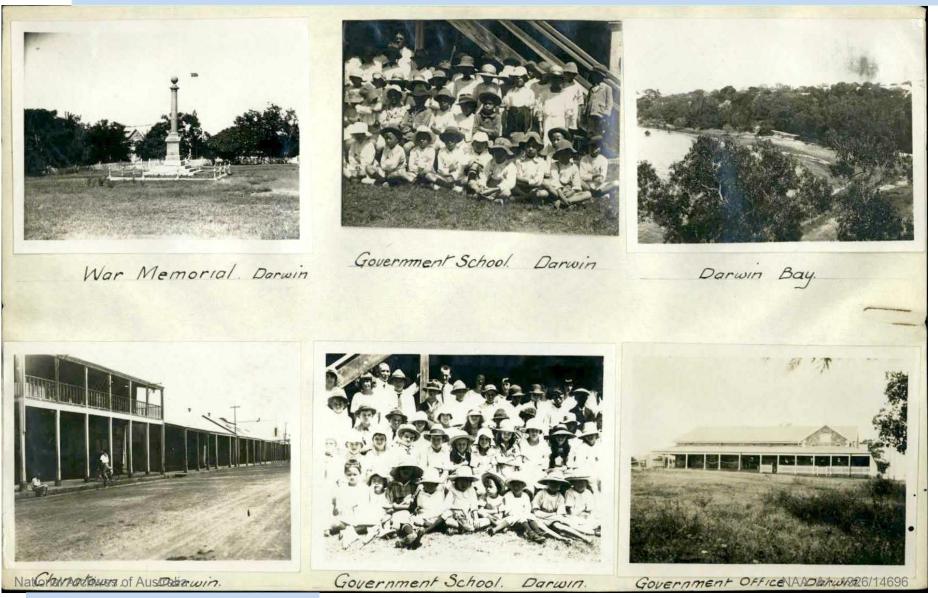


Bridge over Katherine under construction

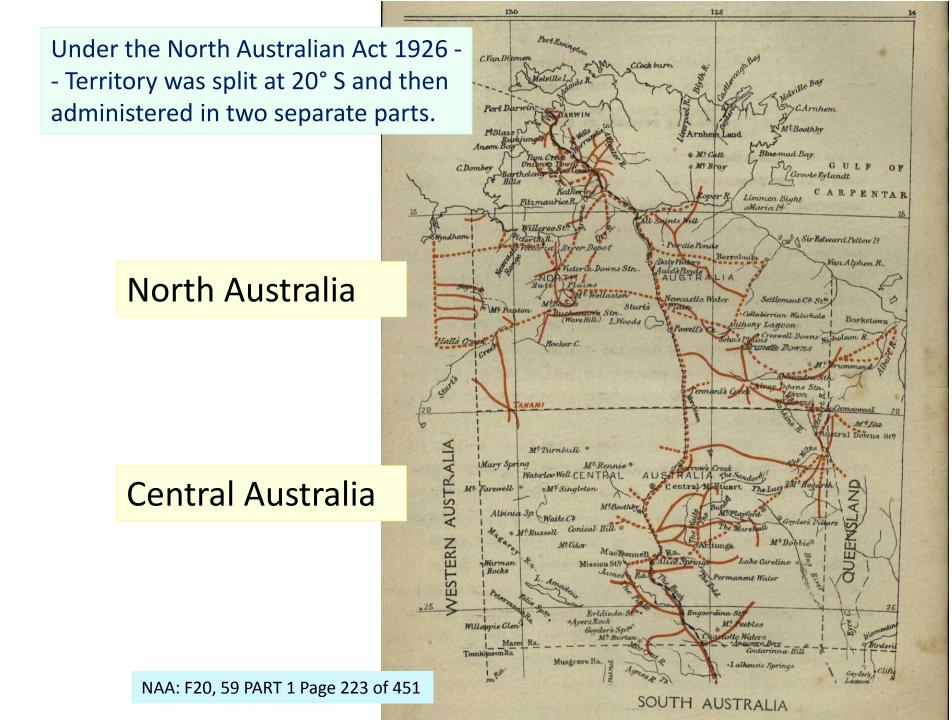


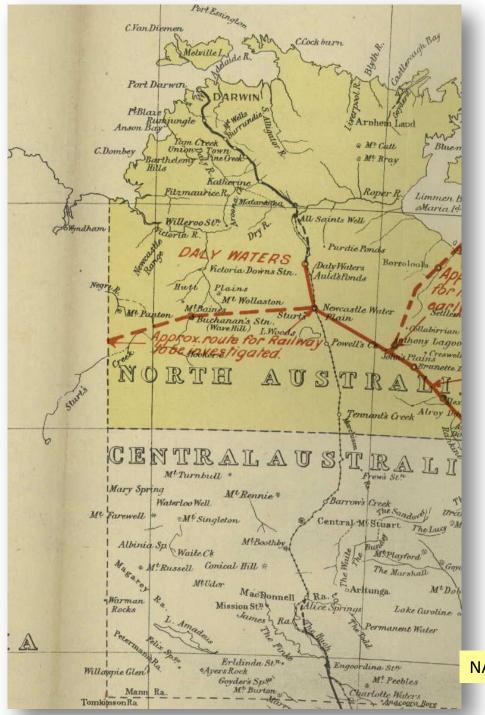
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Sir George Buchanan's Report



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1926 – The Northern Territory Railway was renamed North Australia Railway (NAR).

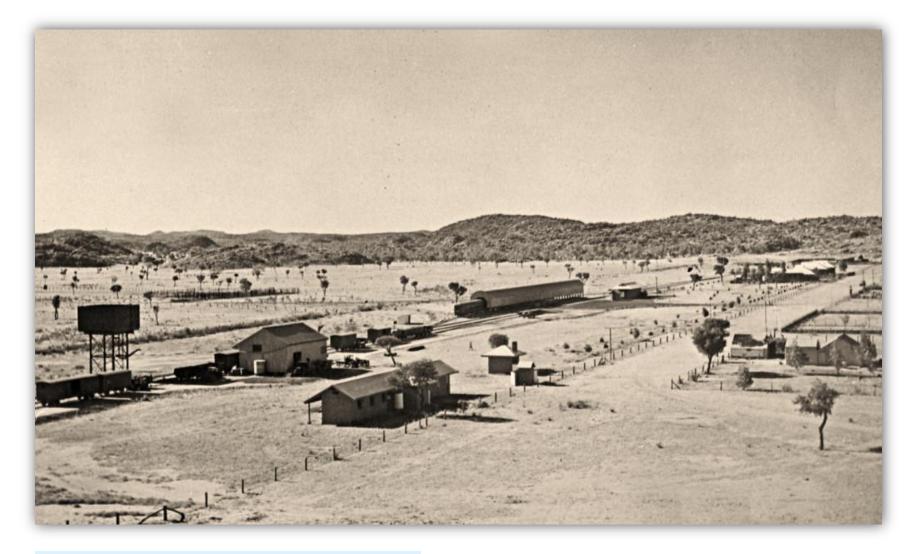
1929 - Birdum were completed in 4 September 1929.



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Welcome to Stuart / Alice Springs -



Railway Station – Alice Springs - NLA



CANBERRA, Thursday, How many Australians know that Stuart is the official name of Alice Springs?

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. Perkins) said to-day that he had visited many schools in recent months and he had said to the pupils: "Hands up those who know where Stuart is." Not one hand had been raised except at a little school at Collector, near Goulburn, where one boy had been able to supply the answer. When he had asked to be told where Alice Springs was, however, he had been supplied with the information by whole classes of children.

Mr. Perkins said he proposed to take steps to have the original name of Alice Springs reverted to. The town had been renamed Stuart after the Australian explorer when the railway was extended to it some years ago, but it had never been adopted by the postal authorities, and was not favoured by the local residents. When he had visited the place recently, he found that the name plate Stuart, which had formerly been on the railway station at Alice Springs, had been removed and was lying at Port Augusta, 1000 miles away. The name Stuart had led to confusion with another settlement known as Stuart Creek.

