

# Letters

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of my sister-in-law, Mrs Ron Galway who through your magazine may be able to get some information about her parents whom she has never known. From her birth certificate her father's name was William Camin, who was born at Balranald, N.S.W. and whose occupation was with the AIF. Her mother's name before marriage was Mabel Lillian Renfrey, her birthplace being Wagga. They were married at Mildura on 24th May, 1940. From an infant she has been in a children's home in Melbourne until leaving school and then put out to work. She would be grateful for any readers who may have known her parents or their present address. She may be contacted at the address below. Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
M. Coppe.

Mrs Galway can be contacted at 40 Cobwell Street, Barham, N.S.W. 2739.

Dear Sir,

On its calendars I would say that just about every country's national day is marked, except that of the "Australian Aborigines National Day".

Here we all are living in the Aborigines country and don't have the decency to mark his National Day on our calendars. This day falls on the second Friday of each July, around the 8th to 14th.

The French National Day, Bastille Day (14th July) and Polish National Day (22nd July) are both marked, but not National Aborigines Day.

Yours faithfully,  
Maree Welsh.

Dear Sir,

I am a girl who would like to have a penfriend, male or female. I am 18 and would like my penfriend to be between 18 and 24. I like to travel. I like riding in fast cars and driving them too. I like mod fashions and soul music.

Valerie Stewart,  
2 Kelvin Vickery Avenue,  
Narrabri West, N.S.W. 2391.

Dear Sir,

I am an Aboriginal boy from Algate House and I am writing to tell you that we still can talk our



Valerie Stewart of Narrabri West

language. Don't say we forgot it because I was taught it. I am 12 years old. I hope you fit this in the *Dawn* for me and see what they say about that.

My name is Edward James Bugmy, I come from the land where the crow flies backward.

dog—kulee	brother—kokogi
mother—ummiki	sister—wetoki
baby—burloo	eye—meekee
sun—yoko	one—necche
two—barkool	thirsty—yerka
hungry—wilkuka	eat—tiell

Dear Sir,

I am writing to let you know about a pen pal club I started as a hobby. It is free for anyone, Aboriginal or not. Any reader who wants to join should send me their name, age, nationality etc. and one self-addressed, stamped envelope. I will send them back the names and addresses of other members of their own age. I read *New Dawn* and have seen some letters asking for pen pals.

Yours sincerely,  
Robert McGlashan,  
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Moree, N.S.W. 2400.