The Age, 29 November 1940, p. 8, Aborigines' League Founder Retires

Mr William Cooper, founder and only secretary of the Australian Aborigine League, has retired, and, with Mrs Cooper, will live at Barmah, near Echuca. Last night the league held a meeting in honor of Mr. Cooper, who was presented with a testimonial in appreciation of his services extending over many years in the cause of aborigines. He was made an honorary life president.

Mr Doug Nicholls was elected as honorary secretary of the league.