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Commonwealth Railways - Central Australia Railway – 1930s

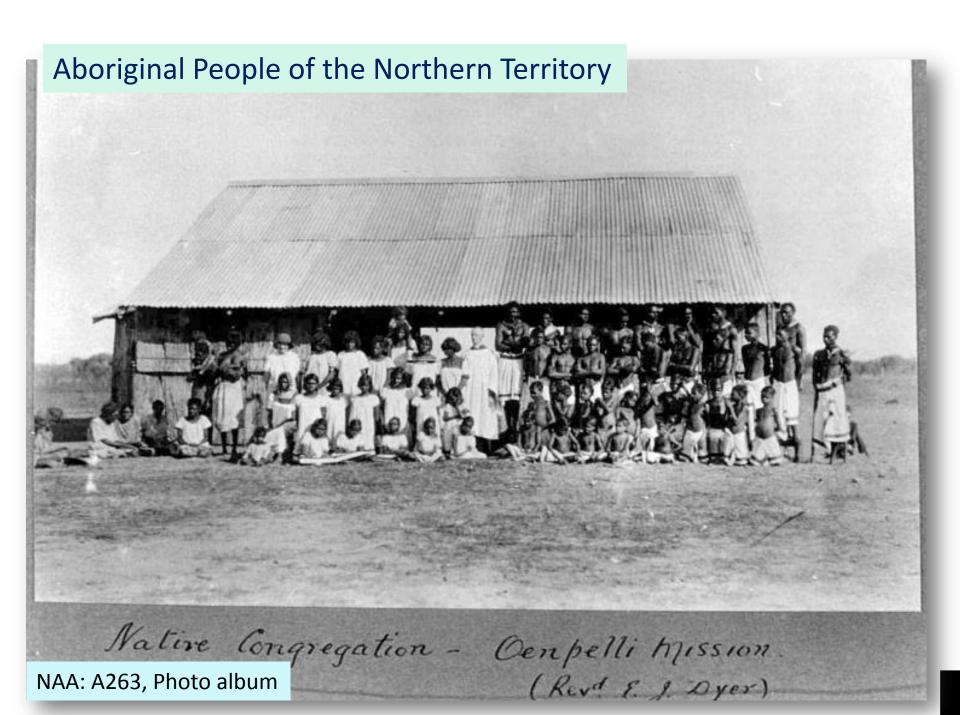


NM class engine hauling The Ghan – Heavitree Gap - NLA

1933-1935 - The search for a chartered company



The Australian Worker, vol. 42, 9 Aug 1933



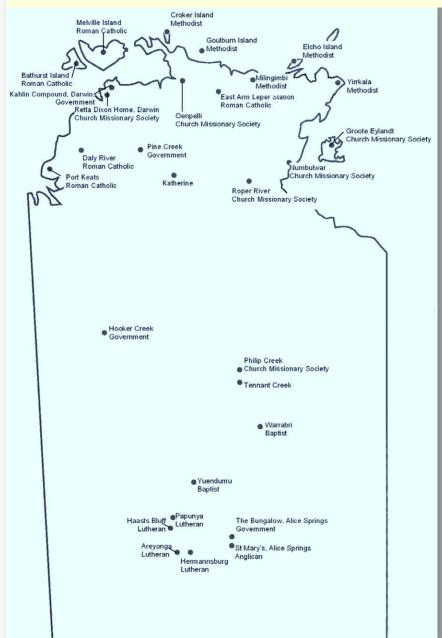


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1937 - Darwin Leper station for half-caste females, damaged by a cyclone.

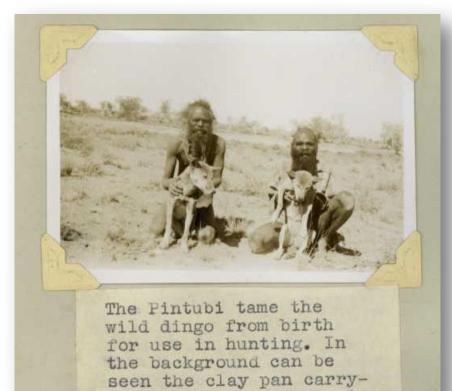


1939 - John McEwen's New Deal for Aborigines



Map of the Northern Territory showing the various missions that accommodated Aboriginal people. From Tracking Families NAA.

Lake Mackay Expedition 1957



ing water after the rain.

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As they were when first contacted. A typical speciman of a middle aged man.

