

7. Rogers 9/1/52

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

No



NOTE FOR FILE

NARRABUNDAH PREFABRICATED COTTAGE AREA :  
PROPOSED COMMUNITY HALL

Mr. Williams of Narrabundah called today and advised me that voluntary labour for the erection of a hall would be still available. Late in December Mr. Litchfield had informed me verbally that he understood voluntary labour would not be forthcoming, and that the estimate to be provided by the Department of Works and Housing would be for labour as well as material.

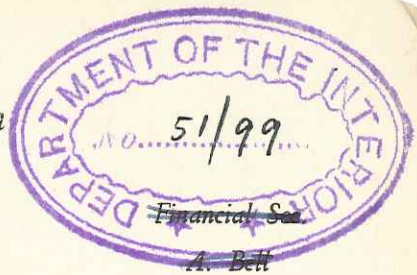
Arranged with Mr. Purcell, in Mr. Litchfield's absence, that Mr. Williams would call on him this afternoon and study the sketch plan which has now been prepared, and offer any suggestions he may care to submit.

Re-submit with Narrabundah Prefabricated Area Community Hall Proposal Papers on 4.2.52.

*H. R. Waterman*  
(H. R. Waterman)  
Assistant Secretary,  
A.C.T. Services Branch.  
11th January, 1952.

*Check with Works on layout  
of Hall's School for effect  
of any on street layout.*

Griffith Walthen Craft Building  
Narrabundah (Pre-Fab.) Progress Association



President  
D. R. Williams

Boyle 4/6/52

Secretary  
G. C. WILLIAMS  
~~M. C. Holtzer~~  
8, 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
~~9, 18th Street,~~  
Narrabundah



9/8/1952

Dear Sir

The President of the above Association has examined the Lease document covering the Saureway Hall and until a similar document has been executed in respect of the proposed Hall at Narrabundah the Association will accept full responsibility for the building & materials which are to be removed from Eastlake to Narrabundah.

The Association also undertakes in conjunction with the Supervising Architect, Dept of Works, to provide the necessary labour in a voluntary capacity.

The Association Committee would appreciate the opportunity of examining a similar agreement to the one perused by the President.

Thanking you for your interest, I remain  
Yours faithfully  
G. C. Williams Hon. Sec.



26th August, 1952.

Mr. G.C. Williams,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Narrabundah (Pre-Fab) Progress Association,  
8, 17th Street, Narrabundah,  
Canberra, A.C.T. ✓

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter of the 9th August, 1952 in which you advise that your Progress Association accepts full responsibility for the building and materials proposed to be removed by the Commonwealth from Eastlake Hostel to Narrabundah Demountable Area for use as a Hall, and that your Association also undertakes to provide the necessary voluntary labour for the erection. ✓

As requested, there is enclosed a copy of an Agreement (Causeway) similar to that perused by your President. The agreement in respect of the Narrabundah Hall would generally be drawn up in similar terms. ✓

Yours faithfully,

*J.N. Rogers*  
(J.N. Rogers)  
Assistant Secretary (Development)

W.8  
(Revised 6/1/1949)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
DEPARTMENT OF WORKS AND HOUSING  
WORKS REQUISITION

Works Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Job No. \_\_\_\_\_

The undermentioned Works or Services are required for the Department of the Interior  
at Canberra State A.C.T.

Item No.	Description of Works or Services Required.	Estimated Cost.	Reasons why Services are necessary.
	Remove hut from line of proposed rail siding through Eastlake Hostel to surveyed site in Narrabundah Demountable Area. Stack components for convenience of voluntary labour. Provide additional new material and all services.	£1000 0 0	
	Vide information conveyed by Mr. Litchfield to Mr. Knight on 18th July in anticipation of memo from Director of Works.		
<b>Total Estimate of Cost £</b>		1,000 0 0	

PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THIS SERVICE. COMMITMENT NOTED: DIVISION 62/1 £1000-  
*[Signature]*  
FOR ESTIMATES OFFICER  
DATE 18 JUL 1952  
*[Signature]*

APPROVED  
*[Signature]*  
Asst. Secy. Administration  
Department of the Interior  
18/7/52

To Department Of Works and Housing

C.D.O.-331

- \* Referred for Estimate of Cost
- \* Referred for Execution of Work

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorised Officer of Requisitioning Department)

\* Strike out that which does not apply

REQUIRED - £8000 available on IL 322  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*[Signature]*

Use by Department of Works and Housing Only

Funds Report

Not

APPROVED

Returned by Mr. P...  
Following conversation for h  
21.10.52  
*[Signature]*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
For Accountant

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Central Records  
Class

10th June, 1953.


