

Steve is now employed as "Aboriginal affairs ombudsman throughout New South Wales" and is responsible to the Sydney manager of the Foundation. His responsibilities include civic rights and community-organizing.

One particular project he has in mind is to emphasize the role of sport in the Brewarrina community. Blacks and whites are already playing sport together and this is helping break down the discrimination that still afflicts the town. He hopes to obtain a grant from the Aboriginal Sports Foundation in order to foster football.

The most immediate goal, he believes, is to stop the fighting and brawling that sometimes occurs at West Bre. Ultimately he aims to improve the living conditions of the people, especially housing. "If people have something to work for", he says, "then they will work. And if they move from West Brewarrina into the town, then the liquor and violence will be less of a problem".

Steve will be working in close co-operation with other groups. He believes that, however justified it may have been, his past hostility to the white community in Brewarrina was pointless. He now feels that more can be achieved through co-operation with the townspeople.

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Helen Daley of Empire Vale, Mrs Joan Lawman, Lismore, and Kay Cook, Ballina. This photograph was taken on the occasion of Helen and Kay's graduation from The Joan Lawman Department School held in Ballina.



He will also be working with various government departments. The Department of Labour's Vocational Officer at Brewarrina, Phil Eyre, will be working with Steve in finding employment for the people.

Steve will also have the assistance of Mrs Essie Coffey, the recently appointed Aboriginal Community Health Worker who lives at West Brewarrina.



COMMONWEALTH ABORIGINAL SECONDARY GRANTS SCHEME— EXTENDED PROGRAM 1973

Applications are invited for 1973 Aboriginal Secondary Grants under the new terms of eligibility announced by the Prime Minister. The grants will be tenable from first term 1973.

ELIGIBILITY

The grants are open to full-time students of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent who—

- A. ● were 14 years of age but under 21 years on 1 January 1973;
- will be attending in 1973 an approved primary or secondary school in any Australian State or Internal Territory;
 - are likely to benefit from remaining at school
- OR
- B. ● were under 14 years of age on 1 January 1973;
- will be attending in 1973 an approved secondary school in any Australian State or Internal Territory.

The continuation of a grant is subject to the student attending school regularly and to his conduct and progress being satisfactory.

The grants include assistance with living costs, school fees, clothing and text books and other expenses associated with attending school.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Commonwealth Department of Education at the address below, from offices of the Commonwealth Employment Service, the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare or some school principals.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

The Regional Director
New South Wales State Office
Commonwealth Department of Education
Lasalle Building
Cnr. King and Castlereagh Streets
SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2000
(Box 3987, G.P.O., SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001)
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