

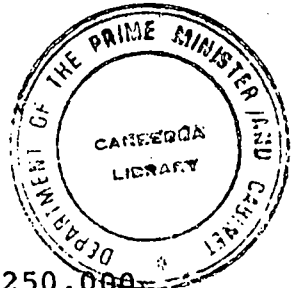


PRIME MINISTER

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ABORIGINES ADVANCEMENT LEAGUE
(VICTORIA) APPEAL



The Commonwealth Government will be contributing \$250,000 to an appeal by the Aborigines Advancement League (Victoria) to provide funds for the erection of a new centre for the league in Northcote, Melbourne.

The Commonwealth Government fully supports the objectives of the appeal which is being conducted by a committee of prominent Victorian citizens. Mr Ronald Walker, C.B.E., is the appeal Chairman.

The league was formed in 1958 and is the oldest and best known Victorian Aboriginal organisation. Since its establishment the league has worked towards the educational, social economic and political advancement of Aboriginal Australians.

The new centre in Northcote will provide accommodation, counselling rooms, a library, workshop facilities, a display area and associated facilities.

The appeal is worthy of generous support by all sections of the community. I hope the Commonwealth Government's support will stimulate further contributions.