Dear Sir,

Community Hall - Narrabundah.

I am forwarding herewith one copy of the agreement in respect of the lease of the Narrabundah Community Hall for retention by your Association.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

  
(J. N. Rogers)  
Assistant Secretary  
(Development.)

The Secretary,  
Narrabundah (Pre-Fab) Progress Association,  
5 Sixth Street,  
NARRABUNDAH, A.C.T.

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY.

LEASES ORDINANCE 1918-1937.

LEASE granted pursuant to the Leases Ordinance 1918-1937 and the Regulations made thereunder whereby the COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA (hereinafter called the "Commonwealth") grants to DAVID REES WILLIAMS, DUNCAN PATRIC CAMERON and MARGARET CURTIS all of Narrabundah in the Australian Capital Territory (hereinafter called the "Lessees") ALL THAT piece or parcel of land at Narrabundah Community Hall (which land and building hereinafter are called the "premises") to hold unto the lessees as joint tenants for a term of one year commencing on the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and fiftythree and thereafter quarterly to be used by the lessees for the purposes set forth in sub-clause (c) of Clause (1) hereof only YIELDING AND PAYING THEREFOR rent at the rate of one shilling per annum if demanded.

1. THE lessees covenant with the Commonwealth as follows:

- (a) To pay to the Commonwealth the rent hereby reserved if and when demanded and to pay all charges for electricity supplied to the premises.
- (b) To permit any person or persons authorised by the Commonwealth in that behalf to enter upon the premises and inspect them at all reasonable times.
- (c) That the lessees shall use the premises for the following purposes only namely for providing residents of the said Territory with a meeting place for social recreation charitable religious educational philanthropic or patriotic purposes and for such other purposes as a public hall is usually used except for such purposes as may from time to time be notified to the lessees by notice from the Commonwealth.
- (d) That in letting the premises to hire for any of the purposes mentioned in ~~this~~ sub-clause <sup>(c)</sup> of this clause the lessees shall charge in accordance with the following scale :-

*Handwritten initials and scribbles in the bottom left corner.*



Use of hall for Dance	..	2.12. 6
Use of hall for Concert	..	12. 6
Use of hall for Meeting	..	5. 0
Use of stage for Meeting	..	5. 0
Use of stage for Rehearsal	..	5. 0

Provided that the lessees shall make no charge for letting the premises to hire for church services or patriotic functions and shall charge half the fees set out in this sub-clause (d) for letting the premises to hire for religious functions other than church services and for charitable functions.

In addition the lessees shall in every case obtain in advance from the person or persons to whom the premises are to be let to hire (including cases in which the premises are to be let without charge) a sum sufficient to cover electricity charges which will be incurred during the hirer's occupation of the premises and will pay the same forthwith to the Collector of Public Moneys, Department of the Interior, Canberra.

In the event of a dispute arising as to the charge to be made the question in dispute shall be referred to the Secretary for settlement and his decision shall be final and binding upon the lessees.

- (e) That the lessees shall let the premises to hire to any resident or residents of the Territory for any of the purposes mentioned in sub-clause (c) of this clause if the premises are available for hire unless the lessees have good grounds for being of the opinion that such resident or residents will not conduct the meeting or function for which he or they may require the premises in a lawful or orderly manner or will not pay for the hire of the premises.
- (f) That if the Commonwealth directs the lessees to let the premises to hire to any person or persons notwithstanding

that the lessees may have refused to let the premises to such person or persons the lessees shall let the premises to such person or persons for such period or periods as the Commonwealth shall direct provided that the premises have not been let to any other person or persons for such period.

