To make reasons,
(a) As a general advertisement for the artist
(b) Through the power of his art, which
speaks a universal language, he would
be able to draw the public attention
upon the possibilities and talents
of the natives
(c) The last exhibition had been held
in Adelaide in 1939. By a long
silence of his work from the capital
cities Albert, the word spread in the
risk of drifting out of the notice
of the general public.
(d) Addition to demand
To raise the price 100% in each mth
Our prices regrettably, only those pictures should be sold locally which were considered not necessary for the exhibition. For the exhibition held in Melbourne in April 1944, the Council attended to the selection, pricing, naming, framing and cataloguing of the pictures. For further details of the exhibition see p.

The above applies also to the exhibition held in Sydney in March 1945.

Meeting held on March 12th 1945.

Rev. F. W. Albrecht resigned from the Council. Mrs. A. Satz & Miss H. Wurst were elected as additional members.
Resolutions passed.

1) That no white person is to go out on a trip with Albert H. or to send him on a trip for a particular picture or pictures without consent of the Council.

2) That a detailed A/C of Albert H.'s receipts & payments be kept in a separate book.

3) That the Council assist Albert H. in using the money raised at exhibitions to the best personal advantage.

4) To hold an exhibition in Adelaide at some future date, before Christmas if possible.

Meeting held March 20th, 1945.

Resolutions:--

1) To allow Albert H. $10 to the end of the month proposed

2) To inspect extension to the house & site of well.

3) To keep a Petty Cash A/C to be added to his general A/C at intervals.
Meeting held 23rd June 1946.

Correspondence was read. It consists mostly of requests for pictures. It was decided not to refer the writers to future exhibitions to be held, most probably in Adelaide and Sydney. Mr. Zeddy, director of Phillips (a Dutchman) was given preference, also an American friend of Mrs. Mandenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Latz are to be given the choice of a picture to replace a picture of theirs which was sold by mistake. Size and subject being the same as previous picture.

Was decided to pay Mr. Bill Long the balance of the bill - he then received £3.00 per foot for 13 ft. 2". He had previously received £1.10.9 for 18' 4".

Was decided to ask Ted Abbott for his quote for making camel saddles and to employ him on piece work if his price was reasonable. Also to approach him about fencing the garden and erecting the windmill, both preferably on contract price.

It was made clear that the farm cash store only concerns petty expenses. Anything to better living conditions - e.g. blankets, tents, etc. extra but must be approved by Council.

Decided to put £300 in War Loan.
Meeting held Aug 10th, 1945.
The fact that Mr. Jobson has been given contract to erect windmill & tank-stand and also lay pipes for £30. It was decided to approach him also re. garden fence. It was proposed that Albert H. become an associate member of the Royal Australian Art Society.
Also decided to send a copy of "The Art of Albert Namatjira" to the Wheelerburg exhibition instead of the picture for which they had asked.
It was also decided to let Mrs. Strebow have the picture of Cosses Range, as he had requested, not necessarily stipulating that he allow it to be exhibited first. The discussion on the purchase of a truck was deferred to next meeting.
It was stated that Ted Abbott was making the saddles for Albert.
It was decided to draw up a constitution.
Meeting held Tuesday 18/3/47.

Present: Foster Cross, Mr. Salt, A. Frangipani, Mildren Wynn.

Correspondence was read and discussed:

Austin case & drawing paper said to have been ordered by Albert. There was a letter from the Attorney-General in Darwin demanding payment within a fortnight.

It was decided to put the matter into the hands of the Native Affairs.

Mrs. Daniel & small sketch of painting for 50 gns.

It was decided to inform her that Albert’s pictures are priced from 15 - 50 gns.

Prof. Forteaux - he would like a typical Central Australian scene e.g. p. 77 of “The Art of Albert Nam.” for 40 gns. He has been promised one. But as there are none of that type in at present the matter was postponed till next meeting.

Auburn Typh. - wrote asking whether his picture of a ghost gum was ready.

One for 3½ gns. was chosen.

Mrs. Mac Farlane - wrote would like one of A’s pictures.

Was decided to write and ask her concerning price and subject desired, giving a comparative price per square.

Mrs. Steffensen - a letter dated 15/7/46 has been replied to stating that there were no Albert pictures on
hand at the time. She has now some of
Walter's on approval.

Peter Dawson—requested from permission to buy a
picture which he wishes to present to the
Australian Ambassador in Washington.
It was decided that Pastor Gross see him
personally for further details and report to
the Council.

