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# THE FENCE THAT BROUGHT NEW FELLOWSHIP

The cries of protest came thick and fast when, in 1975, the Australian Labor Government announced a grant of \$2 million for International Women's Year. "A contemptible misuse of public money" was how one senator described it; others (both men and women) talked of "sheer waste" and accused the National Advisory Committee for International Women's Year of directing funds to radical fringe groups of the women's movement who represented a tiny, extremist minority of Australian women.

In fact, the greatest proportion of International Women's Year funds went to long-established women's grounds like the YWCA, the National Council of Women, the United Nations Association of Australia, and the Country Women's Association.

The members of the Mirriwinni (Qld) branch of the CWA knows this well. They received a grant of \$1380 from International Women's Year funds to build a fence around their hall.

The result is a new community spirit among the 100-odd people in this town 130 kilometres south of Cairns.

Says Mrs Dulcie Menzel, honorary secretary of the branch, mother of five, and grandmother of 14:

"Mothers don't have to worry about their kiddies any more. In the past, every time a north coast train went through right behind the hall, we'd rush out to make sure the youngsters were out of harm's way.

"Now, thanks to the fence, everybody can enjoy our activities."

Instead of a lonely stint of child-minding at home (including farms marooned in a sea of rain-covered sugar cane), mothers can now meet for discussions, craft classes, and a variety of social activities, knowing that the



Behind the gate stands Mrs Dulcie Menzel (striped dress). Mrs O'Leary is third from left in back row.

children are safe inside the fence. Occasionally dads with time to spare join in.

And once a month 10 to 14 year-olds enjoy special crafts classes in the hall.

Dulcie Menzel, widowed some 30 years and familiar with the loneliness of running a sugar cane farm, initiated the happiness-bringing project.

She had been the branch secretary a mere two weeks when she saw a television interview with Ms Elizabeth Reid, then special adviser to the Prime Minister on women's affairs.

"When I heard her say that

1975 was International Women's Year and the Government had set up a fund to help women, I decided to write and find out what it was all about."

The IWY committee lost no time acknowledging her inquiry. A month later, she received guidelines on how to make the application for the fence.

Mrs Menzel read the all-important extract from a copy of her letter: "We want to build a fence around our hall to make it a place of safety for the small children who will be brought there by their mothers who wish to join in community projects of

benefit to women."

Within weeks the grant based on an estimate which Mrs Menzel got from the local hardware store — was the CWAs!

Apart from that fence-building grant, International Women's Year has given the Mirriwinni branch a whole banquet for thought.

As Mrs Menzel observes: "It has shown us that we as women have a contribution to make to society, and that in doing so, we gain confidence and faith in our own ability."

An IWY aim listed under "objectives" refers not only to the

way men see women, but how women see themselves.

"One of our members claims that is the key to real improvement in the status of women," says Mrs Menzel, "and until they realise their own worth and potential, as well as the rights we are entitled to, women cannot make real progress."

In summing up, the Mirriwinni branch president Mrs Yvonne O'Leary said: "We are not entitled to anything because we are women, but because, as equal members of the human race, we are worthy of equality."

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Miriwinni file

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11 DEC 1975

Ms Mary Falloon,  
Editor,  
Woman's Day,  
P.O. Box 161,  
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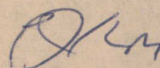
Dear Ms Falloon,

I have enclosed a copy of a letter to Elizabeth Reid from the Honorary Secretary of the Miriwinni Branch of the C.W.A., as discussed with you by Gillian Appleton recently.

Miriwinni is the centre of a small farming district in Northern Queensland, and the women of this area have few facilities and opportunities for cultural, recreational or educational activities. The C.W.A. have a hall which they felt could become much more of a useful centre in the district for women. However it lacked a fence, which due to its location, meant that mothers with children felt it was unsafe and were deterred from coming to the centre and participating in community activities, thus tending to increase their isolation.

The enclosed letter from the C.W.A. outlines the ways in which the grant has helped the women in the district, and I hope that you will be able to feature it in a future issue of your magazine.

Yours sincerely,



P. J. GALVIN  
Co-ordinator

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I discussed with Mary Falloon, editor of Woman's Day, the possibility of publishing this letter as a tribute to I.W.T., and she is very keen.