- (g) That the lessees shall expend in and about improving maintaining and/or repairing the premises the whole or any of the moneys that shall be received by the lessees as they may deem necessary and in the last week of the term of this lease shall furnish to the Secretary a statement of their receipts and expenditure and shall dispose of any amount by which the receipts may exceed the expenditure in such manner as the Secretary may direct.
- (h) That the lessees shall at such times as the Commonwealth shall direct furnish to the Secretary a report in such detail as the Commonwealth may require upon their administration management and control of the premises.
- (i) That the lessees shall keep proper books of account showing all moneys received and all disbursements by them of such moneys and shall permit any person or persons authorised by the Secretary in that behalf to inspect such books and audit the accounts and shall forward to the Secretary a copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure submitted and adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Narrabundah (Pre-Fab) Progress Association within forty-eight hours after the said Annual Meeting.
- (j) That the lessees shall not without the previous approval in writing of the Commonwealth erect any building on the said land or make any structural alteration in any building thereon.



- (k) That all proceedings functions or meetings held on the premises shall be conducted in an orderly manner.
- (l) That the lessees shall not assign this lease or sublet the premises or any part thereof (except as herein provided) or mortgage charge or otherwise encumber this lease.
- (m) That the lessees shall at all times during the continuance of this lease keep the building on the said land in good and tenantable repair (damage by fire storm tempest flood or earthquake excepted) and will keep the said land clean tidy and free from debris dry herbage rubbish and other unsightly or offensive matter.

2. THE Commonwealth covenants with the lessees as follows:-

- (a) To pay all rates taxes and outgoings which may be payable in connection with the premises excepting charges for electricity supplied to the premises.
- (b) That the lessees paying the rent hereby reserved and observing and performing the covenants herein contained and on the part of the lessees to be observed and performed shall quietly enjoy the premises without interruption from the Commonwealth or any person claiming through under or in trust for the Commonwealth.

3. IT is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:-

- (a) That if the rent hereby reserved shall remain unpaid for seven days after a demand therefor has been made (whether legally demanded or not) or if there shall be any breach or non-observance of any of the covenants herein contained and on the part of the lessees to be observed or performed it shall be lawful for the Commonwealth by notice in writing to the lessees to determine the tenancy and re-enter upon the premises and to have again repossess and enjoy the premises as of its former estate as if this lease had not been granted but without



prejudice to any right of action or remedy of the Commonwealth in respect of any antecedent breach of any covenants by the lessees as aforesaid.

(b) That in this lease the expression "Secretary" means the Secretary for the time being of the Department of the Interior of the Commonwealth of Australia and includes the person for the time being performing the duties of the Secretary.

(c) That any notice consent direction demand requirement authority offer or communication which may be given or served upon the lessees under this lease shall be deemed to have been duly given to served upon or made to the lessees by the Commonwealth if it is in writing and signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Secretary and is delivered to one of the lessees or is sent by prepaid post addressed to one of the lessees at his usual or last known address.

IN WITNESS whereof this lease has been executed in the name of the Commonwealth of Australia by the delegate of the Minister of State for the Interior and by the lessees.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by  
JOHN NOBLE CORE ROGERS delegate of the  
Minister of State for the Interior of  
the Commonwealth of Australia in the  
presence of:-

*J. N. Rogers*

*G. Griffiths  
Public Servant  
Canberra.*

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the  
said DAVID REES WILLIAMS in the  
presence of -

*David Rees Williams*

*C. Selcher, Paymaster  
17-9<sup>th</sup> S. Parrahundak*

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the  
said DUNCAN PATRIC CAMERON in the  
presence of -

*D. Cameron*

*C. Selcher  
Paymaster  
17-9<sup>th</sup> S. Parrahundak*

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the  
said MARGARET CURTIS in the presence of -

*Margaret Curtis*

*C. Selcher, Paymaster  
17-9<sup>th</sup> S. Parrahundak.*

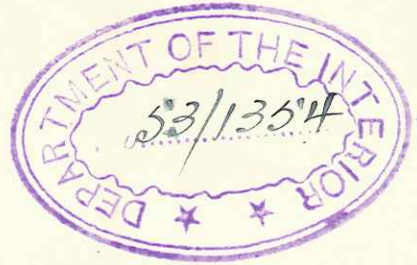


*John M. Gregory* 72 8684  
EW  
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# NARRABUNDAH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

President:  
D. R. WILLIAMS. *25*  
Treasurer:  
MRS. N. BELCHER.  
Secretary:  
MRS. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
N.E. Henry.