19 February 1942 - Darwin is bombed by Japanese forces for the first time. At least 243 persons are killed.

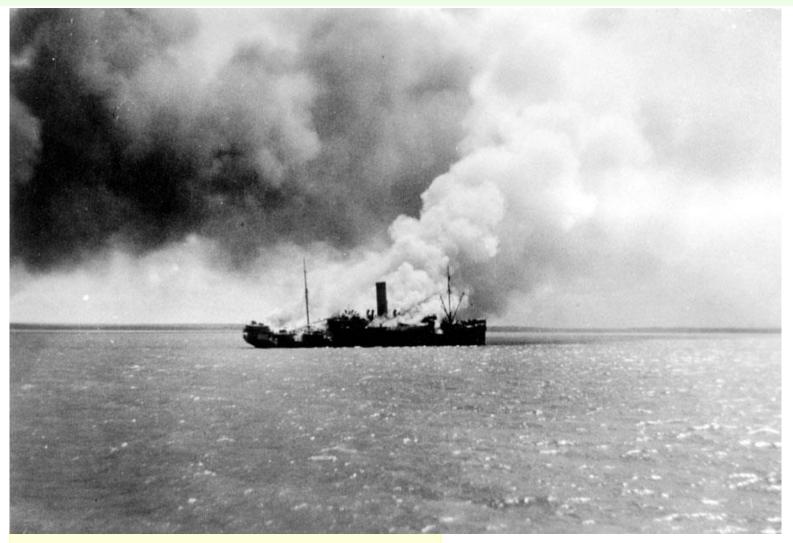


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USS Peary and British Motorist

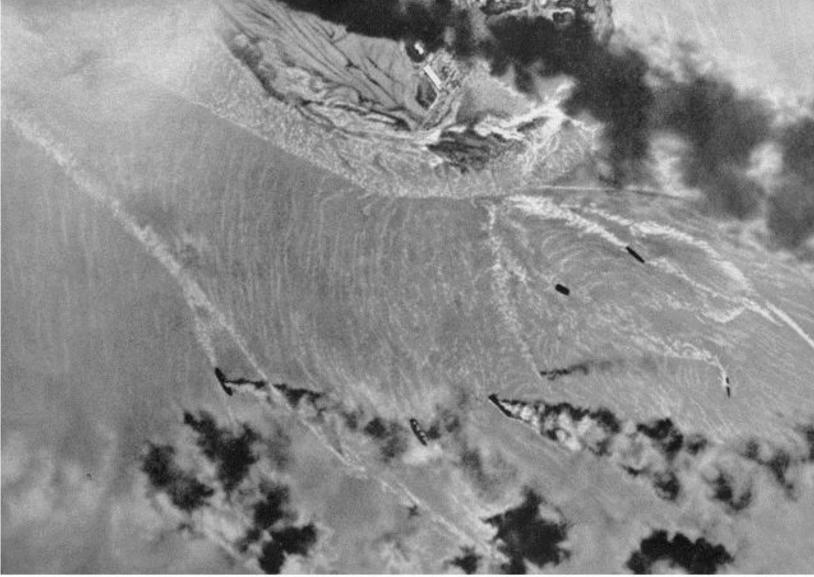




Images: Australian War Memorial

Neptuna & wharf burning – Zealandia hit

An aerial view of vessels burning in Darwin Harbour taken by the Japanese Task Force during the first raid.



243 people were known to be have died



Images: Australian War Memorial

There was widespread panic and about half of Darwin's remaining civilian population fled



Images: Australian War Memorial

Darwin Post Office

Extract from the diary of the Darwin Post Office

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Sisters killed in the bombing of Darwin - Jean and Eileen Mullen



Source: NT Library

Another bombing raid in 1942.



Captain Mitsuo Fuchida Commander for air attacks - Pearl Harbor 7 Dec 1941 - Darwin on 19 Feb 1942



Ms Somerville - evacuated 95 Aboriginal children from an orphanage on Croker Island in the Arafura Sea to avoid Japanese bombing



Margaret Somerville (rear right) with Children from Croker Island (Peter and Sheila Forrest Collection) (Croker Island Exodus)

National Archives

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1942 - List of Northern Territory Evacuees

