

THE ABORIGINAL BABY SHOW

The Mayor of Kempsey, Ald. N. C. Long, in officially opening Kempsey's second annual Aboriginal Baby Show, congratulated Kempsey Apex Club on its efforts to improve the living conditions of the Aboriginal population of the Macleay valley, and also commended the Apex movement for its work on behalf of Aborigines throughout Australia.



Some of the entrants with their mothers.

Over 400 people, including more than 100 Aborigines, assembled at the Agricultural Hall one Saturday recently, where about forty bonny babies, aged from three months to three years were presented for judging.

The judging was very capably carried out by Matron K. Everingham, of Taree Hospital, Matron Eastwood, of Macksville Hospital, and Dr. T. Dunn, Director of Public Health, Newcastle.

The Baby Show was organised by Kempsey Apex Club, Mr. J. Savage being chairman of the special committee immediately responsible.



Another group of entrants.



Still more of the many entrants.

Ald. Long congratulated the Apex Club for the work it had done through the years for the benefit and uplift of Aborigines, a work Apex had continued in despite many set-backs.

"To our shame the Aborigines have been sadly neglected in the past, but something should be done to help them," said Ald. Long.

"I congratulate the organisers and I can assure them that the people of Kempsey are very appreciative of their efforts.

"To the Aboriginal folk present I extend a warm welcome, and I most heartily congratulate the mothers on the manner in which their babies are presented here this afternoon.



Geoffrey Maher, winner of the "oldest" section.