5 SEVENTH STREET,  
NARRABUNDAH,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.



28th March, 1955

Secretary,  
Department of the Interior,  
Acton,  
Canberra, A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

Owing to resignations will you kindly place  
on the record the following people as Trustees to the  
Narrabundah Community Hall.

Mr. D. R. Williams, 21/11th Street,  
Narrabundah A.C.T.

Mrs. V. Belcher, 19/9th Street,  
Narrabundah, A.C.T.

Mrs. N. E. Henry, 9/20th Street,  
Narrabundah, A.C.T.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.  
Narrabundah Progress Association.

No. 53/1354

The Assistant Secretary  
(Development)

NARRABUNDAH COMMUNITY HALL.

The existing Narrabundah Community Hall is an ex-Eastlake Hut renovated by voluntary labour organised by the Narrabundah (Prefab.) Progress Association. The Hall has been in use for some time, and it is understood that the Progress Association is holding an amount of about £350 which it intends to spend on further improvements to the building (certain internal partitioning and the provision of a piano etc.)

The work of renovating the building is almost complete and the President of the Association has indicated that if permission is granted to proceed with their present proposal to extend the Hall, the extension will be completed within one month and the whole building completely painted, internally and externally, within a further two months. I would suggest that the "reasonable time" mentioned in my recommendation of 22/3/54 be six months.

It is understood that the Progress Association, having found voluntary labour difficult to organise, and being in a satisfactory financial position, intends to obtain the services of a building contractor to carry out the work.

A lease of the existing premises for one year and thereafter quarterley, at a rental of one shilling per annum, was commenced on 1st April, 1953, for the purpose of "providing residents of the said Territory with a meeting place for social recreation charitable religious educational philanthropic or patriotic purposes and for such other purposes as a public hall is usually used except for such purposes as may from time to time be notified to the lessees by notice from the Commonwealth".

The proposal to extend the building does not involve any change in purpose or use.

The Superintendent of Buildings raises no objection to the building proposal 'A'.

Funds are available for the supply of materials, if approved.

*Recommendation endorsed*

*see hereunder.*

*D.H. 14/55*

*E. Wigley*

(E. WIGLEY)  
Development Officer.  
30.3.1955.



# NARRABUNDAH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

President:  
D. B. WILLIAMS.  
Treasurer:  
MRS. P. BELCHER.  
Secretary:  
MRS. M. K. FARRELL.

5 SEVENTH STREET,  
NARRABUNDAH,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

5/12/55

To the Secretary of the Interior

Dear Sir

I wish to apply for materials and your permission to extend the Community Hall by 30 ft by 18 ft, we find that owing to increased interest by the Community as a whole the extra space is required, we are prepared to do the labor ourselves, hoping for your kind consideration as in the past

I Remain Yours  
Truly

D. B. Williams  
Pres

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF CANBERRA  
INCORPORATED

Clubrooms at  
Sydney Buildings, City.

Box 165, P.O.,  
Canberra City  
Tel. J 2886.

22ND FEBRUARY, 1957.



THE SECRETARY,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

DEAR SIR,

AS YOU ARE AWARE THE NARRABUNDAH HALL WHICH IS LEASED TO THE NARRABUNDAH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION IS NOW IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR AND HAS BEEN CONDEMNED.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN THE Y.M.C.A. AND THE Y.W.C.A., WHO HAVE CONDUCTED BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS RESPECTIVELY FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THIS HALL, HAVING TO CLOSE DOWN THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THIS DISTRICT. THESE HAVE BEEN THE ONLY REGULAR ACTIVITIES HELD IN THIS HALL FOR SOME TIME. BOTH ORGANISATIONS ARE CONCERNED AT HAVING TO DO THIS BUT NO ALTERNATIVE APPEARS POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE.

THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICERS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT AND MR. J. FRASER M.P., MR. D. WILLIAMS, THE REMAINING TRUSTEE OF THE NARRABUNDAH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WAS INTERVIEWED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING HIS CONSENT TO THE TRANSFER OF THE LEASE OF THE HALL TO THE Y.M.C.A. MR. WILLIAMS WAS QUITE ADAMANT THAT HE WOULD NOT CONSENT TO SUCH TRANSFER, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS ASSURED THAT ON ALL OCCASIONS WHEN THE HALL WAS NOT REQUIRED BY THE Y.M.C.A. OR THE Y.W.C.A. IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION SHOULD IT BECOME AN ACTIVE BODY AGAIN.

THE Y.M.C.A. WAS PREPARED, IF THE HALL WAS PUT IN ORDER, TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE. HOWEVER, MR. WILLIAMS WISHES TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE HALL AND AS IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE REHABILITATION OF THE HALL AND THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF THIS AREA WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING THE CLUBS WILL BE DEPRIVED OF THESE ACTIVITIES FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME TO COME.



ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS I WOULD LIKE  
TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF OUR ASSOCIATION TO THE  
OFFICERS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE SHOWN US EVERY  
COURTESY IN OUR DISCUSSIONS.

YOURS SINCERELY,



(K. W. ARSCOTT)  
PRESIDENT.

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**KINGSTON - NARRABUNDAH R.S.L. CLUB Inc.**

President: M. C. Timbs, Esq.

Secretary: K. H. Brown, Esq.

KOOTARA CRESCENT,  
NARRABUNDAH, A.C.T.

Postal Address:

P.O. BOX 124,  
KINGSTON, A.C.T.

15 April, 1957.

Dear Bill,

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club the question was raised as to whether some of the profits of the Club might be diverted to the encouragement of youth activities within the area, the emphasis being on children from about 8 or 9 years of age onwards. Although members, generally, were not averse to closing the Club premises for, say, one evening a fortnight, they felt that this would hardly be adequate and, in any case, the Club premises would not be suitable.

I was asked to approach you and find out the position regarding a hall in the pre-fab. area of Narrabundah. I do not know the name of it, but I believe it is owned by the Department and that it has been condemned.

I wonder if you could let me know the reasons why it was condemned, and if they amount to structural alterations, whether the Department would be prepared to do something about them. If they do, our Club would be prepared to equip a good gymnasium and make it available for the benefit of the area. There are also one or two enthusiastic people who would ensure that the gymnasium is operated under supervision.

Would you let me know your reactions to this suggestion, and perhaps in the not distant future it might be worth while calling on you to have a chat about it.

Kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



(M. C. Timbs)  
President.

*Asst Sec  
Development.  
What is the position?*

*Recd. 16/4/57*

W. A. McLaren, Esq., C.B.E.,  
Secretary,  
Department of the Interior,  
CANBERRA.



<sup>15</sup>  
23th May, 1957.

Dear Maurice,

In response to your letter of 15th April I regret to say that the position regarding the Narrabundah Community Hall, which is undoubtedly the Hall referred to by you, is most unsatisfactory from the point of view of this Department.

Materials for the construction of this Hall were provided by the Commonwealth, and it was to be erected by voluntary labour. Unfortunately it was very badly constructed and is not safe for public use without extensive reconstruction. It is, however, leased to trustees of the Narrabundah Progress Association, and although I understand the Association is not very active the Hall cannot be leased to any other organisation unless and until that lease is terminated.

The condition of the Hall has also been the subject of representations to the Department in recent months from the Y.M.C.A. which, along with the Y.W.C.A., was forced to cease youth activities in the Narrabundah area because of the unsatisfactory state of the building.

The Department is taking action designed to correct the present unsatisfactory state of affairs with the Hall, but it may be some little time before I am in a position to let you know definitely what is the outcome. In the meantime, however, I should like to commend your Club for its interest in the children of the area and the proposal to equip a good gymnasium for their benefit. I think this is an excellent idea, and I hope that facilities can be made available for you to proceed with it. I shall write to you again as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*(Sgd) W. A. McLaren*  
(W. A. McLAREN)  
Secretary.

Mr. M.C. Timbs,  
President,  
Kingston-Narrabundah R.S.L. Club Inc.,  
P.O. Box 124, KINGSTON. A.C.T.



11th June, 1957.

Dear Sir,

This letter is forwarded to you in your dual capacity as President of the Narrabundah Progress Association and sole remaining trustee of the Narrabundah Community Hall. Its purpose is to bring formally to the notice of both the Association and the trustees the present unsatisfactory condition of the Hall.