NAME.	SEX.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	EVACUATED FROM.	DESTINATION.
Abala, Mrs.	F	50	Halfcaste - Convent	Pine Creek	Alice Springs
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Ackroyd, M.	P	22	Newspaper Office		Mrs. Taylor, Government House Brisbane, Queensland.
Adair, A. A.	м	63	Butcher	Pine Creek	Hughenden, Queensland.
Adam, Omer	М	25	Seaman - "British Motorist"	Darwin	Br. Tanker Co., Melbourne, Victoria.
Adams, Mrs. E. R.	F M	32 7		1 1	Mrs. Adams, 15 Howe Crescent, South Melbourne, Victoria.
Adams, Mrs. E. M. " (infant)	P _		i i	u H	
Adams, John	М	73	Old Age Pensioner	Alice Springs	Percy Prince - Clare, S.A.
Adams, Mrs. P. " (infant)	F	27 1 mth.	1.1.1	Croker Island Half- caste Institution	Sydney.
Agostina, J.	М	49	Gardener	Darwin	Alice Springs

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Snell, Valerie	F	18		Darwin	Mrs. Snell, 64 Yebba Street, Ascot, Brisbane		
Soederhuyzen, W.	M	31	Shell Employee	•	Dutch Consul, Adelaide		
Somerville, C.	M	20	Labourer		Sydney		
Somerville, Miss H.	F	29	General	Croker Isl.H/C Inst.	Sydney		
Sonderiu, E.W.	M		lst Assis. Engineer "Meigs" (U.S.)	Darwin	Melbourne		
South, E.E.	M	75	Pensioner		Adelaide		
Spain, F.	M	50	Hairdresser		Mrs. F. Spain, Sydney		
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Spain, R.	F	13	-				
Spears, H.W.	M	32	O.I.C. Quarantine Station.		Adelaide		

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Sweetman, Miss P.	F	13	-		Mrs. Sweetman, 67 Grante (Grande) Street, Adelaide		
Sweetman, Peter	М	15	-		Mrs. Sweetman, Aldgage, S.A.		
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Symmons, H.L.	M	61	Carpenter		38 Wright Street, Adelaide		
Syry, N.	Ш	82	Station Manager	Darwin	Mrs. James, 5 Merriwa Street, Gordon, N.S.W.		
Tablate, G. J.	I	52	Greaser "Meigs"		U.S.A. Army H.Q., Melbourne		
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Ward, F.G.	M	19	Steward	Darwin	24 Garrett Road, Bayswater			
Ward J.	M	50	Painter		Sydney			
Ward, John	M	12	Naval Supply Depot	1	Adelaide			
Ward, Miss L.	F	1200	Nurse	N	Brisbane			
Ward, Mrs. M. " D.M. " L.W.	F M M	34 5 3	-		Mrs. A. Hall, Mandurah			
Warren, R.W.	Ж	60	Driver		N.H.Q., Melbourne			
Warshem, J.	Ж	47	Seaman "Manua"		American Consul, Adelaide			
Warton, R.	М	38	Mechanic	4 1	Perth			
(Washbourne, Mrs. Alms "P. "Patricia	F F F	34 7 2	:	11 12 13	5 Barkley Street, Brisbane			
Washbourne, W.G.	М	32	Labourer		5 Bartey Street, Spring Hill, N.S.W.			
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The second attack 19 Feb 1942 at 11:58am was on the Royal Australian Air Force aerodrome – Image: AWM.



Japanese A6M Zero crash landed on Melville Island.



Pilot Hajime Toyoshima alias Tadao Minami survived – Image: AWM

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Supply lines to Darwin – from Adelaide and Mount Isa



Images: AWM

Australian Army established a network of farms in the Northern Territory during WWII

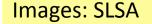


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'We hope they tell us if the war was to suddenly end, we'd like to give this place back to the kangaroos.'



