

The scheme calls for a civic centre at Yarra junction, a luxury hotel, an aboriginal crafts museum, 50 acres of natural reserve, preservation of historic monuments, a model aboriginal settlement, and other features.

The senior lecturer in town planning at the University of N.S.W., Mr. J. H. Shaw, believes the redevelopment would help exploit tourist potential at La Perouse.

The plan was a long-term one, which hoped to get support from private enterprise, State and Federal Governments, and local government.

"Development of the aboriginal reserve into a first-class community centre with good-quality housing would be one of the first steps," he said.

Hangovers

"It could contain the administration offices of the Aborigines Welfare Board, and become an advisory centre for the aboriginal race."

Some of the houses, which were hangovers from the "Happy Valley" era, would have to be demolished and replaced by cottages and flats.

Overall cost of the scheme was conservatively estimated at £1-million.

A spokesman for Randwick Council said council had agreed to co-operate with the association and to support the scheme.

Burra Bee Dee Aboriginal Station COONABARABRAN, 6W

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Burra Bee Dee Station is situated about 6 miles from the town of Coonabarabran. It comprises some 623 acres and in its acreage is a native cemetery and a high forked mountain. The Station itself is steeped in history as far as the town is concerned, and the dark people are accepted in the town and can use all its sporting facilities, the town boasting an Olympic swimming pool.

The town of Coonabarabran is situated in the Central Western Division of New South Wales in close proximity to the Warrambungle Mountains famous for their age and beauty. The climate all the year around is delightful—experiencing hot dry weather in the summer—as in all places at this time of the year, and in the winter months the temperature drops as low as 19 degrees, being influenced by many ranges.

The Aboriginal Station itself is comparatively small compared with other Stations in the State, although there is a reserve in the town as yet with only four homes erected, and a further five modern houses erected in a nearby street that would do credit to any town. It is anticipated in the near future that the Station itself will be moved into the town. Here at the Station there are only eight houses including the Manager's residence. Electricity is generated for the Manager's residence from a lighting plant and washing water is brought in pipes from a spring on the property. Drinking water is conserved in tanks.

At one time "Burra Bee Dee" ran many head of cattle, but at the present time the only live stock running on the property is one horse named "Tess"—this horse being used to bring wood for the dark people. There are also three carts, one being a light spring cart, the other two of the heavier type. The inhabitants of the Station are very fortunate in that there is a Morris truck attached to the Station, and this vehicle is used frequently for shopping trips to the town (twice weekly) and generally one night a week to the local picture theatre.

There is also a Missionary from the Australian Inland Mission who comes to hold Sunday school for the children in the small Church on the Station. At one time the children of school age attended the small school on the property, but the policy of the Aborigines Welfare Board is to assimilate these children into the white schools, so they go into the town per bus.

The scenic beauty approaching the town of Coonabarabran is superb. The sunsets are a thing of splendour, and the deep purple of the Warrambungle Ranges would be unsurpassed anywhere in the world.



Grace Mundy (Quinlin) signs the register in the church vestry while proud husband, Joe Quinlin, looks on