

I Conrad Barry Yeatman was born in Yarrabah on the 3rd January 1940 forward my application for wage reimbursement to the Legal and Constitutional References (Senate) Committee acknowledging that a deadline for written submission to be lodged with the Senate 28th July 2006.

It has been 50 years since my involvement working at Waihaorunga Whitewood Station and now formally forward my proposal for my wage owing to me and hope that consideration is given towards interest earned as though it was in a commonwealth interest building account.

When I was 14 years of age I lived in a small grass house at Reeves Creek Yarrabah with my aunty Muriel Dabah nee Yeatman. At 14, 15 and 16 years of age I worked for the Yarrabah community under the guidance of Mr Stevenson who was engaged as the head carpenter under the direction and supervision of the community Superintendent Wilcox. I got paid one shilling per week which I did not receive, and as a young person I did not keep any information or paperwork at the time.

At the age of 17 Superintendent Wilcox sent a message to see me via the local police officer that he had made plans to send me to a sheep and cattle station.

I then went to the office and we had discussion regarding being sent to a station to work as a houseboy and general duties. He said that I may be getting four pound per week, and that I was to keep 1 pound for pocket money I do not know where the other 3 pound per week went and have wondered all through my life of where my earned wages went to.

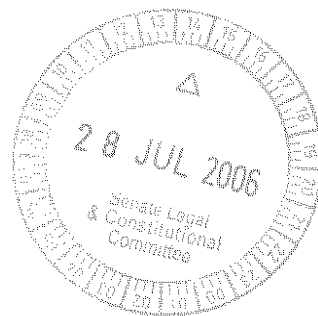
I then went home and told my aunty Muriel Dabah that the superintendent is sending me to a station out west. Aunty Muriel than spoke to me about leaving Yarrabah and gave me talks on what to be prepared for in regards to life on the station and how to look after myself.

At the age of 17 I caught the Yarrabah boat into Cairns, whilst in Cairns I went to Mr J Mirob (men's ware) to get some cloths for my trip to Waihaorunga Whitewood Station, Winton Line. Superintendent Wilcox made arrangement with the railway and authorized a pass to Townsville then on the Hungden and Winton train line. I had to stay over night in Townsville and spent the night in the police station compound. The Townsville Police was expecting me and whilst I was their I had met up with my first cousin Netty Solomon and Vance Gordon who was on their return trip to Yarrabah from their time spent at (Station).

In conclusion, I hope that a favorable decision is made and that my unpaid wages is forwarded to me in a timely manner, which would help me greatly in my retirement. I also wish to inform the Senate the my father Phillip Michael Yeatman, my brother Michael Charles Yeatman, and sister Bessie Dorathy Yeatman had also spent many years at various stations. I would like to see that some monies is forwarded to me so that I could purchase tomb stones for each of my family members.

Conrad B Yeatman

24-7-06



Personal information of Conrad Yeatman

Today I continue to work for the Yarrabah Shire Council as a truck driver, I am 66 years, married with 6 children's and 26 grand children and 10 great grand children. I have been ordained as an Anglican Priest for over 20 years. I continue to be involved in my community at various levels and encourage the younger generation to be strong and live healthily lifestyle.

Attachment

Telegram dated 17th January 1957 (Superintendent advises Mr. Davis of Lad being available and leaving after medical examination)

Telegram Cover note dated 18th March 1957 re: rail requisition (telegram other)

Letter dated 18th March 1957 from Superintendent Wilcox to Mr. F. J Davis of "Waihaorunga"

Letter dated 17th July 1957 from LYONS RYAN & COMPANY public accountant to Conrad Yeatman

Invoice for wages dated 20th June 1957 from Protectors of Aborigines to Mr F J Davis

Letter dated 23rd July 1957 from Aboriginal Protector J Wilcox to Mr F J Davis regarding deductions

Letter dated 21st October 1957 from Superintendent J Wilcox to Mr F J Davis regarding clothing

Letter dated 29th August 1957 from Mr F J Davis to The Superintendent regarding clothing

Letter dated 10th October 1957 from Mt F J Davis to the Superintendent of Yarrabah Mission Mr J Wilcox regarding houseboy clothing

Conrad B Yeatman

24-7-06

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18th March,

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Mr. F. J. Davis,
"Waimarunga"
WILLOWOOD.
Winton Line.

Dear Sir,

Re Conrad Yeatman.

In response to your telegram accepting the lad from here, the above lad will leave Yarrabah tomorrow to come to you.

We enclose agreement No. 34719, and you will note he is to be paid \$4 per week plus keep, \$1 per week to be paid to him as pocket money and for which he must sign in the pocket money book enclosed, and \$3 per week to be forwarded to this office quarterly for his savings bank account.

We trust Conrad arrives safely and proves himself satisfactory to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Captain)

Superintendent.

Encls. 3.

18th March, 1957.

Conrad Yeatman

employment

to Mr. F. J. Davis, Waihaorunga Whitewood, Winton Line.

He has been issued with a rail requisition
and assistance for the journey.

No. 26
10 words.

MR. DAVIS.
WHITEWOOD.

LAD AVAILABLE. LEAVE AFTER MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Telegram
~~NOTICE~~.

