

“Smoke Signals”

Aboriginal rock carvings that were among the first recorded in Australia have been rediscovered on Navy land at South Head near Sydney. They are of male figures, one about two metres tall, and the other at his side, about one metre tall.

When the land passes to the State Government as part of the proposed Sydney Harbour National Park, the National Parks and Wildlife Service will have charge of the carvings—*Herald* 26-3-75.

Four teachers from the Northern Territory, Silas and Rachel Maralngurra, Hannah Mangiru and Samuel Garnarradj, learned to read and write only 12 months ago. They have received \$25,000 in Federal Grants to write a series of books in an ancient Aboriginal Language.

Mr Maralngurra said, “our teachers are gathering stories from the old people in the tribe and writing the stories in our language. Because of the changes which have occurred in our society the young people are not interested in listening to the legends. We hope they will read them instead.”

Mr Peter Carrol, a linguist with the Church Mission Society transcribed the ancient dialect, Gunwinjgu, using English characters—*Australian* 21-2-75.

The Minister for Aboriginal affairs, Senator Cavanagh, has announced a grant of \$130,000 for the purchase of land at Robinvale near Mildura, which he hopes will be instrumental in bring together remnants of the tribes of Murray Valley Aboriginals, who traditionally occupied the land either side of the N.S.W.—Victorian border.

Plans for the community venture—involving the development of an outdoor cultural centre and tourist area—would assist the Murray Valley Aboriginal population preserve a history which is in danger of disappearing altogether.

The Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-operative, which received the grant, was founded less than six months ago. In that time it has already made progress in assisting members in housing and other needs.

The whole project will take about five years. *Border Morning Mail* 10-2-75.

Aboriginal children will be enrolled free at the Trangie Pre-school Kindergarten this year.

The fees of the children will be paid by a government subsidy. Parents whose children qualify for the subsidy are urged to send them to the pre-school.

Mrs Carol Cantrell of Narromine, has been appointed as a teacher at the pre-school for the year. She will be assisted by Mrs Margaret Day of Trangie.

Classes at the Pre-school will begin on Monday, 3rd March, from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. Anyone wishing to enrol a child should contact Mrs Day or Mrs Geoff Sutherland. *Narromine News* 25-2-75.

Six famous Australian women will be featured in a set of stamps as a contribution by the Postmaster-Generals Department to International Women's year. One of the faces will be of TRUGANINI, the last fullblood Tasmanian Aborigine to live on the island.

An article about TRUGANINI will appear in the next issue of “*New Dawn*”.

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they all know that Djeri Djeri is the blackest black in the whole world.

KAMILAROI LANGUAGE

<i>Djeri Djeri</i>	—Willy wag tail.
<i>Bundarra</i>	—Kangaroo.
<i>Wurringhn</i>	—Doctor.
<i>Murry Dthool</i>	—Black fellow.
<i>Uligie</i>	—Gum tree grub.
<i>Goobyi</i>	—Wild potato.
<i>Bumbil</i>	—Wild Orange.

The names of the things listed are as they apply in the above tongue. I would appreciate if it is possible to get a list of the names of any animal, bird or trees and plants in this particular dialect, as I wish to make a study of it.

Bill Reid,

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