

NATIONAL ABORIGINES' DAY



Clive Williams

Miss Willis added: " 'We were as surprised as you were to hear him talking . . . Clive is a natural storyteller and he has this innate poetry which he is not aware of.' "

"As a result director Robert Kingsbury decided to build the film completely around Williams' reminiscences and comments rather than fit them to a script that could be in danger of detracting somewhat from the impact and authenticity of a first-person story.

"As he speaks of the years of waste and the fears and doubts before he moved to where he lives now in the Sydney suburb of Rozelle, we begin to understand the nature of the problem which confronts a man in his position: 'If I was to live my life again . . . I would straighten the bends and skip the gullies . . . I think I would be quite willing to go back and start again . . . ' "

Moree Boys Narrowly Beat Cromer

Moree boys evened the score of last year's defeat by narrowly beating Cromer 9-8 in the schools' annual game that has become part of National Aborigines' Day celebrations, in July.

This year a girls' team of basketballers came with the boys from Moree Aboriginal School, to play against Cromer Public School girls. The girls' basketball match, which followed the rugby league boys' game, was won 14-10 by Cromer. The Moree girls had little previous competition experience but played a good and fast game.

Most of the girls, under the care of Mrs M. Cutmore, had not been to Sydney before, and were amazed and greatly excited by the lights and sights of the city.

The Moree children were taken to the homes of Cromer children, whose parents arrange the visit each year. Some of the Moree boys were able to renew friendships made during last year's visit.

The Saturday (15 July) afternoon's programme was officially opened by Mr R. Healey, M.L.A. for Wakehurst, who kicked off the football match at Dec Why West Oval. After a close struggle Moree beat Cromer 9-8. Moree's points were

scored by Keith Munro (a try and three goals), and Cromer's by Barry Marshall (two tries) and Geoffrey Clare (a goal).

Painting

During the interval between the football and basketball, the Moree children presented Cromer school with a Namatjira painting.

After the games Cromer parents took the children ten-pin bowling at Balgowlah. This was a new experience for the kids from the bush, and there was a lot of laughing between bowls.

Next day the parents organized a car drive which ended at Avalon Beach, north of Sydney. The many races up and down the Avalon sandhills exhausted the children, who went home tired for tea.

As they boarded the Moree train for the long trip home, the children gave heart-felt thanks to the Cromer children and parents for the beautiful weekend.

The Moree kids will be counting the weeks to next year's Cromer game, and the great entertainment and hospitality that goes with the visit.