

ROTARIANS AID TO ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

£40 Donated to Christmas Party Appeal

Last month the Wellington Rotary Club members once again gave generous assistance to the appeal for funds for a Christmas Party to be held at the Nanima Aboriginal School.

The generosity of Rotarians last year made it possible for the formation of the Nanima Aboriginal School Citizen's Aid Committee which has done such great work on the reserve.

During the year Rotarians contributed £40 to the Christmas Party appeal and the total amount collected was £69 15s., only £1 15s. short of the target of £71 10s. required to cater for all the children in the town and district.

The President of the Nanima Committee, Rev. H. Graham, attended a recent meeting of the Rotary Club at the invitation of the President, Mr. V. Dowling.

Mr. Graham told Rotarians that, although they were not aware of it, their generosity in contributing to the 1952 Christmas Party appeal, had been the main factor in the formation of the Committee.

Mr. Graham said that funds which had been in hand after the Party had been held, had presented a problem until it was decided to form a committee to try and help the children attending Nanima School.

Mr. Graham said, "Rotarians can justly claim a very big part in the formation of the Committee and in the subsequent aid to children."

He went on to outline briefly how the money had been spent and what advantages had resulted.

Mr. Dowling thanked Mr. Graham for his short address. He then commended the Christmas Party appeal to members. The splendid result was that, after the meeting, members donated £40 towards the appeal, ensuring its success.

Secretary of the Committee, Mr. John Moore, said on Tuesday that his committee had, this year, decided to cater for every child of aboriginal blood both on and off the reserve in the Wellington district.

"We originally anticipated that the number would be about 90. Our first surprise came when the teacher at the school, Mr. Eric Earley, supplied us with a list of names of 92 children on the reserve alone.

"We were subsequently informed by the Aborigines Welfare Board officer, Mr. P. Felton, that there were another 51 children outside the reserve.

"The result is we anticipate catering for 143 children—about 53 more than we originally expected," Mr. Moore added.

Mr. Moore said the cost of the Christmas Party had been estimated at 10s. for each child.



Richard Lang, Barry and Frank Norman, and Allan McKenzie, of Burnt Bridge, enjoying the School Holidays.

A LETTER FROM PERTH . . .

A New Paper Starts

Writing to *Dawn*, the Secretary of the Coolbaroo League in Western Australia, said: "For the past twelve months, members and friends of the Coolbaroo League, Perth, have been very interested and found a great deal of pleasure reading news of our people in N.S.W. through *Dawn* which we think is a fine magazine.

Such a publication circulated throughout the various States of Australia, draws our people closer together, shows us the problems our people are having in other States, and what they are doing to overcome them.

It shows the ability, talents and greatness of the people of our Aboriginal race, to which we can be proud to belong.

For those of our people in N.S.W. and elsewhere, who may be interested in reading all-Aboriginal news of the west, the first publication of our Monthly paper "The Westralian Aboriginal," will be printed in November, and we would be only too pleased to send anyone a copy each month. If they desire a copy, please send their name and address, along with 6s. yearly subscription, to the Treasurer, "The Westralian Aboriginal," Coolbaroo League, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth, W.A.

I hope to receive a reply soon.

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