

Attachment 2

Excerpt from SROWA, Consignment 993, 1950/0151, 'Bank accounts with District Officer as Trustee for Natives'

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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Bank Accounts with District Officers as Trustees
for Natives.

Arrangements have been made with the Central Commonwealth Savings Bank for permission to allow District Officers for Native Affairs to open Trust Accounts under the name of "District Officer for Native Affairs for the ... (particular district concerned) as trustee for ... (particular native concerned)".

It must be pointed out, however, that these accounts are particularly purpose accounts, i.e. mainly accounts for the purpose of accumulating funds for the purchase of land and houses. The procedure to open such an account is as follows:

1. Your personal signature must be submitted to the bank for a specimen for the purpose of withdrawals.
2. The native to hold the bank pass book and to make deposits themselves.
3. The District Officer, by virtue of being trustee, is the only person who can make and authorise withdrawals.
4. Make a permanent record of all accounts opened for native natives. This is important as a native may leave your district and go to another district, and withdrawals by another District Officer would not be able to take place.

As you are well aware, the Department is making available nearly 500 passbooks for natives who are out of employment and where the Department collects a proportion of the wages for general assistance. It is suggested that these passbooks opened by yourself, be retained for particular purposes, such as purpose being better known to yourself. It is also suggested a proportion of the wages be withheld by the employer. It is suggested that you avail yourself of the facilities of an office facilities, as it will save you considerable time in making bank advances, etc.

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