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(REPORT OF BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF, FOR YEAR 1908.)

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Office of Board for Protection of Aborigines,

Sydney, 1 June, 1909.

Sir,

In accordance with the established practice, we have the honor to submit, for the Chief Secretary's information, the following Report regarding the work undertaken by us during the year 1908, together with information as to the number, location, and present condition of the aborigines throughout the State, and the means adopted for their relief.

CENTRAL BOARD.

The meetings of the Central Board have been held on Tuesday afternoon of each week, in the Board-room kindly placed at the Board's disposal by the Inspector-General of Police.

A junior clerk has been appointed to assist the Secretary (who only devotes portion of his time to the duties) in performing the clerical work at the head office.

LOCAL BOARDS.

The following gentlemen found it necessary for various reasons to resign from the Local Board at Brewarrina, and the Board desire to express their acknowledgments of the services rendered by them in the interests of the aborigines, viz. :—

Walter Gill, Esq., Chairman,
W. T. Palmer, Esq.

It is with regret that the Board have to report the death of J. L. Bennett, Esq., for many years a member and chairman of the Local Board at Warangesda (Darlington Point), who took a deep interest in the welfare of the aborigines.

The vacancies on the Board at Brewarrina were filled by the appointment of Dr. Eric McLeod Smith, and John Timmins, Esq., the latter-mentioned gentleman being elected chairman.

Edward Annesley Brett, Esq., was appointed to the Board at Warangesda; A. Lander, Esq., was elected chairman; the Reverend T. Wright consented to fill the office of honorary secretary.

Harold Stanley Baynes, Esq., was appointed an additional member of the Board at Cumerogunga (Moama), and was elected honorary secretary in place of Mr. Berryman, who has removed to Echuca.

NUMBERS.

The census of aborigines, details of which are given in Appendix B, was collected by the police during the month of September.

It was found that there were 2,152 full-bloods (889 male and 615 female adults, and 648 children) and 4,781 half-castes (1,213 male and 1,030 female adults, and 2,538 children), making a total of 6,933, compared with 6,960 for 1907—a decrease of 27.

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The deaths among the full-bloods exceeded the births by 66, the numbers being 96 and 30 respectively; while on the other hand there were 92 more births than deaths among the half-castes, the births numbering 166 and the deaths 74 (Appendix C).

The usual difficulty was experienced by the police in collecting the census, more especially in the remote districts, on account of the nomadic habits of the race, who frequently cross over the borders, to and from the adjoining States, and move from one place to another within the State; hence the apparent discrepancies in the numbers.

It will be observed that there is a still further decrease in the number of full-bloods, the number in 1908 being 2,152, as compared with 6,540 in 1882 (when a census of the aboriginal population was first taken).

There is an increase in the number of half-castes during the same period, namely, from 2,379 to 4,781.

The total of full-bloods and half-castes at the earlier date was 8,919, as against 6,933 in September, 1908.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure by the Government for the year ended 31st December, 1908, was £25,739 5s. 5d. (*vide* Appendix D), including £17,640 2s. 10d. from the Board's vote; £5,528 5s. 7d. for the purchase of blankets, clothing, and other stores, obtained through the Stores Supply and Tender Board; £878 19s. 6d. by the Chief Medical Officer of the Government; and £1,691 17s. 6d. by the Department of Public Instruction for the salaries of teachers, purchase of school material, &c. (Appendices E, F, and G).

In addition, a sum of £1,816 0s. 7d. was spent from the Board's Produce Account in improving the various stations, and in the purchase of machinery, stock, &c.

The combined revenue from the Produce and Sales Stores Account for the year aggregated £2,221 13s. 6d., as compared with £1,810 12s. 11d. for the previous year, and the expenditure £2,803 1s., as against £2,203 6s. 9d., leaving a credit balance of £346 8s.

A full statement of these accounts will be found in Appendix H.

There was, on the 31st December, a sum of £179 8s. 7d. to the credit of the Board's Trust Account with the Government Savings Bank, representing the earnings of aboriginal apprentices, which are being kept by the Board for their use later on in life as they may desire.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The usual Christmas dinner, consisting of plum pudding, a meat ration, and, in the case of the aged, a small issue of tobacco, was provided for the residents of the Board's nine (9) stations and those in receipt of rations in detached camps.

