

# Sky Pilot Fellowship

23 May 1949 – c. 1986

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The Sky Pilot Fellowship was an evangelical Christian organisation set up by Gwen and Keith Langford-Smith, who fostered Aboriginal children on their Kellyville farm property, which became Marella Mission Farm.

Sky Pilot Fellowship was incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation on 23 May 1949. The Sky Pilot Fellowship conducted Christian radio broadcasts and raised money for Marella. In October 1954 the Sky Pilot Fellowship Ltd was formed as a non-profit organisation, and began operating as a company on 1 April 1955.

Keith Langford-Smith was a pilot and Anglican missionary who had lived in the Northern Territory, and had run Roper Mission for the Church Missionary Society. He set up Marella Mission Farm in the late 1940s, and led the Sky Pilot Fellowship.

According to the *Nepcan Times*, in 1960 Langford-Smith told a meeting of St Mary's Rotary that the children at Marella were children of women who had been evacuated as children from the Northern Territory and housed at Mulgoa. However, he received children through government and non-government agencies, many of whose parents were from New South Wales.

## More info

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### Related Entries

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- [Marella Mission Farm \(1948 - c. 1986\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Marella Aboriginal Temporary Care \(1979 - 1990s\)](#)  
The Sky Pilot Fellowship, which Marella Mission Farm and was involved with Marella Mission Farm Ltd, sponsored the Marella Aboriginal Program.  
Date: 1985? -
- [Church Missionary Society Home for Half-Castes, Mulgoa \(1942 - c. 1947\)](#)  
Some of the children of some evacuees from the Church Missionary Society Home for Half-Castes were sent to Marella
- [Roper River Mission \(1908 - 1988\)](#)

### Resources

- Wilkinson, Zona, *Marella : the hidden mission*, 2009
- Marella Mission Farm Ltd, *Sky pilot news*, 1978 - 1986

# Records

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- [Records of Marella Mission Farm \(1948 - 1986\)](#)
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