

# GURINDJI MAN COMING TO HORSHAM TUESDAY

A Gurindji Aboriginal from Wattie Creek, NT, will meet Horsham district people on Tuesday night.

Mr Mick Rangiarri, 25, will be in Horsham as part of a tour of southern states.

He will tell of Gurindji tribe aims to become self-supporting and operate its own cattle station.

Mr Rangiarri will speak at a public meeting called by Horsham people who visited Wattie Creek last month.

He will ask for Horsham support for a Gurindji project to produce polished gemstones.

● Wattie Creek area has amethyst and agate. Gurindjis believe they

can start a gemstone industry if they have equipment. They need equipment such as tumblers, motors and grinding wheels.

Horsham schoolteacher, Mr Barry Sproull, a member of the Horsham group which visited Wattie Creek, said yesterday: "We want to form a support group in this district to help the Gurindji with this enterprise.

"Tuesday's meeting is designed to tell Horsham district what we found at Wattie Creek and allow Mr Rangiarri to put his point of view."

Mr Sproull said the meeting would be public and there would be no admission charge to Mibus Centre meeting room.

"We hope a film, taken by a professional filmmaker when we visited Wattie Creek, will be ready for Tuesday night.

"The film will be shown if editing can be finished in time," he said.

Mr Rangiarri is on a tour, sponsored by Abschol

on which he hopes to meet two Federal Ministers, to discuss Wattie Creek.

He hopes to meet the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Wentworth, and the Interior Minister, Mr Nixon.

Mr Rangiarri will stay in Horsham with members of the party which visited Wattie Creek.

Mr Sproull said Tuesday's meeting would be asked to form an organisation to help Wattie Creek Gurindjis.

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