Small grants were also placed at the disposal of the Local Boards to provide prizes for the aborigines on the stations, and from the reports to hand it is evident that these grants for sports effected the desired object—namely, to keep the residents on the stations away from temptations in the adjoining townships.

EDUCATION.

The number of aboriginal children attending school throughout the State was 929, an increase of 209 as compared with 1907.

As the following extracts from reports by Inspectors of the Department of Public Instruction indicate, the progress of the children is, on the whole, satisfactory, and the schools are achieving the object for which they were established:—

Cabbage Tree Island.—There is a small flower garden, which will be enlarged. Schoolroom is clean and as tidy as conditions permit. The children are well under control, the elder ones especially. They apparently love their teacher, and lose no opportunity of trying to please her. They have a healthy, cheerful, happy appearance, and are probably quite as happy as the average mortal. All are clean and tidy in dress. Writing, as is usual with these children, is very creditable, considering the time they have been at school; even the "babies" can imitate a copy accurately. Sewing is well taught to the girls, and I have instructed the teacher to give the boys a few lessons in mending and patching. Since the teacher took charge, I believe that reasonable progress has been made in all subjects.

Coraki.—This school has been in existence for five (5) school days only. The pupils are not yet broken in. It will require much tact and caution to bring them round properly. Practically these children know nothing, except what they have learnt during the past five days. It is almost marvellous to note their progress in writing. They copy letters and words exactly, but of course do not understand what the symbols mean. School popular. Pupils attended nearly every day so far.

Nymboida.—The school building is commodious, well lighted, and properly ventilated. Room is very clean. Pupils range from 5 to 23 years of age. They are very shy. For a time I was evidently regarded as an intruder; later we became friends and they worked well. They have altered much in appearance and manners since I saw them when the school was first applied for. Then I had to drag two semi-naked urchins out of a hollow log to guess their ages. To-day these

these same hopefuls are properly dressed and actually stood up (at the wrong time though, in the middle of a lesson) to wish me "good morning." They have already made progress in writing. Singing has already caught on. They have learnt a couple of hymns, which are sung fortissimo. Sewing, too, has already been commenced. In walking round the settlement I found that every doorstep had been swept. It appears that this arose from a request from Miss Duggan (the teacher). It may be a small matter, but it was suggestive of the teacher's influence for good. I am very hopeful of the future. This little school will be a power of good to these hitherto neglected children. School popular; even the adults go to school. Later on I hope to have laundry work and other domestic accomplishments taught.

Googedee (Brungle).—The school interior has been made bright and cheerful by means of pictures, &c. The school garden is well kept. The children take a general interest in cultivating flowers. Every attention is paid to the moulding of manners. Most of the pupils are clean and tidy. Brush, comb, looking-glass, &c., are provided in the lavatory. The young teacher is earnest in her attempt to train the children morally. The oral reading is very fair. The lower division know their nursery rhymes off by heart. Special attention is devoted to every-day spelling and to composition spelling. Sewing of a useful character is taught regularly. The singing is creditable. The children sang "God Save the King" and "Happy Schooldays," and two other songs. The parents speak well of the general management, which is marked by care, perseverance, interest, and sympathy for the unfortunate children.

Brewarrina.—A new school is in course of erection, and will replace the present wretchedly-overcrowded room. The present building will then be used as a carpenter's workshop. Most of the girls, when they become fit, are placed in situations as domestic servants. In school the children are well behaved and attentive. Reading is carefully taught. Writing in copybooks is satisfactory. Some good results in written composition were shown; this was particularly the case with some of the letters written. Mental and written questions in arithmetic were carefully and correctly worked. Cooking and housework are taught by Mrs. Hockey. Carpentering will be begun as soon as the new schoolroom is available for the ordinary school work.

Roseby Park.—The children are cheerful and obedient, look healthy and well nourished, and are fairly clean and neat, considering circumstances. Moral training is given an important place. Manual work is a success in the workshop, in the garden, and in the sewing class. Many useful and pretty articles have been made in wood. The girls make most of their own garments. Shell work, plaiting, and paper folding have been taken up. Singing is a feature of the school. They also have a "leaf band"; each pupil takes a gum-leaf (fresh pulled), folds it under the tongue, and sets up a high, shrill whistle. The effect is even more startling than that produced by certain metropolitan fife and drum bands. On the whole, good work is being done. The management is satisfactory, and the school is highly thought of.