Other Business: It was decided to fulfil the
promise of presenting a picture to the
A.M.A. C. Aranda—but it will have
to wait until there are more pictures from
which a choice can be made.

Mrs. Cedarus some time ago made application
for a picture through Mr. Battasbee. It
was decided to approach him to see if
he were still interested.

Pastor Scherer offered to exchange his Mr.
Selig picture for the one on yellow paper
of Mr. Jongs. His offer was accepted.

Income Tax. The forms have been received
for 1942-1946. It was decided to fill
them out and then let the Native
Affairs Dept. handle the rest of the matters.
Meeting held. May 1st 1947.

Present were Pastor Gross, Mr. Latz, Mrs. Battaske, A. Namatjira & A. Wurru.

Correspondence:
Mrs. Dawson (of last meeting) Price was a little too high, and besides it was too late to do anything. Mr. Austin: A cheque was sent in payment for paper. Nothing has been heard from him since.
Mrs. Daniels: A further letter arrived from her enclosure of 10 shillings. This has been replied to in the negative & the money returned, stating that we are not prepared to sell under 20 gns.
Mrs. Young: Requests a painting for £5. It was decided that the request could not be granted.
Liz Bracegirdle: we received a notification from him of paper sent by S.K.H., the Duchess of Gloucester, asking that the same might be divided among his fellow artists. Albert, Cecil, Walter & Edwin each received a quarter. It was decided that Albert himself write & thank her.

Mrs. Moise (missed at last meeting) re publishing of new A. book - advised against it and offered Albert 25% of the profits of the new edition of "The Art of Albert Namatjira", the other 25% going to the Board for Anthropological Research of the Adelaide University, which has received all the profits...
until now — also offering that we could publish any part of an edition at trade rates. It was decided to accept their offer re. profits & to order a part of the next edition published by them.

Mrs. McFarlane wrote again stating that she would prefer a gum subject round 30gns. A picture was chosen.

Mrs. Mason: no reply received to a letter we wrote which gave her prices and subjects. It was decided to let her know that some were available at present.

Picture was chosen for Professor Porteous. Also it was decided that A. do a smaller sized one for H. M. A. S. Aranda.

Alberto Finances —

As the expenditure on the truck since its purchase was higher than its advantages warranted, it was discussed how best these could be cut down.

 Neither the Council nor Alberto himself was satisfied with Alberto's Oscars driving as he was doing far more mileage than was necessary. It was decided that Oscar's licence which runs out at the end of June, should not be renewed, but that one should be taken out for Alberto and the henef.
drive for himself. This should enable him to restrict his fuel mileage.
Albert declared himself agreeable to the introducing of the system of countersigning all his cheques, as has already been in use with Edwin Paresoutjia.

It was decided to allow him £8 per week—£5 for living expenses & £3 for truck expenses. Proceeds from Neaswood pictures & women's sales are to go to Albert as cash but proceeds from the sale of odd pictures are to go into his bank ac.

As Albert only has £12 in the bank & owes £49 it was decided to carry him over the crisis by the sale of pictures to individual buyers who have applied to the Council. A 5% commission is being deducted from the other artists' works to defray expenses, and perhaps to be used for some other purpose later on. Albert was asked if he would be agreeable to the same deduction from his sales. He replied in the affirmative.

3 pictures were sent to Mr. Scott in Perth.
Meeting held on 13th June 1949.

Recent were Pastor Gross, Mr. Battarbee, Mr. Latz, A. Namatjirra and A. Murti.

Correspondence:

Mr. Austin: a receipt has been received from him. It was decided to send samples of the paper to Sands & MacDougalls to find out if they would be prepared to buy it.

Mrs. Manderly: asks whether the Good Year Tyre & Rubber Co. could use the Albert picture owned by Mr. G. Patterson on their Christmas calendar. They are prepared to pay £10 for the copyright. A discussion followed. The following facts were stressed: we ourselves have not yet seen prints of Albert's work at any time. If this picture was printed it might damage our sales to some extent. As Albert is not in need of publicity, this angle was not worthy of consideration. Consequently it was decided to reply in the negative.

Mrs. Daniels is returning both Albert's & Walter's pictures as she does not consider either good enough. She offers to send another £5.

It was decided that her mon money be sent back and she be informed that a picture...
of the salary she desires would be much above the price she seemed prepared to pay.

