

Faith Bandler (1920 -)

Faith's father was a South Sea Islander who was kidnapped as a boy and brought to work in Queensland's cane fields in the 1880s. Her mother was of Scottish and Indian descent.

Faith was serving in the Australian Women's Land Army during World War II when she noticed that Aboriginal women were paid less for the farm work they did alongside white Australian women. She had helped form the Australian Aboriginal Fellowship in 1956 and was a founding member of the Federal Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, holding the post of New South Wales State secretary from 1962 through to 1970.