Grafton.—Additional space has been granted by the Board, and the accommodation is now fully equal to requirements. A workshop, carpenter's bench, and kit of tools have also been added, which contribute not a little towards the effectiveness and utility of the instruction imparted. The children are all very clean, tidy, respectful, obedient, and industrious. The mental effort is creditable; spelling well taught. My tests were well met. Composition is creditable. The introduction of manual work (carpentry) is an admirable feature; it is just what the boys want. So far, they have done well. They are taught to draw plans of all articles before starting to make them. The sewing is strong, plain, serviceable, and of great value to the girls. Several of the pupils excel, and exhibit considerable promise.

Ngoorumba.—An attempt at gardening has been made, such work being new to the pupils. They have taken it up with great zest and interest, and some have laid out plots at their huts in the camp. The teacher is doing good work in the formation of habits of neatness, order, and cleanliness.

Cumeroounga.—The Aborigines Protection Board has given considerable assistance by providing supplementary readers, books for the nucleus of a library, tools for woodwork, and certain utensils for cookery. Physical training is given a prominent position in the scheme of work. Systematic attention is also given to the teaching of morals. A satisfactory beginning has been made in a small way in cookery. A similar remark is applicable to the making of garments. The school is rightly held in excellent estimation by the aborigines.

La Perouse.—Needlework is taught with fair success by Miss Rogers, who lives close by. The mental work is very fair for such pupils; some also are fairly good at the written work. The school is conscientiously carried on, and is doing its part in rescuing the children from associations of a baneful character.

Wallaga Lake.—Considering the circumstances of their surroundings, these children read fluently. The sewing of the girls is neat, and garments for their own wear are made.

Erambie (Covva).—A kit of tools and carpenter's bench have been provided, and good work is being accomplished under the guidance of the teacher.

Purfeet (Taree).—The vegetable garden is in good order, the boys taking an interest in the plants grown. The teacher uses his influence to encourage the children to lead honest and upright lives. They possess a natural aptitude for manual work, an aptitude which probably has been engendered in their nature by the fact that in the past each individual was compelled to be his own craftsman in the manufacture of implements of war and the chase. This manual skill is displayed by the pupils of the school in writing and in needlework, which are easily first in the work of the school.

RESERVES.

The following additional reserves, comprising an area of 305 acres, were set apart for the use of the aborigines during the year:—

No. 42,572, parishes of Talluba and Tini, county of Baradine, 90 acres.

No. 42,532, parish of Clarenza, county of Clarence, 50 acres.

Nos. 42,590-1, parish of Lindsay, county of Buller, 126 acres.

Nos. 43,074-5, parish of Byron, county of Rous, 10 acres.

Nos. 43,285-6, parish of Shannon, county of Fitzroy (Nymboida), 20 acres.

No. 42,775, parish of Bowra, county of Raleigh, 9 acres.

Wirrimbi Island, near Bowraville (on condition that no timber or vegetation is destroyed within 1 chain of the banks of the river).

Several attempts which were made to have Aborigines' Reserves revoked, and made available for other purposes, were strongly opposed by the Board, viz., at Burnt Bridge, Calimo (near Deniliquin), Upper Burragorang, Kinchela (Reserve No. 173), Forster, and Broadwater (Reserve No. 31,665).

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An application for permission for a white man to work the reserve at Ingleba was refused, as also was a request for permissive occupancy of Reserve 140, of 270 acres, Stewart's Island, Nambucca River; but no objection was offered to annual leases being granted of Reserve No. 14, of 20 acres, village of Wilson, parish of Bowra, county of Raleigh (near Macksville), and Reserve No. 346, of 56 acres, parish of Bodalla, on the understanding in each instance that the land is still held for the use of the aborigines and is surrendered for that purpose when so required by the Board.

The Board are strongly of opinion that all the land now reserved for the aborigines should be retained for that purpose, and to this end have always opposed applications made with a view of disposing the aborigines.

Every endeavour is being made to acquire suitable tracts of land in various centres, and in the draft Aborigines Bill, provision is made for all such reserves to be vested in the Board.

