

# Natives lose a friend

Professor Donald Ferguson Thomson, a champion of the Aboriginal cause, died at his home in Melbourne on Tuesday night.

Professor Thomson, 68, was professor of anthropology at Melbourne University from 1964 until 1968.

He also held doctorates of science and philosophy.

He was a research fellow in anthropology from 1932-37 and from 1945-53, and a senior research fellow from 1953-64.

Professor Thomson resigned from the Victorian Aborigines' Welfare Board in 1967 after 10 years of "frustration and humiliation."

Professor Thomson is survived by his wife and six children.

The funeral will be held at Le Pine's funeral chapel, Burke Road, Camberwell, today at 9.30 a.m. It will be followed by a private cremation.