Mr. Doutt has asked us to loan him some pictures done by native artists for exhibition at the Methodist Church Spring Fair at the end of September. It was decided to send only Alberta's pictures. These would form a small exhibition and would be for sale. Only 15 pictures are to be sent, and these are to be sent to Sprays to be framed, or at least mounted if possible. It was decided to grant Mr. Doutt 10% Commission.
Meeting called 18/6/47:-
to discuss a telegram received from Mr. G. Patterson that day. Mr. Patterson requested a further consideration of the Good Year Tyre company's desire to buy the copyright of the picture owned by Mr. Patterson.
It was decided to reply that we were not interested in selling the copyright for less than £100.

Meeting called 19/6/47:-
to discuss a further telegram from Mr. Patterson to the effect that they felt that our price was a bit high, and suggested that £25 for the right to reproduce it for this calendar would be fair and adequate.
It was decided to let him know that we intended reproducing a Mr. Sander's picture ourselves and were therefore reluctant to have earlier prints of the same subject made.

Meeting called 20/6/47

To discuss yet another telegram from Mr. Patterson in which he urged us again to accept their figure of £25.
It was decided to offer them the right...
for a limited printing of their Christmas Calendar at $50 and also to inform them know that this was our final offer. It was further decided to send an airmail letter and explain our point of view and also let them know that we were aware of the fact that they had twice previously infringed copyright regulations by printing this picture.
9th Meeting held Aug 5th 1947.

Members present were Pastor Cross, Mr. Satz, Mr. Battarbee & Miss B. Wust.

Correspondence:
Mr. Patterson: The cheque for £50 had been received.
Mr. Fullen: Requested Mr. Battarbee to take & photographs of general native activities & also of Albert, to illustrate an article which had been written by a friend of Mr. J's for an American paper. He also mentioned that they intended photographing some of Albert's painting, as further illustrations for the same article.

It was decided to inform him that we object very strongly to the photographing of Albert's pictures without approaching us concerning the copyright. The next move would they have to come from them.

The Income Tax assessments had been received from Mr. G. Schulz. They were gone through, discussed & several alterations were suggested:

- The 60 camel boys keep a general camel
maintenance were raised to £78 per annum.
Repairs to camel equipment was also
raised to a more correct figure.
As Oshar had received many presents
besides his "keep", his wages were reckoned
at £1-10-0 per week.
Since last meeting 14 pictures had been
chosen for the Oaler Springs exhibition
and sent to Spears for framing.
Mr. Cadmus through Mr. Mountford
had applied for a ghost gum study. He
was offered the option of three at 40, 35, 33
gns respectively & less 7.5% sales tax.
Dr. Agnes Donaldson would like to
buy the 40 gn. ghost gum study if Mr.
Cadmus does not buy it. It was decided
to let her have it under those circum-
stances.
It was decided to write to Mary
Brophy and inform her that we can let
her have 30 pictures at any date to be
named by her.
A letter had also been received from
the Bread & Cheese Club accepting our terms
as stated in the minutes for May 1st 47.
Meeting held on Sept. 29th 1947.

Members present were Captain Gross, Mrs. Sato, Mr. Battasbee, Albert Hamaljeas and Mildo Wrenn.

From the correspondence above the following business:

Mr. Said desires to purchase several pictures possibly through an exhibition. It was decided to select two and inform him of the titles, prices and no. on the catalogue & then he would be able to contact Miss Cooksey himself.

Mr. Seatherton wrote further to the matter of reproduction of pictures introduced by Mrs. Sulloch's letter to the last meeting. He agreed to the paying of the remuneration for the permission to reproduce Albert's pictures straight into Albert's account. This letter has been replied to and the offer accepted but he was also asked to give the Mission due credit in the article and also that we might see the article before it is forwarded overseas. He replied that the article had already been sent but agreed to all other proposals. A selection of Albert's pictures in the possession of Dr. Squid
had been made for reproduction.

Miss Worleson accepted the 25% commission on the first £400 of the sales and 12½% for the rest. She also mentioned that she avoids a list of the pictures people who have already ordered pictures and desires that the pictures themselves be forwarded as soon as possible for framing.

Mr. Alan Bell replied to the effect that for the present he will have to postpone the purchase of an Albert picture.

Mrs. Holshins writes that he has sold one of the 3 pictures sent to him.

Mrs. Porteous regrets that he has to return the picture sent to him because of customs difficulties, but hopes to visit Australia next year or possibly select one for himself.