The aborigines located thereon are encouraged as far as practicable, by the supply of fencing wire and agricultural tools and seed, to put the land to the best possible use.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

During the year several half-castes were awarded old-age pensions by the District Boards, and the issue of Government rations and clothing was accordingly discontinued in such cases.

SUPPLY OF LIQUOR TO ABORIGINES.

Convictions for the supply of spirituous liquors to aborigines have been obtained by the police at the following places: Darlington Point (Warangesda), 3; Lismore, and Walcha.

As pointed out in the Board's last report, the state of the law in regard to the supply of liquor to half-castes is not satisfactory, as it is not an offence to supply them with liquor unless they are on licensed premises, even though they are in receipt of Government assistance, living on a Reserve for Aborigines, and treated in every respect as if they were aborigines. This the Board consider should be remedied, and the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice has accordingly been asked to consider the matter in conjunction with any proposed amendments of the liquor laws.

LEGISLATION.

For some years past the Board have recognised the need for some legislation dealing with the Aboriginal Question, and a Bill was drafted for the Chief Secretary's consideration. This Bill has now been revised by the Parliamentary Draftsman, and the Board trust that the Government may see their way to have it passed into law during the forthcoming session of Parliament.

Several of the other States of the Commonwealth have for a considerable time past had legislation in force, and, seeing that the Board at present have little effective authority over the aborigines or the reserves on which they are located, it is felt that there is a real need for clothing them with Legislative sanction for their existence and actions, without which they are necessarily powerless to deal with many matters tending to the lasting good of the aboriginal race, more especially with respect to the children, who, under existing conditions, must sooner or later become a burden on the State.

SALARIES OF MATRONS.

In recognition of the good work done by the wives of the managers, who, in their capacity of matrons, attend to the care of the women and children, visit the homes, and supervise the making-up of clothing on the various stations, and as an incentive to further efforts on their part, the Board have granted a salary of £15 per annum to those who did not formerly receive any separate remuneration for the performance of these duties.

ERECTION OF ADDITIONAL HUTS.

During the course of the last two or three years a large number of additional huts have been provided by the Board, and during the period under review approval has been given for the erection of buildings, or the supply of material therefor, at the following places:—

Walhallow—Erection of two huts.	Bateman's Bay—Erection of four huts.
Condobolin—Erection of two huts.	Cabbage Tree Island—Material for three huts.
Coraki—Erection of four huts.	Nymboida—Erection of school building.
Delegate—Erection of one hut.	Roseby Park—Additions to five houses.
Bushfield (Bundarra)—Erection of two huts.	La Perouse—Erection of six huts, and improvements to existing huts.
Dunoon (Lismore)—Erection of eight huts and school building.	Wentworth—Erection of two huts.
Turlingah—Erection of two huts.	Erambie (Cowra)—Additions to aboriginal huts.
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Mungindi—Erection of four huts.	Brungle—Repairs to huts and school building ; erection of barn, &c.
Ashlea (Manning River)—Erection of two huts.	Byron Bay—Erection of one hut.
Calimo (Deniliquin)—Erection of four huts and schoolroom.	Euraba—Erection of four huts.
Condobolin—Erection of four huts.	Ulgundahi Island (Maclean) — Erection of teacher's residence and one hut.
Rolland's Plains—Erection of two huts.	Brewarrina—Material for huts, and improve- ments to dormitories.
Burnt Bridge—Material for a hut.	Grafton—Material for an additional hut.
Pilliga—Erection of three huts and repairs to school building.	

Tents were supplied to the aborigines at Yancannia and Yandama (8), Pooncarie (6), Gulargambone (4), and Trundle (4).

INSPECTION OF STATIONS.

Visits of inspection to the following stations and camps were made during the year as under, viz. :—

- Brungle (by the Chairman (Mr. Thos. Garvin) and Mr. Donaldson, also by Mr. MacFarlane).
- Brewarrina (by Mr. MacFarlane).
- Warangesda (by Messrs. Ardill and Donaldson, accompanied by the Secretary, and on a second occasion by the Secretary).
- Roseby Park (by Mr. MacFarlane).
- La Perouse (by the Chairman and members of the Board, accompanied by the Secretary).
- Singleton (St. Clair and Redbournebury) (by Messrs. Ardill and Trenchard).
- Gulargambone (by Mr. Ardill, accompanied by the Secretary).
- Cumeroounga (by the Secretary).
- Grafton (by Mr. Varley).