You will recall the original arrangements whereby the Hall renovations and the extensions subsequently approved were to be carried out by voluntary labour under the supervision of the Department of Works. You are aware, however, that recent inspections by officers of the Department of Works have revealed that some structural parts of the Hall have been improperly constructed, necessitating urgent remedial action to restore the premises to a safe condition.

I have now to inform you, as the sole remaining trustee, that the Hall is unsuitable for public use in its present condition, and that it is not to be used for public functions until reconstructed to the satisfaction of the Works Department, which has advised that the following work is required -

1. Structural.

- (a) Remove existing 6" x 6" storey posts and 12" x 3" beams and replace by strapping to concrete piers (to be erected).
- (b) Fit 4" x 3" purlins under extension roof supported by knee braces.
- (c) Remove barrel bolts on main exit doors and fit panic bolt in lieu.

2. Plumbing.

- (a) Fit 110' of barge capping to extension; replace 78' of box gutter; fit rainwater head and 18' of downpipe.
- (b) Replace broken hand-basin.
- (c) Replace 6' x 8' sheets of A.C. roofing.

3. Electrical.

- (a) Reposition main switchboard and 2 switches over doorway in kitchen annex.
- (b) Rewire outside lights to toilets.
- (c) Renew glassware on 14 light points and replace broken lampholders.
- (d) Instal wiring for oversink kitchen heater.
- (e) Tidy up conduit in roof space over main hall.

It will, of course, be necessary for all works detailed above to be carried out under the direct supervision of the Department of Works.

The condition of the Hall is so unsatisfactory that the abovementioned work must be undertaken without delay. Should the trustees and/or the Association fail to take immediate and positive steps to face up to their responsibilities in this regard and complete the work within 8 weeks from this date, the Commonwealth will have no



alternative but to take action to determine the lease. Your early advice as to the intentions of the trustees and/or the Association in this regard will therefore be appreciated.

I must also point out that the Department has never had a reply to a letter of 13th May, 1955 (copy attached) addressed to the Secretary of the Narrabundah Progress Association regarding the appointment of new trustees to take the place of two of the original trustees who were no longer available to act with you. Your comments on this matter also will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*(Sd) JNR*

(J. N. ROGERS)  
Assistant Secretary  
(Development)

Mr. D. R. Williams,  
President,  
Narrabundah Progress Association,  
C/- Dairy Farmers Co-op. Milk Co.,  
Wentworth Avenue,  
KINGSTON. A.C.T.

The Director of Works,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Forwarded for your information. Recent correspondence on your papers I.S.562 refers.

*(Sd) JNR*

(J. N. ROGERS)  
Assistant Secretary  
(Development)  
11/6/1957.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

No.

The Senior Clerk  
(Leasing)

NARRABUNDAH COMMUNITY HALL.

Mr. G.C. Williams, an officer of the Transport Section (who may be contacted by phone at X.2821 Extension 10) phoned on 21st June regarding the letter that had been forwarded to his brother, Mr. D.R. Williams, as President of the Narrabundah Progress Association and Trustee of the Narrabundah Community Hall, regarding the reconstruction work required to be done to the Hall.

Mr. G.C. Williams explained that his brother, Mr. D.R. Williams, was in hospital following a serious heart attack, and while his condition was improving it would be some time before he would be able to give any attention to matters concerning the Narrabundah Community Hall. In the meantime he was keeping an eye on his brother's affairs, and he would discuss with his brother the Department's letter as soon as the latter was well enough.

Mr. G.C. Williams informed me that so far as he was aware the only organization using the Hall at the present time was a Lutheran Church Group who, he understood, met there on Sunday evenings. He would get in touch with them as instructed in the Department's letter. I told Mr. Williams that he might suggest to them, if they had nowhere else suitable for meeting, that they should contact the Department concerning their requirements, and we would endeavour to find some other meeting place that they could use.

In view of the illness of Mr. D.R. Williams there appears to be no alternative but to defer any further action concerning the Narrabundah Hall until he is well enough to let us have a reply to our letter. If in the meantime any further action is required, contact should be made with Mr. G.C. Williams at the number quoted above.



