

The police will normally fix bail. If they don't you will need to ask a relative or friend to come to the police station with a Justice of the Peace, and to act as "surety" by lodging money, title deeds to a house, or a bank passbook, to cover the amount of bail. If you are questioned at the station, the same advice and conditions as above should be borne in mind.

The court hearing

An accused person is presumed innocent until proved guilty. As a general rule it is extremely unwise ever to plead guilty in court unless advised to do so by a solicitor.

If you have any doubts about your position, ask the Magistrate for an adjournment to give you time to consult a solicitor. The Aboriginal Legal Service is available for this purpose.

Complaints against the police

If you believe the police are exceeding their powers, you should make a note of their numbers and (where possible) their names.

If you deliberately provoke the police you should not be too surprised if they over-react. Like everyone else, police are human beings who have feelings which they may not be able to control in a heated situation.

If you are forced to go to a police station without being arrested, if you are not told why you are arrested, if you are not permitted to communicate with your relatives and solicitors, if you are obstructed in obtaining bail, or if you have been ill-treated, you should ask the senior officer of the police station to record your complaint. At a later stage you can take the matter up with the magistrate, and, if necessary, with the Commissioner of Police, the Aboriginal Legal Service, or a member of Parliament.

If you are arrested you have a right to:

- get a solicitor;
- make no statement;
- apply for bail.

Do not:

- resist a policeman;
- be abusive or disorderly.

(The above information is based on material supplied by the Council for Civil Liberties and is published with the approval of the Aboriginal Legal Service).

PHOTOS ON THE BACK COVER

The three photos on the back cover of this edition were supplied by Mr Ron Riley of Broken Hill.

The stern-looking gentleman in riding gear is Jack Quayle (c 1860-1932). This photo was taken when he was twenty-one and working on Toorella station near White Cliffs.

The second photo was taken about 1937-38 in Wanaaring when the Tibooburra people were moved to Brewarrina mission. The photo shows some of the people in the truck on which they were moved.

The third photo was taken at Wilcannia in the late '30's and features (l. to r.) Ross Barlow (deceased), Tom Bugmy (deceased), Roy Hunt, Jack "Sonny" Quayle (deceased), Jim Bates, and Frank Quayle (deceased).



Boys from Wreck Bay meet Prince Philip during his visit to the Royal Australian Naval College at Jervis Bay