With the approval of the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Superintendent Johnson also inspected the Cumeroounga Station, and Sub-Inspector Bear the Warangesda Station, and in each case submitted a report. The thanks of the Board were conveyed to those gentlemen for the assistance rendered.

BREWARRINA STATION.

The Local Board report a year's steady and satisfactory work at this station.

The services of Mr. Gill, who had for a number of years acted as chairman of the Board, and had worked continuously in the interests of the aborigines, were lost through his leaving the district.

Mr. W. T. Palmer, having left the district, also severed his connection with the Board.

The vacancies thus caused were filled by the appointment of Mr. Timmins and Dr. E. M. Smith, the former being elected to the position of chairman in Mr. Gill's stead.

Frequent meetings were held during the year, and the station visited by the members in a body, while several visits by individual members were also made.

An official visit was paid to the station by Mr. Edward MacFarlane, a member of the Central Board, in the month of September. A number of suggestions by that gentleman making for the improvement of the station have already taken practical form, including the erection of divisional fences, improved sanitary arrangements, much desired improvements in the girl's dormitories, and repair of buildings, all of which have been carried out by station labour under the Manager's supervision.

The need for erection of a suitable building in which to house the sick, and the provision of an adequate water supply from the adjacent river, were also brought under notice, but have had to stand over for the present for want of the necessary funds.

During the year, the new school building—a commodious and well-ventilated structure, erected by local labour at a saving of £200 on the original estimate—was completed, and opened by Mr. MacFarlane on the occasion of his visit.

The Local Board consider it a credit to the Manager, and all concerned.

The eight residents employed on the work received a weekly wage, according to their several abilities.

The sheep on the station becoming low in numbers, it was deemed necessary to purchase, and through the knowledge and experience of Mr. B. Broughton (Local Stock Inspector and member of the Board), 400 young ewes were purchased at a very satisfactory figure. The stock on the station on the 31st December numbered 1,172 sheep, 24 cattle, and 3 horses; and as there is an abundance of feed, all stock are in excellent condition.

700 sheep were shorn during the year, the wool and skins bringing £148. The

The aborigines on the station on the 31st December numbered 167, viz. :—

Full bloods—Adults ...	...	...	...	...	31
„ Children ...	...	...	...	...	30
Half-castes—Adults ...	...	...	...	...	42
„ Children ...	...	...	...	...	64
Total ...	...	...	...	...	167

There were five (5) births (2 full-bloods and 3 half-castes), 11 deaths (9 full-bloods and 2 half-castes), and two (2) marriages.

The daily average on the station during the year was 140, of whom 110 (17 men, 26 women, and 67 children) were in receipt of rations.

All the residents received assistance in some shape or form.

Though no inducement is offered to able-bodied men to remain on the station, yet when they are compelled for any reason to remain there they have to perform work of some kind as an equivalent for the ration issued, such work consisting of repairs to fences, lamb-marking, branding sheep, destroying rabbits, chipping burrs, wood and water carting, &c.

Of 41 children on the school roll, there was an average daily attendance of 35·2.

A large number of children on the station, who are orphans, are housed in the dormitories, and apart from the usual instruction given in the public school, they are trained in manual labour. The girls are under the supervision of the Manager's wife, who (assisted by her daughter, without remuneration) trains them in needlework, house and laundry work, and cooking. So efficient have some of the girls become in laundry work that one of them carried off first prize at an exhibition. They also make all clothing for themselves and the aged women. On arriving at a suitable age, they are apprenticed out into private families. The boys receive instruction from the Manager in carpentering work, and some of their handicraft, which is open for inspection by the public, speaks well for their efficiency.

The recreation of the people is not neglected; a number of games are indulged in periodically, and during the winter evenings various entertainments of an instructive as well as an amusing character are given, frequently with the aid of the lantern, the slides for the most part being loaned by the Technical College. These are interspersed with selections on the phonograph.

The sanitary state of the station has received every attention, and the health was generally good. A number of cases of phthisis were treated in the local hospital, and the Local Board acknowledge the valuable assistance and advice given by Dr. Smith in this connection.

The general discipline was well maintained; all the residents appear to be quite happy and contented, and not a single disturbance or case of drunkenness occurred on the station.