The Minawinni women agreed that it could be used.

Could it be sent to Mary with a brief history of their submission, the funding, and how they used it?

Lsil

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See: on NAC 38 is a typed copy of the Minawinni letter.

Could you do the rest, and

R/S to me for sign. Lsil

24/11



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Murrumbidgee BRANCH

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FAR NORTHERN DIVISION  
NORTH QUEENSLAND

20<sup>th</sup> June 1975

Ms. Elizabeth Reid

Australian National Advisory Committee  
International Women's Year  
Canberra A.C.T.

Dear Elizabeth Reid,

As the Committee for International Women's year must be interested in what has been achieved by organisations which have received grants, I will endeavour to explain some of our achievements, so far, as our members see them.

Firstly we have had a lot of thought provoking publicity, both within the C.W.A. organisation (State wide) and from members of the public. The community around us are treating us with more respect than before. They now know we are not a few women getting together for afternoon tea and a gossip.

More women are coming to our meetings and the functions that we hold. We have more discussions, when they realize what our aims and objectives are they are want to be part of it. Members of other Branches have also shown interest and have joined in discussion with us. We put the C.W.A. Constitution and Rules booklet into their hands and ask them to read Page 5.

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We thank you for your interest and help and good work you are doing on behalf of women everywhere.

We also wish you health and happiness

yours sincerely  
Dulcie Menzel

Hon. Sec.


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Dear Ms Menzel,

Ms Appleton has already spoken to you about publishing your letter in the Woman's Day, I hope some good things come out of that. The great feeling of "women on the move", of women with positive attitudes and warmth towards other women and themselves which fills the letter are very encouraging. You show that I.W.Y. and its objectives are relevant to all women not just a few atypical women who are either highly educated or disgruntled.

The National Advisory Committee was delighted to receive your letter and have asked me to convey to you their thanks. Not everybody writes as you did so it was rewarding for them to receive such positive affirmation of the value of their work.

Yours sincerely,

  
P. J. Galvin  
Co-ordinator

Ms Dulcie Menzel  
Hon. Secretary  
C.W.A. Miriwinni Branch  
MIRIWINNI QLD 4871

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*Barbara Muckler*

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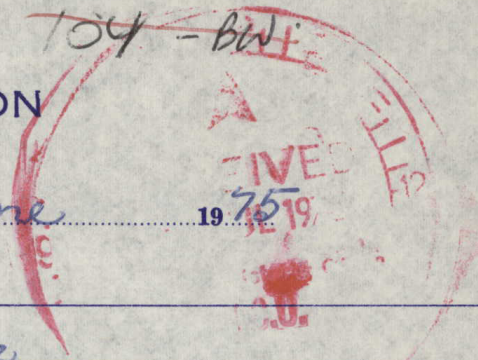
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Dulcie Menzies

Hon. Sec.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Reid

Australian National Advisory Committee

International Women's Year

Canberra A.C.T.

Barbara Wertheim,

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like you to draft a reply  
to the letter from  
Dolcie Menzel

Thanks

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6th June, 1975

Mrs. O'Leary,  
President,  
Mirriwinni Country Womens' Assoc.,  
MIRRIWINNI.

Statement of Account for Erection of 268ft. ARC Mesh Fencing

Supply and Lay 67 Blocks	67.00
Supply Gravel and Cement	45.00
Erect Fencing @ \$1 per foot	268.00
Travelling	20.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>400.00</u>

Per. *L.D. Petherick.*

L.D. Petherick

*This account has been paid.*



Miriwinni

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NORTH QUEENSLAND

20<sup>th</sup> June 1975

Secretariat  
International Women's Year  
P.O. Box 47  
Anslie A.C.T. 2601

Dear John Gavin,

Members of Miriwinni C.W.A. wish to inform you that the fence for which we received a grant has been erected except for the gate which has been ordered but not yet received. We hope to have it early in July. I am enclosing two statements and one receipt, both accounts have been paid.

As we deviated from our first proposals I will rewrite them and explain what we did in each instance and the reason for doing so.

First proposal & cost  
Concrete base of entire fence - 70 bags cement \$157.50

What was done and why.  
Cement blocks at base of front of fence only. Land slopes from front to back. Expert advice given to us was that natural drainage would be blocked and a boghole made because of our very high rainfall. Cost of concrete blocks included in contractors price \$67.