(E. S. KEEHN)  
Deputy Assistant Secretary.  
25.6.1957.



1/26 Kentwood Ave

Griffith F  
Canberra

15/7/57

Mr J. M. Rojas  
Assistant Secretary  
Development

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter dated 11/6/57 I have to apologise for the delay which has been caused by illness, I have been in hospital and am still confined to bed.

With regard to the Narrabundah Progress Association Hall I deeply regret having to convey to you that as the only Trustee left in Canberra with any interest in the Association I have no alternative but to surrender the lease. I have been unable to raise any interest at all amongst the tenants in Narrabundah and regret to say that the Association is now defunct.

Yours faithfully  
D. R. Williams

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME, I, DAVID REES WILLIAMS  
of 1/26 Wentworth Avenue, Griffith, Canberra in the Australian  
Capital Territory *Handyman* SEND GREETING:

WHEREAS:-

- (1) A lease pursuant to the Leases Ordinance 1918/1937 and the Regulations thereunder was granted to DAVID REES WILLIAMS, DUNCAN PATRIC CAMERON and MARGARET CURTIS as Trustees of the Narrabundah Progress Association of ALL THAT piece or parcel of land at Narrabundah Community Hall for the term of one year commencing on the first day of April, 1953, and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein;
- (2) The said Narrabundah Progress Association is no longer in existence either for the purposes for which it was formed or otherwise;
- (3) To the best of my knowledge information and belief I am the sole surviving trustee of the said Association residing within the Australian Capital Territory; and
- (4) It is desirable to surrender the said lease

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that I, the said DAVID REES WILLIAMS do hereby for and on behalf of and by virtue of the powers vested in me as the sole surviving trustee as aforesaid of the NARRABUNDAH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION by the Constitution and Rules of the said Association and the Trustee Act, 1898 (as amended) of the State of New South Wales in its application to the said Territory and as further amended by the several amending Ordinances of the said Territory and of every other power me thereunto enabling SURRENDER AND YIELD UP all the estate and interest now vested in the said DAVID REES WILLIAMS, DUNCAN PATRIC CAMERON and MARGARET CURTIS as lessees as joint tenants of the said land to the lessor the Commonwealth of Australia.

Dated this *eight* day of *August* One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED }  
by DAVID REES WILLIAMS }  
in the presence of :- }

*D. R. Williams* *Hand*  
*David Rees Williams*

*Hopkinson*  
*Public Servant*  
*Canberra*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

RS.

No. TL. 8684

The Assistant Secretary.  
(DEVELOPMENT).

Narrabundah Community Hall.

The report hereunder from the Director of Works regarding the cost of repairing the Narrabundah Community Hall is referred for information. It will be noted that the estimated cost of placing the building in a satisfactory condition is now £3,000, including the amount of £900 required to make the building structurally safe.

The question of provision of funds has been discussed with the Estimates Officer, who advises that additional cash for this work would need to be obtained from the Repairs and Maintenance vote. The "unforeseen" item in this vote has already been committed, and the money could only be found by diverting funds-with Treasury approval - from another item. This would probably mean that urgent repairs and maintenance at Kingston Guest House, including work necessary to meet the requirements of the Department of Health, would have to be again deferred. The other alternative is to make an approach to Treasury for additional funds; I gather that such a request would not be very favourably received, particularly at this stage of the financial year.

Submitted for direction please.

*E. J. Griffiths*  
E. J. Griffiths.  
Senior Clerk.  
Leasing.  
12.11.57.

The Secretary.

The course suggested in your minute of 24th October hereunder was taken and photographs now attached to this file and a statement were made available to the Canberra Times and published.

It is discouraging to record that this evoked no public response. The estimated cost of repairing the building is in the order of £3,000, according to the Works Director, who recommends that action be taken as a matter of urgency to either remove the hazard by demolition or put the building in safe condition.

Following the discussion I had with you today, I suggest approval be given to arrange with the Works Department for the demolition and removal of the remains of the building.

*J. N. Rogers*  
(J. N. ROGERS)  
Assistant Secretary  
(Development)  
18.11.1957.

APPROVED  
*Alvin Lambell*  
Minister for the Interior  
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