It was decided to put the money (£50) received from Mrs. Patterson for the copyright of printing of Albert's pictures, aside into a reproduction fund for which a special safe is to be opened in the bank. This would then be used in the making of prints. Also that all further money collected for reproduction rights should be paid into that account and it be operated by Albert and
either Pastor Gross or Mr. Katz.

It was reported that the Alice Springs exhibit-

ion was most successful, only one picture re-

mained unsold. It was decided to put this as-

ide for the Hermannsberg art gallery.

Mrs. Chalmers there did not obtain the pic-

ture she wanted to buy, so Pastor Gross

and Mr. Batterbee offered her the selection

from three other pictures. These were

selected

Oct 8th 1947 Informal

A meeting was held to select and price

the pictures for Albert's Brisbane exhibition.

Also an offer from Miss James to buy

the unsold picture from the Alice Springs

exhibition was considered, but refused.
11th Meeting held on Oct 17th, 1947.

Members present were Pastor Grose, Mrs. Lotz, Albert and Miss Wurz.

Albert complained that the inch pipe from the windmill to the garden does not give sufficient pressure to water the garden. He wants to build another tank, possibly concrete, at the edge of the garden to create a reservoir of water. Pastor Grose suggested taking out the inch pipe and substituting an 1½ inch. It was also thought that possibly the pipe might be blocked. It was decided to go out and inspect the position before any final decision was made.

Albert would like to erect part of a Sydney William hut, which he had bought in Alice Springs, as the Station as a residence for his children and himself while he is here. At this point his present financial position was checked over, and it was revealed he has only about £200 on hand, which will not even be enough to pay his income tax without creating any fresh debts. It was decided to defer the matter until we could have a meeting with Mr. Battarbee present.

A large part of Albert's Sydney William hut...
is still in Alice Springs. He had hoped to cast it with his own truck, but as that is now in urgent need of a thorough overhaul that was out of the question. Albert suggested engaging a carrier. As it is not enough weight for one load, this would hardly pay, so it was decided that the mission car should charge the freight to Albert.

The overhaul of Albert's truck was also left to be discussed when Mr. B. attends. Pastor Cross raised the question as to whether the £5 living allowance which Albert received now, included the gardeners and goat shepherds' wages or not. It was decided to let him have £5 clear, not reckoning the gardeners' 15/- until the next meeting, when a final decision will have to be reached.
12th Meeting held on Oct 23rd, 1947

Members present were: Pastor Gross, Mr. Latz, Mr. Battarbee, Albert Namaljio and H. Murti.

Correspondence: Madeline Lamb inquiries on behalf of Miss Mattingly who would like an Albert picture. David Mills also wrote that he would like to buy several more Albert pictures.

It was decided to inform both that nothing is available at present.

As most of the members of this committee will be away after Christmas it was decided to ask a temporary committee to carry on. The members suggested were Mr. Wallent and Mrs. Albrecht who would then act in conjunction with Mr. Latz.

Pastor Gross and Mr. Latz reported that they were out at the Goat Camp on Sunday to examine the pressure of water at Albert's garden and said that it was indeed very poor. They suggested that the pipe be taken up and investigated and if necessary cleaned. The suggestion was adopted. Pastor Gross offered to go out and help Albert take up and investigate the pipe.

An estimate was made of what it would cost Albert to erect a house at the Station.
It was thought that with cement, labour and incidental costs it would amount to about £20. The repair or re-box of the truck would cost another £50.

It was decided to postpone the repairs on the truck but to make inquiries into the possibility of obtaining cement for his house, and also to try and get Mr. Oommen to put it up.

The wages of Albert's employees.
The goat-herd is to draw:
- 10 lbs flour — 30zs bkg powder — 15lbs tea sugar
- 30zs tea — 1 stick tobacco — 1 box matches
- 1 tin jam from the local store at Haast's Bluff every week. Also Albert can buy for him here and send out to him 3 sets of clothes per year and 1 pair of boots and 1 blanket per year.

Willa, the gardener:
While Albert still has the money, the gardener's 15/- per week will not be included in Albert's £5.00.

It was further decided that instead of books Albert's purchases in the Store, he is to be given £5 per week in cash.
Albert is to receive an Exhibition Royalty
after every exhibition of 1 1/2 on sales for a private celebration.

It was decided to let Dr. Donaldson have the ghost gum study in which she was interested and that Albert do another one for Mr. Comadus.
13th Meeting held on Dec. 11th 1947.

Present were Pastor Gross, Mrs. Latz and Mr. Wurst.

The report from Miss Northey of the Brisbane exhibition had arrived.

