

***Argus*, 12 August 1937, p. 4, Aborigines Need Sympathy**

The president of the Australian Aborigines League (Mr. A. P. A. Burdeu), who is called by the aborigines “the white blackfellow” — a term of high praise — gave a lecture on aboriginal life at the Australian Women’s National League meeting last night. Mr. Burdeu, who was introduced by Mrs. Angela Booth, said that starvation was the background of the present “awful” conditions of aboriginal women. Adequate rations for the aborigines would cure many of the present evils and improve conditions for women and girls.

“I want to impress on white women that black women are their sisters, and that if they will only try to understand them and give them a little tender regard they will be doing much good,” said Mr. Burdeu.

“When we consider the dreadful environment from which they come, it is wonderful to see how adaptable they are when they are introduced to better conditions.”

In the audience were four aboriginal women, who have come from aboriginal stations and who are now working in Melbourne.