Tjumalamapatju: Our Stories database on the internet is a community based database. This means that Community members participate by placing names to faces on photos or adding stories to a particular photo or event by either text, movie or audio. This site is located at http://tj.keepingculture.com.

Since 1981 Ngaanyatjarra Council has been collecting historical and cultural information ranging from Mission days in the 1930s to today. This information has been in the form of audio, visual and written material documenting life on the Lands. With the need to both preserve and provide access to this material the Tjumalamapatju: Our Stories website is now the digital cultural archive for the people of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands as well as a resource for historians, schools, researchers and others to see and use.
Ngaanyatjarra Council has the facility to scan negatives, photos, documents, audio and movies into digital format. The Council also has the capacity to house these forms of media as well as any artefacts/objects of any kind that may be returned. These collections are kept under library conditions so that these records are kept in a safe environment and for the safekeeping for future generations.

At the time of writing the Tjumalampatju: Our Stories website have uploaded 4493 photos, ten documents and one movie. Ngaanyatjarra Council are always on the lookout for more people to add to the collection such as school teachers, missionaries and other community workers such as contractors and government workers who have spent time on the Lands and who may have stories and other media to add to the Collection.

The main purpose of this site is to provide ongoing access to historical and cultural significant materials at a community level as well as preserving these for future generations. If you have any material that you would be willing to contribute on this database please contact us at the addresses below. If you send us any original material, this material can be digitised and then returned to you if you so wish. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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