RAAF men – Northern Territory



After the War – Rebuilding of Darwin



Image: Darwin 1948 - Robert Miller

1947 - Northern Territory Legislative Council



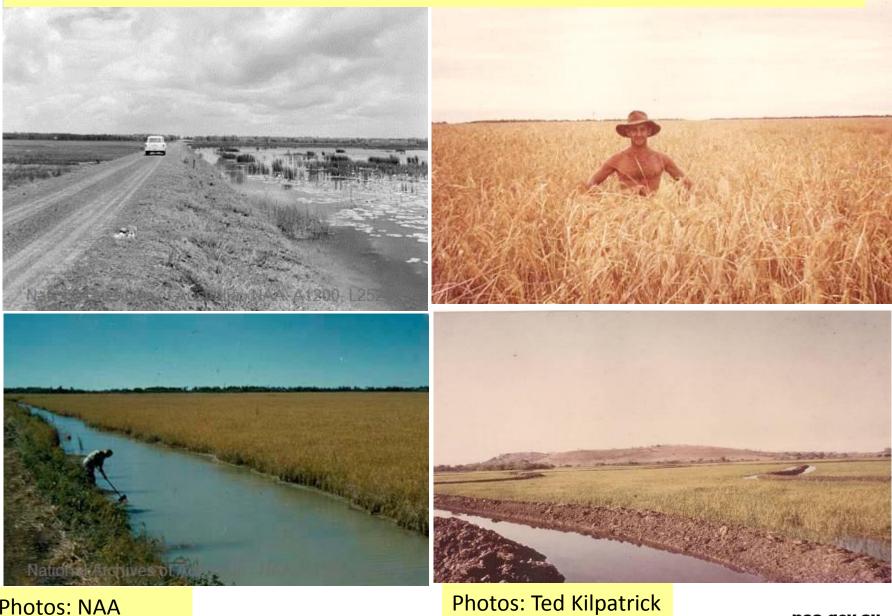
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1950s and 1960s – Period of growth

Paul Hasluck, Minister for Territories 1951–1963 NAA: A1200, L16892



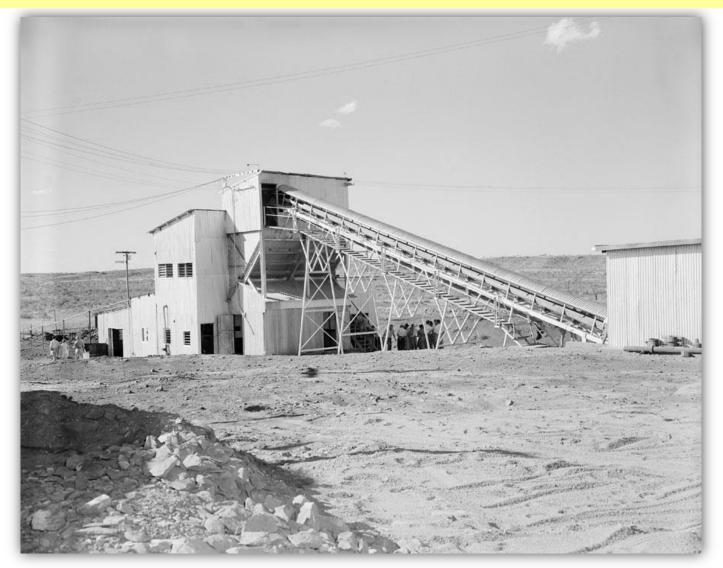
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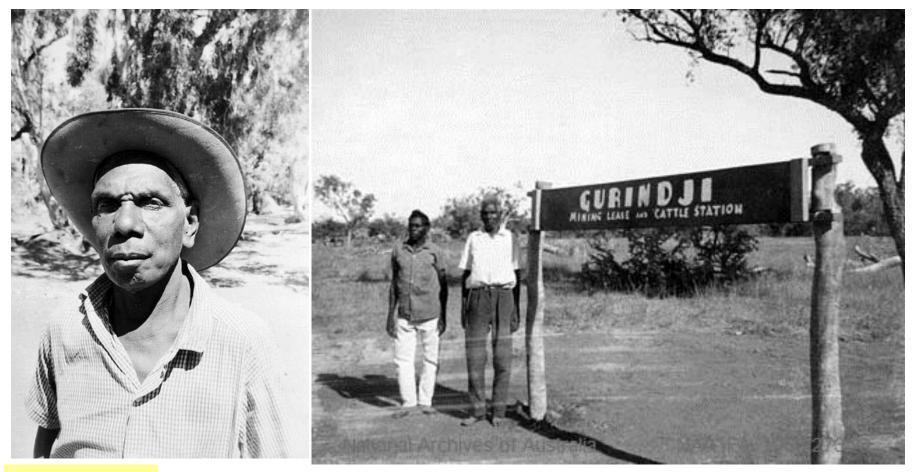
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1958 - Gold ore crushing battery at the Tennant Creek gold mine site - NAA: A1200, L28480



