

Toomelah C.W.A.

The Annual meeting of the branch was held at 2.30 p.m. on the 8th October in the hall on the Station. Those present were Mrs. H. Duncan, President, Mrs. Mavis McGrady, Vice-President, Mrs. Liela Dennison, Vice-President, Mrs. J. Buchanan, Treasurer, Mrs. Roberson, Secretary. Visitors were Mrs. Brown, President, C.W.A., Boggabilla. Also present were Mesdames D. Bartman, N. Binge, B. Dennison, J. Dennison, J. Duncan, A. Haines, J. Harrison, P. Knox, E. McIntosh, N. McGrady, S. McGrady, H. McGrady and L. Woodbridge. Apologies from Z. Duncan.

President's report and Secretary's report on the year's activities were read, also statement by the Treasurer, audit balance being £18 13s. 11d. The election of officers then took place, Mrs. H. Duncan was returned unopposed for the second year, as was the Treasurer, Mrs. J. Buchanan, and Secretary, Mrs. W. Roberson. Two Vice-Presidents were also re-elected and a third Vice-President chosen, Mrs. S. McGrady.

The Branch decided to make their project for the year the provision of a tennis court on the Station. Boggabilla Branch have offered their support, which was warmly accepted by all members. Our thanks go to Mrs. Brown for the ready assistance and help she has always given the Branch.

President's Report. It is with great pleasure that I present my report for the year ending 30th September, 1959. I have had much pleasure in attending functions at Goondiwindi, North Star and Boggabilla. I attended with other members, the State Conference in Sydney. Also Group Council meetings at Inverell and Warialda. With other members I attended the opening of the Rest Rooms at Boggabilla, and presented them with a cheque for £17 5s. od. for a table. I have enjoyed my year as President and hope our Branch will go on to bigger and better things.

Secretary's Report. This has been a very active year and we have twenty-three members. Most members attended Xmas parties at North Star, Boggabilla and were represented at Goondiwindi. Our Branch was represented at all the Council meetings and at the Group Conference at Inverell. Four of our members went to Sydney for the Annual Conference in May and thoroughly enjoyed the visit. We were unable to attend the International Day at North Star owing to illness and lack of transport. Two members attended the funeral of Mrs. Thompson, of Goondiwindi, who was killed in an accident whilst on C.W.A. business. Our Branch extended their sympathy to Goondiwindi in its sad loss. Unfortunately, no-one was able to attend the funeral of Mrs. Flood. Six members attended the opening of the Boggabilla Rest Room, the Branch having given a table value £17 5s. od., towards the furnishing. Our good wishes go to Boggabilla in their good work. Our third birthday party was held on the 17th September and a splendid array of cakes and sandwiches were prepared by our members. The hall was beautifully decorated and it was very sad that due to illness and inclement weather, so few visitors were present. Our thanks for

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Just look at those lovely iced cakes! They look too good to eat, don't they?

NATURALISTS' CLUB

The Clarence Valley Field Naturalists' Club in their activities undertake a good deal of exploration work in respect to aboriginal relics within the district, such as dwelling caves, cave drawings, bora grounds, rock carvings, etc.

Information gleaned is passed on to the Brisbane University.

The Department of Anthropology have encouraged the activities of the Club and have promised a scientifically equipped expedition to any aborigine dwelling caves that can be found with at least three feet of strata deposits.

The area is rich in aboriginal relics but unfortunately much of the valuable records have been destroyed by vandals or would-be relic hunters in the past.

The Club, however, is playing a very worthwhile part in the making of drawings, photographs and general surveys in the interests of Anthropology.

Who knows one day they may discover a previously unknown aboriginal site that will yield much valuable information to the Department.—“Biala”



Pauline, Christine and David Loy, of Tingha