In concluding their report, the Local Board express their high appreciation of the Manager's faithful and successful discharge of his duties, the work of the year being very heavy. The Matron, too, they say, deserves well for the care and unremitting attention given by her to the girls under her immediate supervision.

BRUNGLE STATION.

The Local Board at Brungle held five meetings during the year, the Chairman (Mr. Geo. Clout) attending to the correspondence and other matters connected with the working of the station.

On the 31st December there were 86 residents on the station, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults ...	...	...	...	...	26
„ Children ...	...	...	...	...	4
Half-castes—Adults ...	...	...	...	...	24
„ Children ...	...	...	...	...	32
Total ...	...	...	...	...	86

The average number on the station during the year was 86, of whom 72 were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There were 2 births (both half-castes), 7 deaths (5 full-bloods and 2 half-castes), and 2 marriages.

Of 29 children on the roll, there was a daily average attendance of 24·1.

Fifty-five acres were put under wheat, and cut for hay.

A sum of £105 0s. 5d. was realised from the sale of chaff, hides, &c., and about 2½ tons of hay (valued at £5 per ton) were held at the end of the year.

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About 2½ miles of fencing, with three cyclone gates, were erected, and 2½ miles of wire netting fixed. The school-house was repaired, partly re-lined, and wholly floored.

A new verandah was placed on the western side, an extra door made, with a view to improving the ventilation of the building, which was also painted inside and out. Wire-netting was also fixed around the school fence, to protect the flower garden from the rabbits. The Manager's house, kitchen, store, and office were also painted. All the fourteen residences of the aborigines were also painted, and new spouting fixed on them. A new chaff-cutter was erected, and a new fence constructed around the hay-shed. All the log fences were burnt off, and 500 palings split for the new fences and carted from Wyangle, 12 miles distant. Blocks were also cut and put down in four stalls of the stables.

There were 17 head of cattle on the station on the 31st December, 5 of which were being reserved for ration purposes, as it is found more economical to kill on the station (when the cattle are fit) than to purchase meat under contract. There were also 6 horses, 2 of them being of draught breed, and the remainder spring-cart horses.

During the early part of the year a drought (almost unknown in the district) occurred, and as a consequence the cattle had to be sent away for a period of three months. A rather serious loss was sustained through the death of the only draught mare on the station.

Generally speaking, the health of the residents was good, but unfortunately phthisis was contracted by some of the aborigines, and most of the deaths were caused thereby. Sanitary arrangements receive careful attention, and rubbish of every description is periodically cleared up on the station.

Several cases of misconduct on the part of young half-castes were dealt with by summons. Unfortunately, towards the latter part of the year, the aborigines obtained liquor from some quarter, but, despite the efforts of the Manager and the police, it was impossible to discover the persons who made the supply. However, apart from these incidents, the conduct was good, and the morality of the people is certainly on the up grade; they are also much better off than in former years, several of them being the owners of horses, sulkies, and buggies. Two of the aborigines in the station play the violin at all the balls and parties in the district, for which they receive £1 per night; and to show the advancement made, the Manager states that no aboriginal woman will attend an accouchement case without a fee of £1.

The station was visited by the Chairman (Mr. Thomas Garvin), who was accompanied by Mr. Donaldson, M.L.A. (a member of the Board), who visited the station on other occasions.

A visit of inspection was also paid by Mr. Edward MacFarlane, another member of the Board.

CUMEROOGUNGA STATION.

During the year several formal and informal meetings were held by the Local Board, who also visited the station on three occasions and found everything going on in a very satisfactory manner.

The whole property is now well fenced in and rabbit-proof, the three entrances also being improved with cyclone gates, &c. A hot-air engine has been installed and provides an abundant supply of water, and will enable the residents to vastly improve the appearance of the place. The stock are all in good condition, the horses, which are of a good style, looking especially well.

Generally, the affairs of the station are working much more smoothly since the removal of certain undesirable residents, and with the prospects of a good season, it is anticipated that a much larger area than formerly will be placed under cultivation.

On the 31st December, there were 324 residents on the station, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	16
" Children	5
Half-castes—Adults	140
" Children	163
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Total	324

The actual number of aborigines in residence during the year was 394, and the average number on the station 294, 291 of whom were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were eleven (11) births (all half-castes), thirteen (13) deaths (5 full-bloods and 8 half-castes), and three marriages.

