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GNOWANGERUP ABORIGINAL MISSION

Gnowangerup Aboriginal Mission was on 61 hectares of land around Muir Hill, Gnowangerup, on land owned by founders Brother Hedley W Wright and Sister Wright of the Australian Aboriginal Mission Order. It was founded in 1935 and became a Baptist Church-managed Agricultural High School for Aboriginal boys in 1954. Between 1926 and 1935, the Wrights administered a government Aboriginal Reserve in Gnowangerup and the earliest records are from this period.

The Papers

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Summary of Classes

CERTIFICATES
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CERTIFICATES

6390A/1	M/FILM	Birth Registration Certificates. 1938. Dept. of Native Affairs certificate book certifying that parents unable to pay requisite fee for birth registration. Two certificates (#252 & 253) plus notes of one stillborn, and one death at 3 days. Rest of book blank and not filmed.
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- 6390A/2 M/FILM Burial Certificates.
April 1935 – April 1951. Undertaker's Certificate of Burial book, H W Wright of Gnowangerup. 76 entries.
- 6390A/3 M/FILM June 1951 –April 1960. Certificate of burial or other disposal of body, Hedley William Wright, Undertaker, Gnowangerup. 50 burials in native cemetery and one in Baptist cemetery.
- 6390A/4 M/FILM July 1960 – June 1962. Certificate of burial or other disposal of body, H W Wright, Gnowangerup. 16 entries.
- 6390A/5 M/FILM FINANCIAL RECORDS
1938. Receipt and expenditure book
- 6390A/7 M/FILM LISTS - **RESTRICTED**
30 June 1936. Number of Aboriginals and half-caste Aboriginals in the Gnowangerup Mission by various categories.
- 6390A/8 M/FILM Lists of families, and children written on pages, envelopes, and paper scraps. Various give birth dates, ages, and other comments. 16 fol.
- 6390A/9 M/FILM Exercise book containing list of mission residents and date of birth as at 1942. Only 5 pages used.
- 6390A/10 M/FILM Typed transcripts of #7 and 8. 12 fol.
- REGISTERS
- 6390A/11 M/FILM Marriage - **RESTRICTED**
March 1927 – January 1948.
- 6390A/12 M/FILM August 1948 – January 1954.
- 6390A/13 M/FILM June 1954 – April 1959.
Note: most of the 1950s marriages took place at the Minister's residence.
- 6390A/14 M/FILM n.d. [ca.1938?] Information Paper for Registration of Marriage Thomas Charles Hardy and Ruth Woods.
- 6390A/6 M/FILM Ration.
1938 – 1942 Ration register. Includes some personal notes.

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