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First proposals and cost

First proposals and cost	What was done and why.
3 loads of sand \$60.00	The sand was donated by Mr D. O'Leary.
238 ft 1 1/4" pipe \$ 99.17	Post of pipe, cut to size with necessary holes drilled were supplied by Sheenan & Jago cost \$161.40.
528 ft 1" pipe 169.71	The piping for top & bottom of fence was unnecessary because we used Roll Top panels instead of chain wire which was unprocurable at time when contractor was prepared to erect fence. price \$217.60.
34 caps at 30c ea. \$10.20	This item was included in cost of post.
4 re-inforced concrete post	This was included in contractors price.
Two gates \$75.00	1 gate ordered cost \$50.00 Second gate unnecessary as panel of fence can be unbolted and removed to allow vehicle to enter - seldom necessary.
Timber for concrete casing \$45.00	This item was supplied by contractor.
Tie wire coils 2.80	Replaced by bolts and clips \$28.62



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First proposal & cost

What was done and why.

Wages to erect fence \$350.00

This was included in contractors price members did this work with the aid of a tractor and truck borrowed from a local farmer.

Cost of clearing away old fence \$100.00

4 galls paint \$52.00

This has still to be purchased. Fence must be in weather for six months before painting or paint will not adhere to metal cost now \$57 for 16 litres.

Money received \$1380

Money Spent \$810.62

Further expenditure

gate \$50

paint 57 = \$107.00

Total \$ 917.62

Unspent on fence \$462.38.

We now ask permission to spend balance in the following manner

Guttering and downpiping on our hall \$150

We have asked for a quote but so far have not received any.

Paint for roof 16 litres zinc chromate) \$99.12  
16 litres paint → )



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no wages will be necessary to do the work of painting as the roof is not steep and one of our members has offered to do the job.

16 litres of paint for inside of hall \$57.00  
members will do the painting-

7 sheets of ply wood at \$12.00 a sheet \$ 84.00  
to line the kitchen of our hall.

Table and chairs to cost of balance \$ 72.26  
Total \$ 462.38.



# Queensland Country Women's Association

Far Northern Division

No 4534

Special ..... 19-3-1975.....

RECEIVED from M. *Special*  
*Queensland Women's International Year*  
*Committee*

the sum of ..... *One thousand eight* ..... Dollars

..... Cents

being.....

\$ 1380 . 00

E.P.S. Print

*V.C. O'Connell*



Miriwinni BRANCH

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NORTH QUEENSLAND

23 March 1975

RECEIVED  
14 APR 1975  
SECRETARY  
Dept. of the  
Special Minister  
of State

To Mr P. J. Lawler,  
Secretary  
Department of  
The Special Minister of State  
Canberra A.C.T.  
Dear Mr Lawler,

Members of Miriwinni branch of CWA. thank you for your letter of 13th March with cheque enclosed, \$1380 (for improvements to our hall) from Australian National Advisory Committee, International Woman's year. We ask you to convey our very sincere thanks to all persons concerned who so kindly helped us.

We assure you that we shall comply with the purpose and conditions of the grant and that all statements and receipts will be forwarded to you

We do not foresee any difficulties whatsoever in building the fence around our hall. We have already cleared away the old fence. We borrowed a tractor and a truck and did the work ourselves, thus saving enough in wages, to buy paint for the roof of the hall. We will paint the roof

~~John~~ Mr. Palmer Mr Galvin





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NORTH QUEENSLAND

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We shall be contacting our Federal member, Mr Bill Fulton and will request him to convey our thanks also.

Yours sincerely  
Dulcie Menzel  
Hon Secretary.

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FROM  
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Miriwinni BRANCH

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NORTH QUEENSLAND

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13 MAR 1975

Dear Ms Menzel,

I am pleased to formally advise you of the grant of \$1,380 to the Miriwinni Branch of the Country Women's Association to build a fence around the Branch's Hall. The grant has been approved by the Australian Government from funds allocated for International Women's Year, and a cheque for the amount is attached.

