

A Message from the Board.

New Reserve at Wellington.

The Board is negotiating with the Lands Department for a new Reserve at Wellington. The people at Nanima suffered very seriously from the floods last year, and if the Board is granted the use of the new area, there should be no fear of further flooding.

New Hospital at Moree.

The Board has been advised that a new Hospital is to be built at Moree at a cost of £400,000. The present accommodation provides for a separate Ward for aboriginal people, but it is hoped when the new hospital has been established that there will be no question of "separate accommodation." This is in line with the Board's policy that there should be no discrimination whatsoever. It is to be hoped that Moree will demonstrate in its new hospital that they are sincere when they say that there is no "colour bar" there.

Expulsion.

Once again it is emphasised that the Board will not tolerate behaviour which is likely to upset peace and good order on its Stations. Tolerance has its limits.

About nine months ago, the behaviour of one of the residents of Moonahcullah Station was considered sufficiently serious to warrant the issue of an Expulsion Order, but the man concerned was given another chance. This warning went unheeded, and the same man caused a disturbance in the neighbouring town recently and returned to the Reserve in a drunken condition. As a result of his behaviour, he was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

The man's record has been a bad one all during the period of nine months, and now the stage has been reached where there is no option but to expel him. Let this be a warning to others.

Tragic Death

Dawn learned with regret the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of Cecil Bungie, 32, who was drowned in the Manning River at Taree on Saturday, 11th February.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his relatives.

MORE EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

The large number of exemptions granted by the Board at the February meeting indicates beyond any doubt how more and more aborigines are becoming anxious to accept the responsibility of everyday life and take their places in the community. Here are the latest exemptions . . .

Name and Age.	Address.
Brooks, Kathleen (39)	Urisino Station, Wanaaring.
Button, Albert (59)	Cornishtown, Cobar.
Button, Frederick (21)	Orlando Street, Coffs Harbour Jetty.
Cavanaugh, George Vouden (26)	Coffs Harbour Aborigines Reserve.
Charles, David Samuel (32)	Old Showground, Deniliquin.
Charles, James (62)	Francis Street, Moama.
Cruse, Isaac (34)	Innes Sawmill, Bega.
Daley, James (53)	Curra Creek, P.O. Wellington.
Dunn, Edgar Cain (20)	Railway Camp, Tullamore.
Groves, Alan Richard (54)	Aboriginal Station, Moree.
Groves, Ernest (56)	Wilcannia.
Johnson, Albert (37)	Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Station, Lake Cargelligo.
Kelly, Mervyn Morris (29)	Shannon Brook Railway Construction, via Leeville.
Kim, Edna Margaret (48)	C/o. E.S. House, Bellevue, Enmore, via Uralla.
Lumley, Arthur (62)	"Mulgany," Wanaaring.
McEwan, George Charles (known as Henry) (23)	The Beemunnel, Warren.
Marley, Percy (54)	"Weona," Brewarrina.
Murray, Roy Edward (20)	Bingara Road, East Moree.
Newman, Alfred Alexander (20)	Bingara Road, East Moree.
Pearce, William Nathan (37)	The Beemunnel, Warren.
Phyball, Keith Edward (33)	C/o. Post Office, Bowraville.
Priestley, Alfred James (22)	Bingara Road, East Moree.
Tighe, Florence (45)	Thompsons Row, East Moree.
Watton, Thomas William (30)	61 Church Avenue, Quirindi.
Williams, Albert George (Peter) (48)	Aborigines Reserve, Brungle.
Williams, Harold (64)	Aborigines Reserve, Yass.
Williams, May Matilda (60)	Aborigines Reserve, Yass.