**Remembering Territory families**

**Men, women and alcohol**

But I must add one thing that was very good about the Tennant Creek Hotel. It had the biggest ladies’ toilet. It was half as big as this room, in half, you know. I don’t know why that is, you know, because they had pans in those days. And there was a big broad seat on it.

But what happened there, what we used to do, the women that worked there, was: the men used to get very drunk, and they’d go home and thrash their wives. So we told the wives, you see: “You come down here, and we’ll look after you.” So we used to stow them in the toilet of course, because the men used to come back and rage around lookin’ for their wives, and they never dreamed of looking in the toilet, you know. They used to bring their kids, and a blanket, and they’d camp there for the night.

There wasn’t many women that drank, and there wasn’t many women on the staff, so they had plenty of room. I don’t know why he built the – they was, in each pub, they were so big – the toilets, ladies’ toilets you know.

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