As you will appreciate we need to ensure a proper accounting for these funds. The normal requirement for grants of this nature is for the recipient to certify that the purpose and conditions of the grant have been complied with; and to forward statements of the expenditure incurred on the project for which the grant was made, these statements being supported by vouchers (eg receipts, used travel tickets etc) or if these are not available an audit certificate by a qualified public accountant who is not an officer or employee of the organisation. I would appreciate receiving your confirmation that you will be able to meet this requirement. If you foresee difficulties, you might send me details of some alternative arrangement that I can have considered as to its acceptability.

We wish you every success with your activities for women in your community.

Yours sincerely,

PJL

P. J. Lawler  
Secretary JG

Ms D. Menzel  
Hon. Secretary  
Miriwinni Branch  
Queensland Country Women's Association  
P.O. Box 25  
MIRIWINNI QLD 4871

# PRIME MINISTER

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### International Women's Year Funding

#### Submissions

The following are the projects which the National Advisory Committee considers appropriate for immediate funding. The attachment gives more details of each.

#### EDUCATION

	\$
. St. Michael's Collegiate School (Tas.)	874
. N.S.W. Teachers' Federation	12,000
. Carole Ferrier, University of Queensland	1,682
. Special edition of "Education News" up to	6,160
. University of Adelaide, Department of Adult Education	3,250

#### CREATIVITY

. Adele Cohen - Readings (W.A.)	4,775
. The Women's Film Festival 75 (N.S.W.)	35,000 (guarantee)
. Royal South Australian Society of Arts Inc.	3,850
. Albury Symphony Orchestra (Vic.)	300
. Ewing Gallery (Vic.)	6,000
. Adelaide Festival Centre Trust	1,000
. North Shore Symphony Orchestra (N.S.W.)	500

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE

. Conference on women's health (Qld)	22,500
. The Wayside Chapel, King's Cross (N.S.W.)	3,000
. N.S.W. Council for the Aging	5,500
. Women's Committee against Private Violence (N.S.W.)	10,214
. The Women's House, Victoria	4,000
. The Women's Centre, Adelaide	4,000
. Two seminars on women and crime up to	30,000
. Women's Centre Action Group (W.A.)	3,000
. The Women's House, Sydney	4,000
. Country Women's Association, Miriwinni (Qld)	1,380

	\$
. Sunshine International Women's Year Committee (Vic.)	10,000
. Parents Without Partners (Aust.)	500

WORK

. Centre for Urban Research and Action (Vic.)	60,000
. Women Lawyers Association (N.S.W.)	2,000

COMMUNITY ATTITUDES

. National Council of Women, Townsville (Qld.)	3,000
. Australian Local Government Women's Association, N.S.W. and A.C.T. Branch	3,000
. Young Women's Christian Association (N.S.W.)	20,000
. Elizabeth Boesel, Parramatta City Council (N.S.W.)	3,000
. Prahran College of Advanced Education (Vic)	2,000
. International Women's Day Committee (Vic)	3,500
. Queensland Association of University Women	637
. Campaign Against Moral Persecution (N.S.W.)	4,000
. The Country Women's Association of Victoria	3,500
. Seventeenth National F.C.A.A.T.S.I. Conference	up to 4,000
. The National Council of Women of Victoria	7,000
. Joyce Stevens (N.S.W.)	6,000
. National Council of Women of Launceston (Tas)	200
. A. Morton and H. Kon (Vic)	2,000
. The Country Women's Association of N.S.W.	8,000

2. Ms Kay Iseman of Salisbury College of Advanced Education, S.A., has withdrawn her submission, the funding of which you approved in the last round.

3. I recommend that you approve the funding of these projects subject to any further negotiations that may be required.

Approved  
*[Signature]*  
20.2.75

*[Signature]*

Elizabeth Reid

19 February 1975

Unable to Contact.

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NORTH QUEENSLAND

30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1975

Secretariat  
International Woman's Year  
P.O. Box 47  
Ainslie A.C.T. 2601

Dear John Gavin,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd Nov. 1974, also for "Guidelines for Applications for Government Assistance."

To the best of my ability, I have in the following pages, set out what I believe to be the information you require.

Thank you for your interest and for give us the opportunity to participate

I am  
Yours truly  
Dulcie Menzel  
Hon Secretary  
Miriwinni Branch  
Q.C.W.A.

See by Elizabeth R 18/1  
approval for funding.

