

# Records of the Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod

1940 – 1986

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**Records Location**

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## Details

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The records of Uniting Church of Australia, Northern Synod are held by The Northern Territory Archives Service. These records relate to the missionary, welfare and other work of the Uniting Church and its predecessors, including the Methodist Overseas Mission, primarily in the Northern Territory.

## Access Conditions

To access any Uniting Church, Northern Synod records which are less than 30 years old, you will need permission from the Uniting Church. Once the records are wholly within the open period, that is, completely over 30 years old, they are available for public access to researchers registered with the Northern Territory Archives Service (NTAS).

It is common, however, for records controlled by the Uniting Church to span the open and closed periods and so, if there is any doubt as to the date range of an item, permission must be sought prior to access.

To apply for permission you will need to write to the General Secretary at the Uniting Church in Australia Northern Synod Office stating why you would like to access the records and including a listing of the series and items that you would like to see. Archives staff can assist you with this. Item listings for each of the series listed below are available through the Northern Territory Archives Service. The address for the General Secretary is included on

the NTAS Mission Records Information leaflet.

When permission has been granted, the Uniting Church will inform you and NTAS. You can then contact NTAS to arrange a time to visit the search room and view the records.

## Records

The records of the Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod relate to the following settlements, townships and institutions:

- Minjilang
- Warruwi
- Maningrida
- Milingimbi
- Galiwinku (Elcho Island)
- Gapuwiayk (Lake Evella)
- Yirrkala
- Nhulunbuy
- the Kimberley (Western Australia)
- Nungalinya College, Darwin, 1971-82
- Child Care Somerville Homes, Darwin, 1964-79

The following series make up the collection:

- NTRS 2403 Slides of Croker Island mission ca1960-1962
- NTRS 2404 Black and white photographs of Croker Island mission ca1960-1962
- NTRS 37 Records relating to Minjilang Township 1952-1982
- NTRS 38 Records relating to Warruwi Township 1940-1981
- NTRS 39 Records relating to Maningrida Township 1971-1981
- NTRS 40 Records relating to Milingimbi Township 1945-1983
- NTRS 41 Records relating to Galiwinku (Elcho Island) Township 1969-1983
- NTRS 42 Records relating to Gapuwiayk (Lake Evalla) Township 1973-1983
- NTRS 43 Records relating to Yirrkala Township 1963-1980
- NTRS 44 Records relating to Nhulunbuy Parish 1969-1980
- NTRS 45 Records relating to Arnhem Land 1962-1975
- NTRS 46 Records relating to the Arafura Presbytery 1947-1983
- NTRS 47 Records relating to the Centre Presbytery, including Alice Springs and Tennant Creek n.d.
- NTRS 48 Records relating to the Kimberley Presbytery n.d.
- NTRS 49 Records relating to Nungalinya College, Darwin 1971-1982
- NTRS 50 Records relating to child care, Somerville Homes, Darwin 1964-1979
- NTRS 51 Records relating to Central Australian Institutions n.d.
- NTRS 52 Records relating to the Aboriginal Advisory Development Services and Civic Economic Development Committee 1945-1983
- NTRS 53 Records relating to the Methodist Overseas Mission 1961-1978
- NTRS 54 Records relating to the Arnhem Land Progress Association 1974-1976
- NTRS 55 Records relating to the Northern Synod and Joint Planning Committee 1966-1983
- NTRS 56 Records relating to Aboriginal affairs 1959-1981
- NTRS 57 Records relating to land rights and land councils 1976-1980
- NTRS 58 Records relating to education and health 1970-1984
- NTRS 59 Records relating to mining 1970-1983
- NTRS 60 Records relating to religious organisations 1970-1982
- NTRS 61 Records relating to government organisations 1963-1983
- NTRS 62 Accounting and administrative records 1955-n.d.
- NTRS 63 List of records received by the Northern Territory Archives Service from Uniting Church, Northern Synod 1984-1984
- NTRS 781 General correspondence and administration records 1956-1986

# More info

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## Organisations in these records

### Related Organisations

- [Australian Inland Mission \(1912 - 1977\)](#)
- [Goulburn Island Mission \(1916 - 1973\)](#)
- [Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia \(1916 - 1930s\)](#)
- [Elcho Island Mission \(1921 - 1923\)](#)
- [Milingimbi Mission \(1923 - 1974\)](#)
- [Australian Inland Mission Hostel \(1926 - 1961\)](#)
- [Yirrkala Mission \(1935 - 1974?\)](#)
- [Croker Island Mission \(1940 - 1968\)](#)
- [Elcho Island Mission \(1942 - 1974?\)](#)
- [Uniting Church in Australia, Northern Synod \(1977 - current\)](#)

### Includes

- [Records relating to child care, Somerville Homes, Darwin \(1964 - 1979\)](#)

## Resources

- National Archives of Australia, [\*Tracking Family: A Guide to Aboriginal Records Relating to the Northern Territory\*](#), 2006

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