Gross sales were £ 674.2.0
Expenses £ 185.8.2.

Leaving nett sales at £ 488.13.10.

10 pictures were returned unsold.

Pastor F. H. Held of the St. Peters College Ltd. wrote that the Queensland publishers of school books desire permission to reproduce the Albert picture hanging in the St. Peters College in colour in their Geography Bk.

It was decided that we would be prepared to permit them to use the picture for their Geog. Bk. under the condition that they use it for that publication only and would not consider the copyright of the picture sold to them. Further we would like them to submit a proof to us for our approval. Also, as suggested by Pastor Held, it be stated underneath that Albert is a product of the Lutheran Mission at Hermannsburg.

Re. Alberts Water Supply.

Pastor Gross reported that the pipes were not
blocked but that the pressure was certainly very poor. Albert hast however decided to
back in alterations and concentrate on the erection of his house here at the Station.
14th Meeting held 6 January, 1948 at Hermannsburg N.T.

Present: Rev. T. D. Crow, Mr. A. Latz, Mr. O. Wallent, & Albert Manatjira.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by Pastor Crow. On motion of Mr. Latz these were adopted as read. Plan for Alcohol house at Hermannsburg was drawn up & discussed. Final decision of same to be decided after Mr. Drogemuller has been consulted.

Pastor Crow explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to come together to acquaint Mr. Wallent of the various matters as Mr. Wallent had consented to take his place on the Committee while he was away on leave in the next months.

In the absence of further business the meeting closed.

An informal meeting took place on 3rd March, 1948 at Hermannsburg to consider telegraphic request from Mr. Bonney, Chief Publicity Source, Dept. of Information, Darwin, for Manatjira Painting to take along to America. Present were: Mr. A Latz, Mr. H. Waust & Mr. O. Wallent.

Resolved that under special circumstances we make a representative work available so that same be sent per Airfreight. Study shown: "Mt. Sander with Short Gun."
An Informal Meeting held on April 19th 1948.

This meeting was held in order to decide whether to accept the offer from the Athenaeum Gallery in Melbourne to hold an exhibition of Alberts paintings from the 1st to the 13th of November this year. It was pointed out that this was Melbourne Cup week, but in spite of it, it was decided to accept the suggestion.

Informal Meeting held on June 26th 1948.

Pastor Gross & H. Wust in the absence of the other members of the committee discussed and established the deductible expenses for Albert's Income Tax Return for the year ending June 30th 1947.
Meeting held on 15th August 1948

Present were Pastor Cross, Mrs. Battarbee, Mr. Saitz, Miss A. Wust, Walter Elbert and Oscar Namaafa.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and adopted.

The income tax expense figures were as established, were read out and compared with the previous returns.

It was decided at Melbourne Exhibition, that Mrs. Battarbee write to the picture frames in Melbourne to ask whether he would be prepared to frame the pictures.

As Albert's intended return at the end of September was a little late for his exhibition pictures to go down to be framed, it was decided to send a message out to Areyonga, that they inform Albert to come in in 4 weeks.

Mr. Massden would like to have a picture and it was decided to let him have one, but to postpone the selection thereof until the final exhibition selections were made.

Mr. Keenan had also asked whether he might buy a picture. As he has on numerous occasions been very helpful to the Mission, it was decided...
to put one aside for him from the exhibition collection if possible.

Mr. Wallent would like to buy the good ghost gum picture that is in the exhibition collection. It was decided to defer the decision on this matter until the next meeting.

Cecil and Walter were then accepted into the Council. Several points out of the rules which have just been made out for the artists were read to them, e.g., that if they sell pictures outside the Council, they would no longer be allowed to keep horses or camels on the Station (Ag.), nor to obtain tea or sugar from our Cash Store.

It was revealed that Walter had received from Mr. Austin only 30/- for a picture, which Mr. Austin was demanding 100/- for. The folly of such a sale was stressed.

It was further stressed that the artists must go out and paint from nature and not sit in the camp or paint from memory.

For the pricing of the pictures, there must be at least 2 members of the Council present. If more members are at the Station, they should also attend.

A number of unpriced pictures were priced and inferior ones destroyed. The meeting was declared closed.
16th Meeting held on 19th September 1948

Present: Mr. Battiste, the Lady, Albert Hannafin and
Parrar Law.

This meeting was called to select and price
the paintings to be exhibited at Albert's forthcoming exhibition in Melbourne from 1st to 13th
November.

