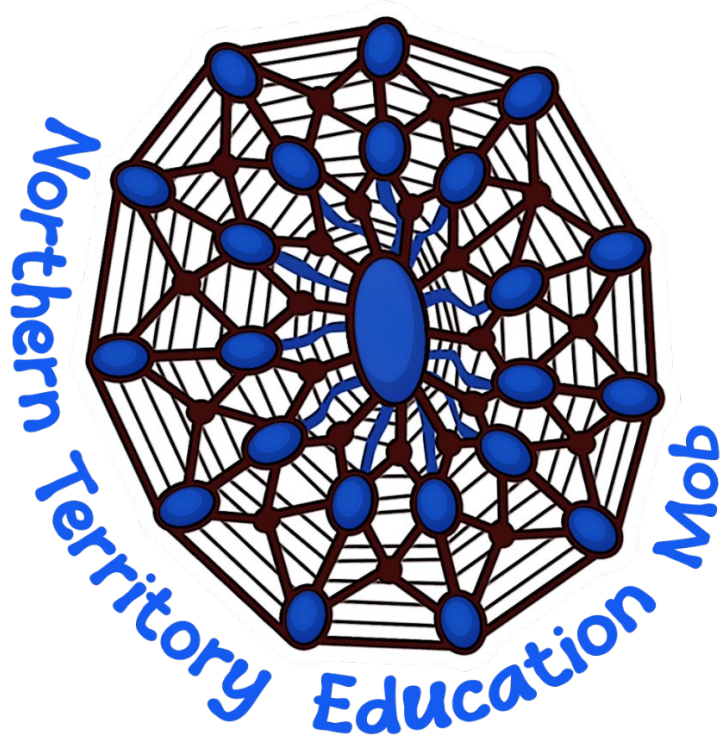


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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

We are looking for a name for our Digital Keeping Place. After discussion at the recent Executive meeting, it was decided that we would approach local people for a Larrakia word that might reflect the message of our logo designed by Elizabeth Ganygulpa from Milingimbi.

Blue - water/knowledge
Black dots - people
Lines- tracks where water/knowledge flows.

IMPROVEMENTS

Special General Meeting

Thank you to those who attended and gave proxies and apologies for the Special General Meeting held on 12 March 2025.

The small changes to our constitution are an important step to better align ourselves on the journey towards charity status.

The Digital Keeping Place

We have been working with the developer of Keeping Culture software to make some changes to the Digital Keeping Place.

The changes will allow us to work with other Keeping Culture software license holders in a seamless way. They will also allow us to make bulk changes quickly and easily, streamlining our work.

New training video

A new video to help people with Guest Access to navigate their way through the Education Mob Digital Keeping Place is now [available on our website](#).

Website update

We collaborate and cooperate with many different organisations and individuals to complement each other's work and be less of an imposte on schools and communities.

These collaborations are not immediately obvious on our website.

We plan a small redesign to feature the names, logos, and links of our close collaborators. Stay tuned for updates.

NEW COLLECTIONS

David and Kathy Stainsby

David and Kathy Stainsby lived and worked at Warruwi from 1979 to 1983. David was Teacher Linguist while Kathy taught the younger class. They sent their precious slides, photos, movies, negatives and copies of Mawng bilingual books to be digitised.

David and Kathy are assisting with information about their collection by adding it directly to the Education Mob Digital Keeping Place.

After receiving a digital copy, David sent the following message: *We have just viewed the slide images through our smart tv (large screen) as against my android laptop (small screen). What with the larger screen and higher resolution the pictures are simply gorgeous.*

Vibrant colour and fresh sharp images. It looks as if they were taken yesterday on an expensive digital camera. Not my basic 1979 Pentax! Whatever you did cleaning etc has worked wonders.

A copy of the records has gone to current and former local staff at Warruwi.

David and Kathy have donated their collection to the Library & Archives NT (LANT) for safekeeping.

David Rich

Another collection we were delighted to receive came via Areyonga school. Thanks Leanne G! Earlier this year, Linda, the daughter of David Rich, went to Areyonga to give back a digital copy of her dad's images. David went to Areyonga in 1964 with his wife Jenny and baby Linda. At the time, there was no power and no running water.