Of 83 children on the school roll (irrespective of several white children who attend) there was an average attendance of 74. A garden-plot adjoining the school ground has been fenced in; a variety of vegetables are grown, and some of the lads take a keen interest in the work. The vegetables are distributed amongst the pupils. An area of 180 acres was under cultivation—60 acres being sown with oats and 120 with wheat. Seventy-six acres (60 of oats and 16 of wheat) were cut for hay, the yield being 65 tons.

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From 84 acres stripped for wheat, 121 bags were obtained ; 20 acres failed to give any return.

The amount received from the sale of produce was £163 5s. 9d. ; the wool, skins, hides, cattle, and meat sold netted £136 2s. 4d.,—total, £389 8s. 1d. The value of the crops not sold was £283 15s., viz. :—450 bushels of wheat, £78 15s. ; 65 tons of hay, £195 ; and wool, £10.

The stock on the station on the last day of the year consisted of 20 horses (including 2 draught foals), 130 head of cattle, and 757 sheep.

On the station boundary, about $7\frac{3}{4}$ miles in length, an entirely new fence (with the exception of a few chains) was erected and wire-netted. The whole of the work was carried out by the residents, under the supervision of the Overseer, and it is stated to be the best constructed fence in the district. Before the completion of the work the destruction of rabbits was a constant source of expense to the Board, and it is pleasing to learn that it is now a rare occurrence to see a rabbit on the station.

A shed has been erected over the hot-air engine and pump. The magnificent water supply has enabled the more industrious of the residents to provide an ample supply of vegetables, and the fruit trees have been well laden with fruit. It is intended to extend the water main, and to also have the water laid on to the school garden. The two tanks constructed (with a capacity of 1,000 and 1,500 yards, respectively) have added considerably to the stock-carrying capacity of the place.

Other work consisted of the erection of a new chaff-room, with horse-works (supplied during the year) fixed outside the building ; the erection of three (3) new cottages ; additions to others, and the provision of new roofing for others.

One hundred (100) ornamental trees were planted in the streets, and the larger ones are reported to be doing well. The occupants of the cottages opposite which the trees are planted are held responsible for them, and they are guarded with netting and barbed wire to protect them from stock, &c. 800 acres of land were suckered, $24\frac{1}{2}$ chains of road leading to the main entrance grubbed and burnt off ; the grubbing of a lane (60 chains, out to the Barmah Road has been started, and upon its completion there will be a clear road from Cumerogunga township to Moama.

The decision of the Board to take over the farm blocks, which had been generally neglected by the holders, has caused disappointment to some of those concerned, though the majority are said to recognise the wisdom of the course adopted, which will enable a far larger area to be put under crop by the management, and will consequently mean additional wages to those employed on the work.

A rather severe loss was suffered through a grass fire, when nearly 200 acres of the best grass feed were destroyed, but, fortunately, there is good feed in all the paddocks, and this will minimise the effect of the fire.

The conduct of the residents compared favourably with former years, but several cases of misconduct were dealt with by compelling the culprits to leave the station.

Several girls were sent to situations, and a few of them remained in constant employment during the year. Every effort is made to induce the girls to keep their places, but, unfortunately, some of the parents refuse to assert their authority, and the work of the Board's officers is undone.

GRAFTON HOME.

The Home was visited and inspected by the Local Board on four occasions during the year, and apart from these inspections the Chairman and other members visited the place when on business in the locality on several occasions. Everything has, the Local Board reports, gone on smoothly, and the residents are perfectly contented. The returns were most satisfactory, the maize, potatoes and hides realising a sum of £201 15s. 5d., as against £203 2s. 10d. for the previous year, while a colt bred on the Home was sold for £30. The school attendance continues to be maintained, and during the year a room for manual training was erected. The health of the residents was good, and Dr. Henry gives every satisfaction in carrying out his duties, as also do the Manager and Matron.

The number of aborigines on the station on the 31st December was 66, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	17
" Children	...	...	...	...	12
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	18
" Children	...	...	...	...	19
					—
Total	...	...	...	...	66

The average number of residents during the year was 56.7, of whom 46 (17 adults and 29 children) were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There were 3 births (1 full-blood and 2 half-castes), 1 death (a full-blood), and 4 marriages.