A selection of 44 paintings was made. These were
priced from 18 to 55 guineas and have been posted
to Melbourne. It was considered that the collection
was well up to standard and possibly better than
the several years past, although several more that
were pictures should be added. Albert agreed to
paint several of these during the next few weeks.

Several people had requested permission to purchase
pictures, and it was decided to sell to the following:

Mr. S. B. Sambo (Sydney) "Armidale Gap" at 45 guineas,
Mr. A. H. Thane (Sydney) "Alumbarra" at 33 guineas. 105
Mrs. Munro (Sydney) "Amphitheatre" at 20 guineas,
Mr. O. Watt 
"Shorn Ewe. Haunt of Birds" at 45 guineas. 105

Of the eight pictures on hand after the above
selection were made, price to be offered for sale locally
at prices from 15 to 78 guineas, and two, which were
returned in frames from distance Albert has taken
to hang in his own house.

Thereupon the meeting was closed.
19th Meeting held on Oct 11th 48.

Present were Pastor Gross, Mrs. Battarlee, Albert Namatjira and Modilda Must.

It was noted that at the previous meeting it had not been possible to put aside a picture for Mr. Seenar. It was decided the his request should have first priority in future.

It was reported that Mrs. Borjelt had written, asking whether he might buy some pictures, and also asking for permission to take these across to Europe with him. The matter was urgent, so Pastor Gross & Mrs. Battarlee, the only council members at Germanmburgh at the time, decided to let him have:

1. Albert H. painting @ 35 gns. less 20%.
2. 1 Espar
3. Walter &

The Council expressed its approval of this decision. Albert brought to the Council the following request:

He wishes to buy a block of land north of Haats Bluff, for the use of his son. The Council expressed itself willing to investigate the possibility of such a purchase. It was decided to ask Mrs. The Coys for...
Though about the possibilities and difficulties of taking up a lease.

Mr. Ted Days of Undoolya and Mrs. Bloomfield of Loves Creek have asked Albert, some time ago, to do pictures of their respective stations. Albert wanted to know what the Council thought he should do. The Council decided that Albert could fulfill these commissions, when an opportunity offers, provided he brings them to the Council to be passed and priced before they are delivered.

It was reported that Albert had drawn extra amounts of £4 (for an Alice Springs trip) and £2 (to pay Adolph for horses). These extra withdrawals were approved by the Council.

Albert volunteered to go back to an allowance of £4 a week instead of the present £5 per week, if he could then get up to £8 extra when he went to Alice Springs. The Council approved, and it was decided to decrease his allowance as from the 1st of November.

Albert further mentioned that he would like to buy furniture for his house. It was decided that as Mr. B. was shortly going South, he try and procure for Albert in Adelaide.
Second if possible) the following pieces of furniture: 1 table, 4 ordinary chairs, 2 easy chairs, 2 wicker chairs, 1 cupboard, 1 wardrobe, 1 cool safe (Kool 17) & 4 single bed mattresses.

It was decided that the next time the Government trucks come out, they be asked to take Albert's truck back to Alice Springs.

The Council declared themselves willing to sell to Mr. Albrecht 3 doors for which he had approached Albert, Albert still has these stored from a former building project) at £1 each. Albert was agreeable that this money should go towards the buying of his furniture. Sister Lindner's request to buy 2 of Albert's spare frames from the Brisbane exhibition at 10/- each was granted.

It was decided to grant Mr. Battersbee £25, to be drawn from the agent, to cover his travelling expenses to the Melbourne exhibition. Albert said that he would like to buy 40 goats from Billabong whose price is 9/- per goat. The Council thought this too high & suggested that he try at get them for 7/- per head.

Several of Walter's R.C.A.V.S. pictures were priced.

sig. Chairman
V.O. Ewen

Secretary Hilda M. Munro
18th Meeting held on Dec 23rd 48

Present were Pastor Gros, Mr. Satz, A. Wurt and Albert Namatjira.

Albert wanted to know whether he could give the Areganga boy, who has been working for him, a Christmas present of short, trousers, boots and camp sheet. As this boy had been with him as camel boy, had now looked after his garden for four weeks, had in fact been in his employ for 3 months without any regular wage, it was decided to be only right that he should receive such a reward.

Further Albert mentioned that he owed Edward a Ted Abbott $4 and wanted to know whether he could repay them with a cheque separate from his allowance money. Edward Ted had advanced him this money when Albert had run out of cash in August. It was decided that, considering the constant demands made on Albert by his numerous "friends," he be granted an extra cheque to pay off this debt.