In an article provided by Linda, David is quoted as saying *'It was the first time the local aboriginal children had been to school. They were aged between four and 14 and all the children started together at the same base level, and it was pleasing to see the older ones progress to grade four standard.'*

In 1965 David became Head Teacher at Wogyala (Rockhampton Downs). *'We moved from little more than a hut at Areyonga into 'silver bullet', primitive aluminum caravans which were as 'hot as hell'.*

We have returned a digital copy of David's images to Wogyala via the school and on the [Northern Territory Education Mob Facebook page](#) where they proved very popular. We were also pleased to be able to identify, with the help of FB members, that some of the images are from Alekareng.

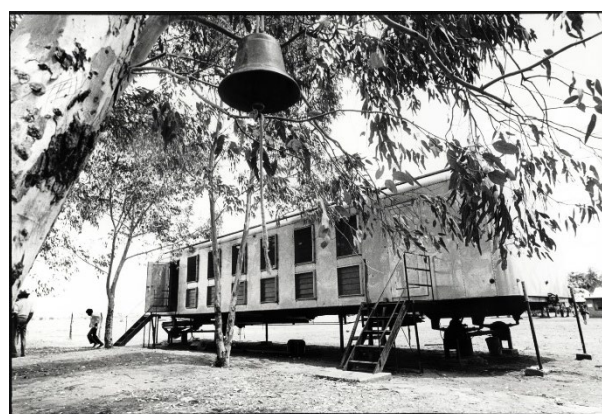


Wogyala school 1965
Photo courtesy of Linda Weisser

More about 'Silver Bullets'

The idea of 'Silver Bullet' (caravan schools) came from Jim Gallacher's visit to the United States where he saw them being used with Navajo Indian school children. The idea was that 'school' could move with the children.

Eleven classroom units, 12 residences, six washrooms and one kitchen dining unit were delivered between April and August 1965. The first silver bullet was sent to Haasts Bluff in April 1965.



Docker Classroom c1974
Photo Courtesy of Konrad Winkler

PROJECT UPDATES

Truth Telling Project - digital return

Over 1400 records, mostly images and some documents, audios, and movies have been provided to the project which aims to provide material back to Stolen Generation people and their families as well as possibly make new records. Identifying relevant records and negotiating access and digital return is a slow process. To date, not all keeping institutions (Libraries, Archives, Universities, Museums, Churches) have been contacted.

While most keeping places have been very supportive, they need to check copyright and use permissions and some of that work is not straight forward. Often material needs to be digitised by the keeping institution and this too, takes time.

Further, content which is relevant to the project can be mixed in with other material from other places. Below is a photo of the first Bungalow school.



Gaol, Library & Archives NT
<https://hdl.handle.net/10070/6462>

Celebrating 100 years of schooling at Gunbalanya

In preparation for their 100 years of schooling celebration in September, we have been working hard to help reestablish Gunbalanya's Digital Keeping Place.

Thousands of images have been returned to the school and community through the school, Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation and the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language and Culture Centre. The images are mostly from former teachers who have allowed us to digitise their precious collections. Thankyou!

Kelly Green and Wendy Kennedy are working closely with Bininj so that senior community members see the images, are aware of both digital keeping places and the sorts of material that can be kept there.

To check whether or not the images are okay to publish and to get more metadata (who where, what etc) about each image we have also made printable albums of the photos with all the information known. Once the project is complete, the outputs will be available at various locations on Wurrumiyanga.

Posters – Language Champions and Deadly Educators

Three poster stories with images and permissions are currently with Batchelor Press: three are with editors and there are others in various stages of production.

The creation of the posters is an important recognition of the contribution made to Language and Education by Aboriginal people.

Tiwi 'Talking Books'

Close to 80 'Talking Books' are now made. A preservation copy is being deposited to the National Library and will flow through to LANT. Catholic Education NT has access copies (audio mp3 and movie mp4). You can find the current list of books on [Trove](#).

The books can be downloaded from Trove and read using a multimedia compatible ebook reader such as a Kotobee Reader or Adobe Editions. Most will also work on the ebook reader on your tablet or phone.

We have added one example to the Education Mob Digital Keeping Place [Mapurtirringa Mutika](#). If you open the link, then click on Guest Access, it will take you to the book. More will be loaded in due course.

