

As opportunities offer, station residents are encouraged to participate in activities that will bring them into closer contact with the general community. For example, at Brewarrina, ten schoolboys go each week to the town to attend a woodwork class; at Burnt Bridge, a team of marching girls is trained by a person from Kempsey, and boys from the Station competed in the Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association Sports at Newcastle; at Cabbage Tree Island the local football club was disbanded and members joined the Woodburn Club; at Cowra the youths attend the local Police Boys' Club; at Murrin Bridge, a remote Station, the children attended

The fundamental purpose of Aboriginal Stations is to provide a place of abode for the aged and infirm and other persons unable to fend for themselves in the general community.

A majority of residents, however, elect to live on the Stations because of the difficulty in obtaining outside accommodation, and because they prefer the communal life afforded. Although the Board accepts this situation, it does encourage Aborigines to leave Stations and accept full responsibilities of citizenship.

In pursuance of its policy of assimilation, it is now the aim of the Board to erect houses in towns on individual lots, on which selected families from Stations can be granted the tenancy, thus making accommodation available on Stations for those Aborigines who at present live under sub-standard conditions and are in need of the help provided on Stations.

On Stations, the aged, sick and infirm are provided with food—including special invalid food where necessary—medicines, blankets and other comforts.

The point is stressed that those families that elect to remain on Stations are not supported by the Board, unless circumstances so warrant. All able-bodied men, who are in a position to do so, are required to care for their families from their earnings in the same way as any ordinary person. It is their responsibility, also, to meet the cost of all dental and medical services rendered the family and, in many cases, to pay rent for the house occupied, even though this rent is purely nominal. Managers endeavour continually to persuade residents to open banking accounts and join medical and hospital contribution funds so that provision can be made for emergencies. It is regrettable that their efforts in this regard have so far met with little response.



We have a pretty lass here, but unfortunately we don't know her name. Who knows her ?



Margaret Roberts and Marlene Moran, of Murwillumbah

a National Fitness vacation play centre at Lake Cargelligo, and also compete with white children in football and athletics; at Wallaga Lake the young people attend a fortnightly dance in the town; and at Woodenbong, a keen interest is displayed by many adults in Adult Education talks by lecturers from the New England University.