Sgd. Chairman
Secretary
Hilda M. Weet
19th Meeting held on Jan 5th 1949

Present were Pastor Cross, Mr. Satz, Hilda Hurst, Albert H., Oskar M. & Walter E.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

Albert reported that he had been out to inspect the block of land that he wants to take up, and found that it was satisfactory. It was decided that Albert should go in to Alice Springs the next time Pastor Cross goes in, and with him go to Native Affairs to see what can be done.

Albert said that he would like the loan of a station truck for a holiday trip to Artyonga & Flinders Bluff. The request was granted & the price to be charged fixed at 1/- per mile. In the event of a breakdown Albert will have to bear all additional expenses. Also he will have to pay the driver.

Net proceeds of Albert’s Melbourne Exhibition were £125.9.

Pastor Cross reported that Albert had bought Long’s goats for 7/- per head.

Mr. Col. Crawford wants some pictures to take to England with him. The Council decided that any pictures of Walter’s Olympics that were good enough could be sent. Later.
Several of Walter's pictures were priced.

Sg:  
Chairman:  A. O. Eeo  
Secretary:  Khola M. Dart
20th. Meeting held on Jan 26th 19

Present were Pastor Gross, Silda Wurt, Albert Namatjira and Pastor Reck (as guest).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Pastor Gross reported on his visit to the Native Affairs Dept. They said that as far as they were concerned, they could not see anything to prevent Albert from taking up that block of land. Mr. Evans said that to make quite sure about it he would ask Mr. Whely when he came through. Mr. Clough also could see no objection in fact was very helpful. It now depends on the Administrator's attitude. Albert would first have to take out a grazing license for one year.

Albert said he would like to go out again and make quite sure of the water position. He knows of several places where natives find water as they travel through that country.

Pastor Gross said that he had a letter from Mr. C. Schulz in which he asked whether he might be paid
for the work he has done for Albert's income tax returns by one of Albert's pictures. Albert said he was quite agreeable. Three of Albert's pictures had been on hand for some time. It was decided to replace them.

Albert would like a few jobs done on his house. He said that Gerhard was quite prepared to do them. As we are so short staffed, he would have to supervise the job himself.

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed.

Chairman: R.E. Buttard.
Sec. (acting): J.O. Wells.
21st meeting held on 9th Sept. 1947.

Present were the following: Mr. Ballarbee, Albert Hamilton, the Lady, and Parks Iron.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Ballarbee was asked to take the chair and Parks Iron to act as minute secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Cutler, High Commissioner for Australia in New Zealand, had written, requesting to purchase a painting by Albert for approximately £30. It was decided to make one available.

"Who's Who:" A questionnaire from the publishers of "Who's Who" was handed, in hopes to have a reply bringing the paragraphs on Albert up to date.

Exhibition: As there is no likelihood of sufficient pictures being on hand for an exhibition this year, Albert's Sydney exhibition is to be postponed until next Autumn.

Economy: This matter was discussed at length, and Albert was advised to take necessary steps at an early date to secure same, and also to negotiate the purchase of cattle from Arthur Abbott.

Control of Finances: Albert desires to have full control of his own finances and had expressed himself accordingly very
A lengthy discussion took place on this matter at this meeting. Finally, Albert agreed to a new system whereby he will draw £50 at the beginning of each month, out of which he pays all his expenses.

New Haye and New Bloomfield. The figures the old and new people were fixed at 50 guineas each.

In the absence of further business, the meeting was closed.

Chairman: R. B. Hughes
Secretary: Ailda M. West
22nd Meeting held on Oct. 20th, 49

Present were Pastor Gross, Mr. Battarbee, Mr. Salz
Miss A. Murst.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

This meeting was called to select pictures for individuals to whom the Council was prepared to sell outside of an exhibition.

1) Todd Duncan: Mr. Marsden had written on his behalf saying that as he was one of the coloured race himself he would like 2 pictures at 30-35 gns. One picture at 35 gns was selected for him.

2) Mr. Vegnan had been asking for some time. Three pictures were selected to be sent to him. From these he could then choose which one he wanted.

3) Mr. Cutler, Australian High Commissioner in New Zealand had also written asking to be able to buy an Albert picture. One was selected for him.

In the absence of further business the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman: O. C. Ror
Secretary: Silda M. Murst.
Informal Meeting on Feb. 16th, 50.

