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FROM OUR MAIL BAG

The article by Margaret Vazey entitled "Some Aspects of the Position of Aboriginal Women in Australian Society (Vol.13 No.2 April/May 1985) has engendered a great deal of interest and most favourable comment. Two letters in particular, we feel, will be of interest to readers. Margaret Jeffery provides details of source material additional to that mentioned by Margaret Vazey, and Greg Burnett is seeking information on the history of the Ngiyampaa people...Ed.

Guildford, W.A.

The Editor and M.A. Vazey

I have read your article "Some Aspects of the Position of Aboriginal Women in Australian Society" and I feel moved and pleased and satisfied with what is written.

I wondered why you did not also include the life history of Granny Isobel Bropho of the Swan Valley in Western Australia who has lived in camps all her life and is still living in a camp, Lockridge Campsite, on her homegrounds, nine miles from the G.P.O. Perth. This was printed in the book *Nothing to Spare*, edited by Jan Carter (Penguin Books, about 1981) under the title *The Stock Rider's Daughter*, and unfortunately little read; and also, I wondered why you did not include the spoken words of Laurel Cooper in the film made by Aboriginal fringedwellers of the Goldfields of Western Australia, called *Munda Nyuringu : he's taken the land, he believes it is his, he won't give it back* - available from the Sydney Film Makers Co-operative in Sydney, as I know many black women and white have been deeply affected by her talking about her life.

Margaret Jeffery

We hope other readers will be encouraged to suggest source material that has not yet been gathered, to add to the very comprehensive documentation of Aboriginal women's role in Australian society, produced by Margaret Vazey...Ed.

Ivanhoe, N.S.W.

Dear Editor

I was hoping you may be able to help me. I read with keen interest the mention made of Eliza Kennedy, Corowra Tank and something of the life of the Ngiyampaa people lived at the mission around the tank, in the article "Some Aspects of the Position of Aboriginal Women in Australian Society", by M.A. Vazey (Vol.13 No.2, April/May 85).

I am a teacher ... and would like to find as much as possible about the history of the Ngiyampaa people from this area.

Could you supply me with any information *at all* on this subject? Also the names of any references and where they could be obtained would be extremely helpful.

M.A. Vazey mentions "Coming up out of the Nhaalya" in *Aboriginal History* (June 1982, Vol.6 No.1-2, pp.5-21). Where could I obtain a copy of this?

With thanks.

Greg Burnett

We have advised Greg Burnett that Aboriginal History is published by the Australian National University Press, P.O.Box 4, Canberra, ACT, 2600. Can any readers assist with any history or source of information on the Ngiyampaa people? We would be pleased to pass all information on to him...Ed.