Shirley,  
now welcomed in current round. PMS  
1/8/75

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The Project for which we, the members of miriwinni CWA, ask assistance for, from "The National Advisory Committee of International Women's year is

"To build a fence, around our hall, to make it a place of safety for the small children who will be brought there by their mothers who wish to join in community projects of benefit to woman".

The fence is necessary because we have a railway line at the rear of the building and a road in front.

We claim qualification for a grant because the woman of our area are definitely disadvantaged.

There are no job opportunities, no adult Education classes, no recreation centre, and no child minding centres or Pre-Schools.

We claim the woman of our community have been pushed into a category which which can be labeled "second Class Citizen".

Therefore, we wish to improve our Hall, so as to make it a fit and safe Community Centre, an attractive place of relaxation, a place where activities of a cultural and educational nature, that will help uplift and improve

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the status of women can be held.

We will do this by carrying out the following objectives.

Education      Discussion Groups.

We already have this but we want more young mothers to join with us.

We want free and open discussion on all aspects of society today and the role we as women wish to have in it.

It is difficult to join in discussion if one is worried about the safety of children.

Handicrafts

Another aspect of education is handicrafts. Mrs Vi Stroud comes one day a month and teaches handicrafts, basket making, jewelry, bark pictures (and broches) wall plaques, handbags etc. Mrs Jean Edwards teaches knitting and Mrs Jan Tuttle crochet.

Special lessons are given on Saturday afternoon for our younger set, mostly teenagers, and any girls of the district who wish to come. These classes are well attended and teachers do not charge for their services. We hope

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to persuade a local artist to give lessons in painting.

Health, at our last meeting we decided to <sup>have</sup> a "Health Watchers Clinic".

It was noted that a good diet makes for a trim figure as well as good health.

We have written to the Heart Foundation for pamphlets on the correct diet and other lessons that are believed to help prevent heart disease. We will also ask our local doctor to give a talk on this subject.

First Aid Lectures The local ambulance Superintendant Mr Bert Good is a frequent guest speaker at our meetings.

The treatment of snake bite was the subject of a recent talk and we were surprised to learn that we would all have done the wrong thing if we had been called upon to give treatment to a snake bite victim.

Subjects listed for future talks include -  
The habits of sea stingers and the treatment of victims.

The causes of gastro-enteritis in Aboriginal children and the part we



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can play in helping to prevent it.

First Aid for Burns.

The Ambulance Superintendent has agreed to speak on these subjects. We will also request the Sister-in-Charge of the Baby Clinic in Innisfail to speak on the care of infants and we will invite young Aborigine and Torres Strait Islander Mothers to join with us.

I would like to add that members always supply refreshments to all guests at their own expense.

Members sixteen in number work constantly to make articles for sale at fetes cent. sales and street stalls to raise money for hall improvements we have kelled and lined the building painted it and installed fans bought tables chairs and crockery, an urn to boil water, curtains tableclothes etc and each individual member pays for all material used in articles made and sold.

We have made contributions to Disaster Fund Appeals such as the Darwin one. Last year we made a



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contribution to a family left destitute when their home and belongings were destroyed by fire.

We do want to help raise status of women in our district, to do this we believe we must make our Centre attractive and safe for the children so mothers can relax.

While our organisation has no technical skills, we do have the 'grit determination' and the 'guts' to get the job done. The husbands of some members will help with advice and tools and will also work if they can possibly find time (this depends on weather conditions allowing them to get their farm work done), others will work at week ends. However there are unemployed men in our district who would be pleased to get a few days work.