Pastor Gross, Mr. Latz & Miss A. Wurst selected two pictures to be taken to the International Trades Fair, by Mr. S. Gamble.

23rd Meeting held on August 5th, 1950.

Present were Pastor Gross, Mr. Latz, Albert Namatajira, & Miss A. Wurst.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Albert suggested that he go back to an allowance of $5 per week and that the committee then pay all the rest of the expenses such as petrol, truck repairs, paints & paper, etc. He said that he would like to save money in this way, then buy a caravan to take with him on his painting trips. After some discussion it was agreed that Albert should have an allowance of $25 per month with an extra $10 or so when he goes to Alice Springs. It was further decided that Albert & some members of the committee inspect Mr. Sempelo's caravan.
next day, and it then be decided which fitting should be incorporated - which omitted. The committee suggested that the caravan be built higher off the ground, and strangers generally and if possible use on it the same size types as he uses on his truck.

Albert mentioned that he had cashed a cheque for £20 in the Darwin Com. Bank to which cheque there had only been one signature. The manager of the Commonwealth Bank in Alice Springs had drawn his attention to it, and had asked him to send in a corresponding cheque with a double signature.

As Albert and Hubina are looking after their grandchild, Betty, Albert wondered whether it would be possible to obtain child-endowment for her. It was decided that application be made for it, the money to be paid into Albert's bank account and he then collect £1 per month extra i.e. £26 per month.

In the absence of further business the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman: 

Secretary: Hilda W. Went.
24th Meeting of Holdon Nov. 21st. 1950.

Present were Pastor Gross, Mrs. Satz, Albert Kamaljina and Thelma Wurst.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Business arising from the minutes:

Caravan - The chairman reported that Mr. L. Borgelt has the details of the points required such as bog, type sizes etc. Mr. Borgelt promised to try to find a firm which would make a caravan to with these specifications and then let us know the result of his inquiries. So far nothing definite had been reported by Mr. Borgelt. Albert reported that he had sold one of his banana cases to Mr. John Davis for 45 qns. Pastor Gross asked if Albert to report all such sales as they had to be noted on the Income Tax papers.

Out of the above discussion arose the fact that Albert would like to have exemption. It was not encouraged in the matter, but if he did want to pursue it, he would have to see Mr. Mr. Gay personally.

The correspondence out which consisted mainly of requests for pictures, was read. There was
only one request which was seriously considered viz. that of Miss Eda Gates, who wrote on behalf of the boys at The Boys' Home at Walkerville, asking for a picture which they would like to present to their Matron. It was decided to notify them that several pictures at 30gm. are on hand.

Miss A. Wrost reported that a request had come from Mr. Gair for a picture by Albert to be presented to Dr. Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury. A picture had been sent and a note of thanks and the cheque received.

Mr. Claude Shorttins of Perth had written and later wired requesting permission to hold an exhibition of Albert's pictures over there. The suggested dates Oct 1st - 13th were accepted providing Albert has enough pictures on hand.

Princed Gallery had written requesting that the Vacuum Oil Co. be giving permission to make a choice of 203 pictures to select one for reproduction on their Christmas calendar. It was decided to inform them that nothing was available.

Albert complained again that he had to cast all the waters if he wanted to have a bath, requested that the water be laid on at
his place. Because of the possibility of a big wastage of water, it was not thought advisable to do so. Albert suggested gutting and a rain-water tank as an alternative. The Committee advised him to let Mr. Oliver have a look at the roof on his way through Hermannsburg to see what might be required.

Albert said that the smell from the lavatory near his place was very bad and asked that something be done about it. It was decided to discuss the matter with Pastor Albrecht.

Albert brought up the matter of his proposed lease at Aaristo Bluff again. He said that the map he saw at Darwin, the one showed to him at Alice Springs did not agree. He would still like to take up that block. It was thought advisable to approach Native Affairs on the matter again and let them know Albert's wishes.

Mr. Letz moved that a proposition be made to the Aranda Arts Council that Walter and Grace be given an opportunity to hold an exhibition. Seconded.

The meeting was declared closed.

Chairman
Secretary:
25th Meeting of the Albert Namaljira Council
held on 21st of April 1951.

Present were Mr. Latz, H. Wurst, Albert Namaljira, Enos Namaljira & Walter Ekarainjja.

It was moved by Albert and seconded by Walter that this council hand over the management of the affairs of the artists previously in its control to the new Arandai Arts Council and that herewith this Albert N. Council cease to exist. The motion was carried.

Chairman:  
Secretary:  