

# Natives to get \$13,500 'race' grant

**T**HE newly-formed National Tribal Council of Aboriginals has been given \$13,500 to fight racism.

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The money is one of a number of controversial grants by the World Council of Churches.

The World Council was attacked last week for having made similar grants to guerrilla fighters in southern Africa.

About 60 aboriginals from all parts of Australia met in Melbourne over the weekend to form the new tribal council.

The council was told of the grant by telegram from the World Council of Churches' headquarters in Geneva.

Mrs Kath Walker, 50, from Holland Park, Brisbane, the chairman of the new council, said the grant was a wonderful way for the council to start.

"But, unfortunately, the money they have given us is not nearly enough for what we need," she said.

## Liaison officer

"We will have to launch a public appeal for more funds."

The council will use the money to employ a liaison officer.

"We desperately need someone working on the field between the aboriginals in need of help and the council," Mrs Walker said.

"However, with the money given us we will not be able to employ someone full-time. We will not even be able to afford a suitable truck or car."

Many of the already existing State tribal councils sent representatives with the purpose of supporting a national council.

The conference closed yesterday after making several resolutions.

These included demands for better housing and health care for aboriginals, improved schooling, and Federal Government support for the council on a dollar for dollar basis.