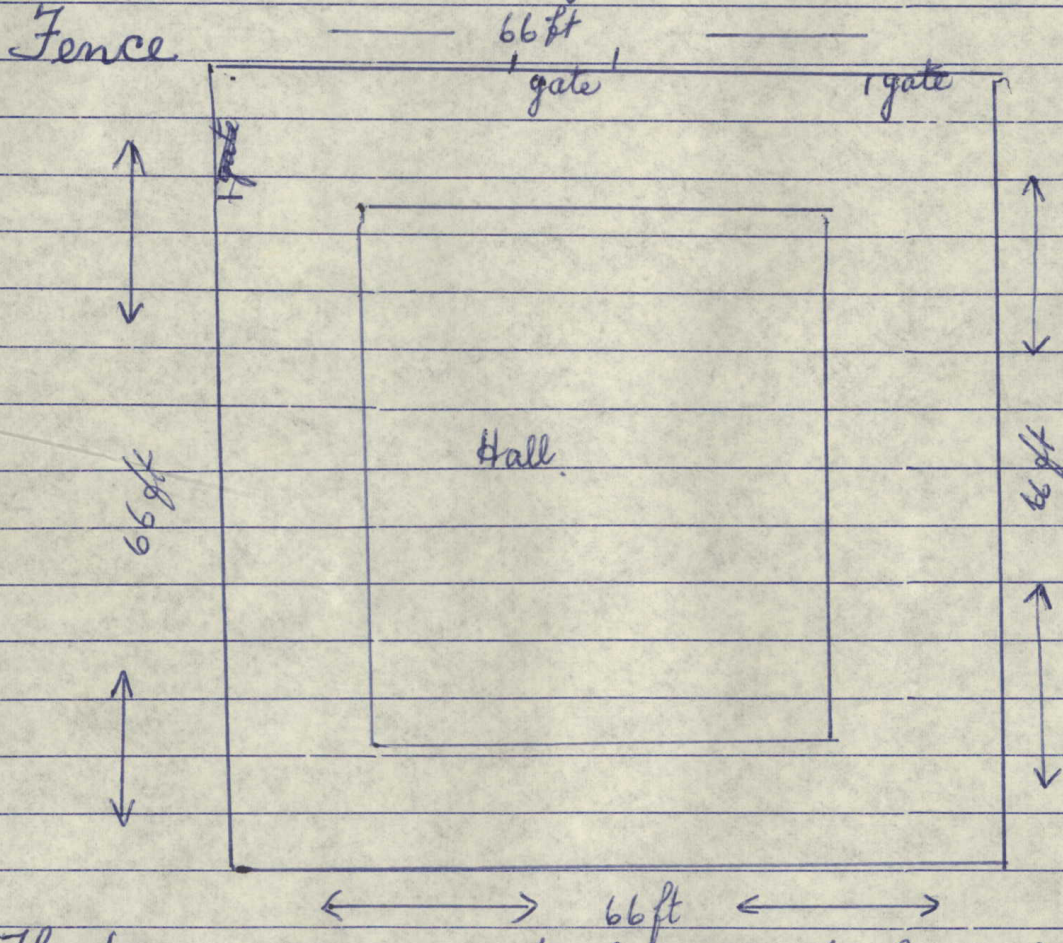
We are prepared to get references from bank managers or from our Federal M.P. Mr. Fulton, member for the seat of Leichardt or from any source that you require.



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Project for which grant is requested



The fence will consist of concrete base fifteen inches in ground eight inches above ground and eight inches wide. Posts of 1 1/4 inch galvanized fence piping imbedded in concrete base, two rails of 1 inch gal. fence pipe 4 ft chain wire, and all necessary fittings.



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Materials Required and Costs.

	\$	C
70 bags cement @ 2.25 a bag	157	50
3 loads sand @ \$20.00 a load	60	00
238 ft 1 1/4 inch galvanized pipe	99	17
528 ft 1 inch " " "	169	71
68 "Cyclone" fittings for posts @ 70c ea.	47	60
34 caps for post @ 30c ea.	10	20
4 re-enforced concrete posts to attach gates to	40	00
2 sets of hinges & catches	10	00
4 rolls Chain Wire at \$30 a roll	120	00
2 gates	75	00
Timber for concrete casing	45	00
Tie wire 8 coils @ 35c a coil	2	80
4 gallons paint @ \$13.00 a gal	52	00
Hire of concrete mixer	40	00
Wages to clear away old fence and clean for new fence	100	00
Wages to build new fence	350	00
Total	\$1378	98.

If it is at all possible we will  
try to cut labor costs.

D. Menzel  
Hon. Secretary.



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13/12 not yet  
await details

Dear Dulci Menzel,

Ms Elizabeth Reid has asked me to write to you concerning your letter to her of 19 September in which you requested a grant for the construction of a fence around the C.W.A. hall for the safety of very young children.