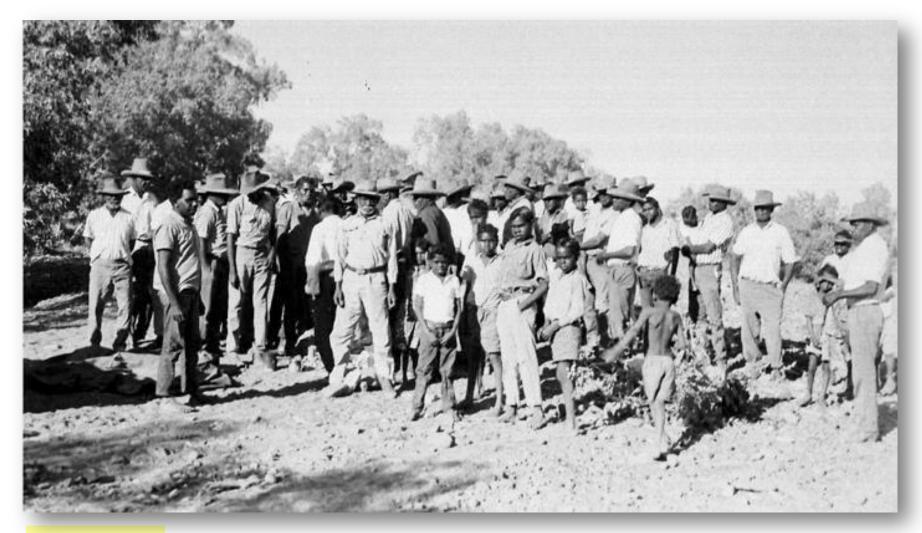
1966 - Wave Hill Walk-Off or Gurindji strike led by Vincent Lingiari



IMAGES: NAA

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Striking workers – Wave Hill Station



Source: NLA

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Three Day 'Count-Down'

Tracy's positions from 1.30 p.m. on December 22 until she hit Darwin, as tracked by Darwin radar.

Warnings were issued - but it was Christmas eve...

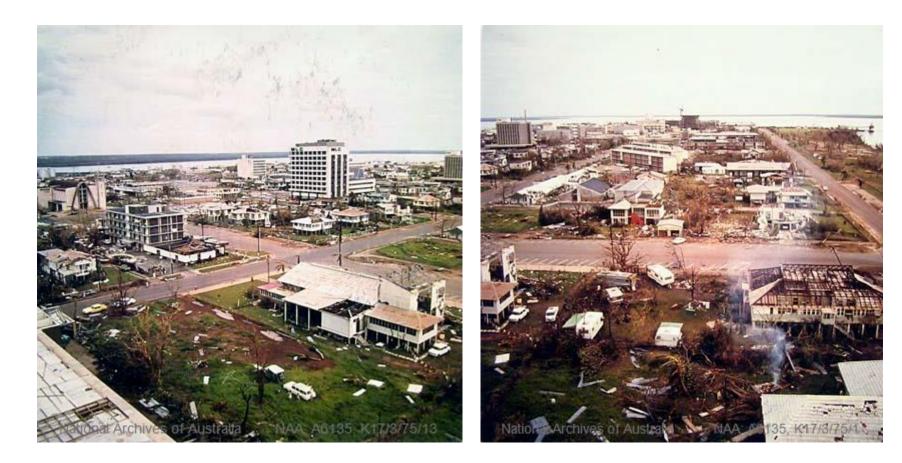


The entire fabric of life in Darwin was catastrophically disrupted, the northern suburbs were almost completely destroyed.





No where in Darwin escaped damage



Images: NAA

Darwin was the scene of the biggest airlift in Australian history



Life after the cyclone...



