

***Argus*, 1 April 1941, p. 3, Aboriginal Welfare Worker Dead**

The death occurred on Saturday of Mr William Cooper, founder and first honorary secretary of the Australian Aborigines' League. Mr Cooper only resigned a few months ago, when, in appreciation of his splendid services to his race, he was appointed honorary life member, and hon. president of the league he had founded. Mr Cooper was entirely self educated, but his organising work has had no small part in bringing about a sympathetic attitude by white people. His most spectacular work was the collection of 1,814 signatures by aborigines from all over Australia asking, among other things, for representation in the Federal Parliament for the native race.