... I attach a copy of the guidelines for applicants for Government grants, and should be grateful if you would let us have the relevant information along the lines suggested. We were wondering if it had occurred to you to run a series of classes on fence building; possibly there are people in your area who are prepared to teach. It is the sort of skill which may be useful to many of your members, indeed the classes themselves may bring many of the younger women in the district into your group. If you decide to do this or something along similar lines, then in your submission to us please give us a quote for the cost of material and any other incidental expenses; otherwise give us a quote for the total cost.

I was very interested to read of the problems you face and the positive way your group is attempting to cope, and I should be very grateful for any ideas that you and your group develop as means by which the Government at Federal, State and Local level could make the life of isolated country women a richer one. As you no doubt agree in your area, as in many others, effective solutions lie not only with Government but with people through self help, imagination and a positive approach and I would be very interested to learn of any activities you have devised which you feel could usefully be adopted in other similar centres.

Yours sincerely,

*J*  
(John Gavin)  
Secretariat

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Dulci Menzel  
Hon. Secretary Miriwinni C.W.A.  
P.O. Box 25  
MIRIWINNI QLD 4871

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... I attach a copy of the guidelines for applications for Government grants and should be grateful if you would prepare a submission along the lines suggested, including with the submission a quotation for the cost of constructing the fence.

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Yours sincerely,

JOHN GAVIN.  
(Secretariat)

~~M/s~~ D. Menzel,  
Hon. Secretary Miriwinni C.W.A.,  
P.O. Box 25,  
MIRIWINNI. QLD. 4871

*Convened,*

*there is a bit of new ground here - for clearance pls*

*[Signature]* 7/11



P. O. Box 25

Miriwinni 4871, Q'ld

19<sup>th</sup> September 1974.

Dear Elizabeth Reid,

Members of the Miriwinni C.W.A. watched and listened to, with great interest and indeed pleasure, the interview that you gave to the Current Affairs Program, Today Tonight, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The program dealt with the Budget allocation of \$2,000,000 to help women.

Miriwinni is the centre of a small farming district on the Bruce Highway eighty kilometres south of Cairns. It consists of a grocery store, Service Station, the usual country hotel, Post Office, a few houses, a saw mill and our C.W.A. Hall.

The women in this village and its surrounds do feel culturally deprived. Here we have no Art Gallery, no Library, no museum. The members of the Miriwinni C.W.A. have discussed this matter on several occasions and the discussion has always ended in agreement - we can do nothing about it because we cannot raise enough money.

However, we do have our C.W.A. Hall, drab and in need of painting and repairs. Here we meet for our monthly meetings, handicraft lessons, socials and fund raising projects.

The women of the district enjoy these functions which for them means a break, not only from the monotony of house work, but in lots of cases the hard manual work of the farm where they work beside their husbands.

As the hall is C.W.A. property, members of that organisation are responsible for its upkeep. At the present time we are finding this a very difficult responsibility.

The younger women of the district would like to join our organisation, but they are mostly the mothers of very young children whom they must bring with them and they point out that the ground surrounding the hall is not securely enough fenced to keep their children from straying out to the railway line behind or the road in front. For this same reason they cannot attend social functions in our hall.

We would be grateful if we could have just enough of that \$2,000,000 to build a fence that would be safe, practical and also an adornment.

We would not wish any of our drabness on your beautiful Canberra but we would be very happy if you would enable us to have a little bit of Canberra style in Murrumbidgee.

Now, if I may add a personal comment -  
I heartily endorse the Prime Minister's choice of  
"An Advisor on Women's Affairs" Your performance  
on T.V. was excellent

yours sincerely  
Dulcie Menzel  
Hon. Secretary Murrumbidgee C.W.A.

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3 OCT 1974

*With the Compliments  
of the  
Prime Minister*

Referred for information.

*Zony, 2 Jan file pls*

*Barbara, pls send brief covering note to*

*Guidelines B 11/10*



THE DEPARTMENT OF  
THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Dear Ms Menzel,

- 3 OCT 1974

I refer to your letter of 19 September 1974 on behalf of the Miriwinni C.W.A. to Ms Elizabeth Reid, Adviser in the Prime Minister's Office, concerning International Women's Year.

I have been asked to let you know that your letter has been referred to the Secretariat which has been set up in the Department of the Special Minister of State to handle arrangements for the celebration of International Women's Year.

Yours sincerely,

for Secretary

Ms Dulcie Menzel,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Miriwinni C.W.A.,  
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