17/1/57

LYONS, RYAN & COMPANY

(HUGHENDEN)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

TELEPHONE 100

P.O. Box 144

LYONS, F.C.A. (AUST.)
RYAN, F.C.A. (AUST.)
FIELD, A.F.I.A.

AGF/KCM

Brodie Street,

Hughenden,

AND AT TOWNSVILLE

17th July, 1957.

Mr. C. Yeatman,
"Waihaorunga",
WHITEWOOD.

Dear Sir,

RE - F.H. DAVIS & COMPANY,
"WAIHAORUNGA", WHITEWOOD.

At the request of Mr. F.J. Davis,
we enclose herewith Tax Stamps Sheet
C No. 67690, with stamps to the value of
£1:4:6d. affixed, in respect of your
employment with the abovenamed during the
financial year ended 30th June, 1957.

We would be grateful if you would
kindly acknowledge receipt of the Tax Stamps
Sheet in due course.

Yours faithfully,

LYONS, RYAN & COMPANY

per.....*Jackson*.....

Recd
4/12/57
enclo.

23 rd July

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Mr. F.H. Davis,
"Waihaorunga"
Whitewood,
WINTON LEE, Q.

Dear Mr. Davis,

Re Conrad Yeatman

Our Receipt No. 104013 for £49/-/- is enclosed. Statement of wages shows £49/18/9. We presume that the excess of 1/3 is to cover exchange.

No exchange is charged on these collections so we have credited 1/3 to Conrad's account. If you wish you may deduct 1/3 from your next payment.

Yours Sincerely

(Captain)

J. WILCOX.
Protector.

1 JUL 1957

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Waihaorunga

Whitewood Winter Line

№ 34

Statement of Wages due to me for following Aborigines in your Service to

Notes for Employer:—

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The Agreement entered into by you provides for regular payment of wages, and such should be done promptly, as wages fall due, without notice from this office. You will require to so pay in future. Where necessary, exchange must be added to cheques which must be payable to Protectors of Aborigines or Superintendents as the case may be.

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21st October,

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Mrs. F. J. Davis,
"Maihaurunga",
WHITEWOOD.

Dear Mrs. Davis,

Re - Conrad Yeatman. Thank you for your letter of 10th October. The trousers and shirt have been ordered for Conrad, but to date have not been received by us. I will do my best to get them for him next week.

Yours sincerely,

(Captain) J. Wilcox,
Superintendent.

"Waihaounga"
Whitewood

10-10-57

The Superintendent
Yarrabah Mission
Bairns.

14 OCT 1957

Dear Sir,

Some weeks ago now, I wrote requesting
a pair of good trousers & shirt for my house boy
Samuel Yeatman, but up to date have had no reply
or parcel. Would be much obliged if you could advise
if same are coming forward, as they are urgently
required.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,
(Wm) Z. J. Davis.

5 SEP 1957

"Waihaunga"
Whitewood. A.
29th Aug. '57.

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The Superintendent,
Yarrabak Mission,
Via Cairns.

OK ^{order}

Dear Sir,

Our houseboy Conrad Yeatman,
is in need of a good pair of Trousers and a Shirt,
measurements for which I enclose below. Would be
much obliged if you could have them sent at earliest
convenience.

1 pair Green Gaberdine Sports Trousers. measurements.

Waist. 32"

Hips 40"

Outside leg. 41"

Inside leg. 28½"

buff. 22"

Shirt in green or dull blue for good wear. Size 14 collar.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,
(16th) J. J. Davis.

19 July 1957

The Manager
F.W.Dann and Co
Waihoufunga
Whitewood
Winton Line

re Conrad Yeatman

our receipt No IO40I3 for 49/-/- is enclosed. Statement of wages shows at 49/18/9. We presume that the amount of 1/3 is to cover exchange. No exchange is payable on these collections however so that we have credited the 1/3 to Conrad's a/c. You may deduct from the next payment of wages if not desired.

Yours faithfully

J.WILCOX
Superintendent.

22nd March, 1957.

Mr. J. Mirob.

CAIRNS.

11/3/-

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Conrad Yeatman

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1 pr rid. boots	3. 1. 6
1 pr jeans	2. 1. 6
1 pr khaki trs.	1. 12. 6
2 shirts	2. 13. 0
2 prs socks	15. 10
1 towel	11. 6
2 singlets	13. 10
2 handkerchiefs	5. 0
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Less discount	11. 8
	<hr/> \$11. 3. 0

No. 9
12 words.

TELEGRAM.

19/3/57

DAVIS WAIHAORUNGA
WHITEWOOD.

CONRAD YEATMAN LEAVES TODAY ARRIVE THURSDAY. MEET TRAIN.

SUPERINTENDENT.

No. 8
12 words.

TELEGRAM.

19/3/57

PROTECTOR ABORIGINALS.
TOWNSVILLE.

CONRAD YEATMAN REQUIRES ACCOMMODATION TONIGHT, TRAIN WHITEWOOD
WEDNESDAY.

SUPER INTENDENT.

NO 17
9 words.

TELEGRAM.

18/3/57.

DAVIS
"WATHAORUNGA "
WHITEWOOD.

REPLACEMENT JULIAN AVAILABLE. ADVISE TODAY.

SUPER INTENDENT.