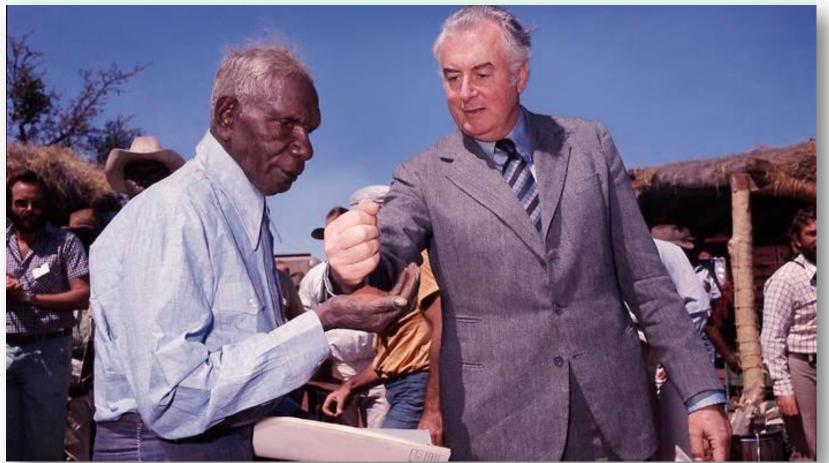
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Source: Northern Territory Library.

16 August 1975 --- "Vincent Lingiari, I solemnly hand to you these deeds as proof, in Australian law, that these lands belong to the Gurindji people and I put into your hands part of the earth itself as a sign that this land will be the possession of you and your children forever."



Photograph – Mervyn Bishop

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From little things big things grow



Vincent Lingiari and his wife Blanche in the 1970s at Wattie Creek. Image: Rob Wesley-Smith

Vincent Lingiari beside plaque, Wattie Creek 16 August 1975 NAA: A8598

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The first Northern Territory Legislative Assembly, 1976

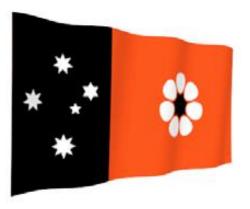


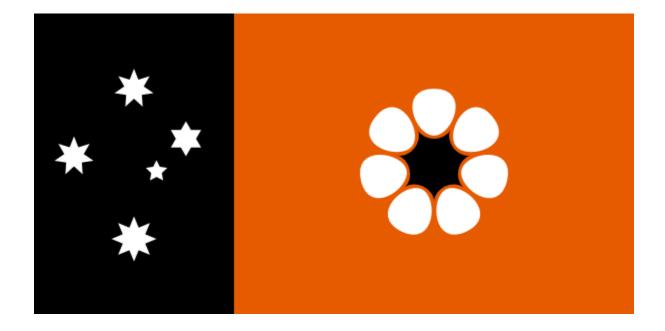
Image: Northern Territory Library

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and Paul Everingham sign documents giving self government to the Northern Territory. NAA: A6180, 29/6/78/40



The Northern Territory's flag was first raised on 1 July 1978.





1 July 1978 – Territory Day

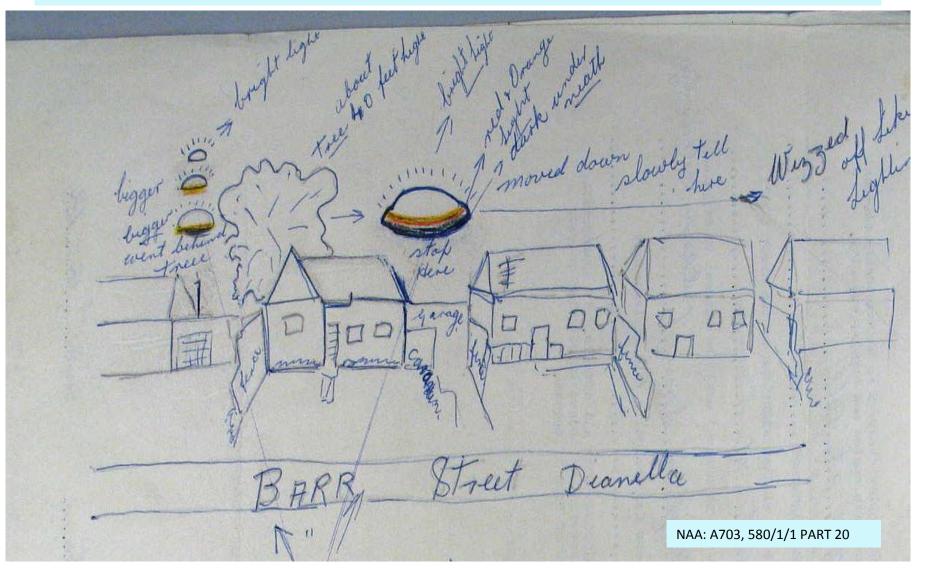


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