Of

Of 18 children on the school-roll, there was an average attendance of 12.8.

There were 40 acres under cultivation. The farm produced 1,258 bushels of maize, 1,162 of which were sold for £186 9s.; 80 bushels were issued to the station horses, leaving 16 bushels on hand, valued at £3 8s. Of a small crop of potatoes (approximately 28 cwt.), 9 cwt 3 qrs. were sold, leaving 19 cwt. on hand, which it is intended to plant out.

There are 69 head of cattle on the station; 30 of these are young stock bred on the place, the others being breeding cows, fat bullocks, and springing heifers; the latter will be disposed of from time to time as opportunity offers, and there are plenty of beef cattle on hand. There are also 9 horses, viz.—4 draft geldings, 2 draught mares, a light harness mare, and 2 saddle horses. The two mares, unfortunately, lost their foals, though they were well cared for, but, as the following indicates, there was more success with the cattle.

Number of cattle on hand on 31st December, 1907	70
" " bred on station	16
" " bought	nil
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	86
" " destroyed	4
" " killed for rations	13
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	17
" " on hand on 31st December, 1908	69

After harvesting the crop, the farm was again thoroughly worked, portion being ploughed three times and planted; it is now under a fine crop of early and late maize, and about 1 acre under potatoes. All the huts were repaired, fences improved, and the roadway and culverts kept in order. A new two-rail fence was constructed around the school building, a new cart-shed erected, and a small area cleared and fenced off as a vegetable garden for the residents. Additional shelving was fixed in the store-room, the barn improved for the better protection of produce, and minor repairs effected to the teacher's quarters, houses, and stock-yards. A good deal of time was also spent in eradicating a noxious weed from the grazing paddocks, and keeping down thistles and burrs. The neighbouring owners (it is said) take no effective measures to free their holdings of these pests, and the wind carries the seed on to the Home, and each fall of rain produces a new growth.

On the whole, the aborigines were well behaved, but in the case of young men and youths who have no fixed place of abode and visit the Home occasionally, it was necessary to exercise firm management. Comparatively few aborigines, young or old, are now seen wandering about the district, most of them having homes where they reside when not away at employment or visiting their friends. All the huts are occupied, and the people seem contented and permanently settled. Most of them take a keen interest in making their homes attractive; they keep their children tidy, are respectful in their demeanour to the management and visitors, and attend church service when it is held in the schoolroom. Judging from the healthy appearance and the dress of the majority of the aborigines who visit the Home from other centres, it is considered there is no distress among the aborigines in the district.

ROSEBY PARK.

There is no Local Board at this place, and the station is under the control of an officer of the Public Instruction Department, who receives a small salary and residence from the Board.

The number of aborigines on the reserve on the 31st December was:—

Full-bloods—Adults	16
" Children	4
Half-castes—Adults	30
" Children	46
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Total	96

The average number during the year was 97, of whom 66 (30 adults and 36 children) were in receipt of rations and other assistance. There were 6 births (all half-castes), and 2 deaths (half-castes).

Of 37 children on the school-roll, there was a daily average attendance of 30.5. In addition to the ordinary lessons, the children receive instruction in manual labour, and quite a large number of interesting and useful articles have been made by the pupils under the supervision of the teacher and manager, who evinces more than ordinary interest in this branch of his work. The *morale* of the school is also good.

The year generally was a quiet one, and the Manager reports that the drinking habit has almost ceased on the station, being confined to the cases of a few men who go away to neighbouring towns. The present supervision has prevented the residents from obtaining liquor at Greenwell Point, and in consequence there was not a single disturbance on the station. The majority of the men obtain employment in the surrounding district. The health of the people is good. Only 2 deaths occurred during the year, one a newly-born infant, and the other from phthisis.

Three new houses were erected during the year, and rooms added to five other places. The whole of the people are now comfortably housed.

The food and clothing issued are everything to be desired, and the substitution of material in lieu of made-up dresses for the women and girls was very much appreciated, the schoolgirls, with Mrs. Hundt's assistance and guidance, making all their own clothing with satisfactory results.

A start was made at cultivation on the station lands, but with rather disappointing results, as, added to the natural poorness of the soil and rather dry season, outside help had to be obtained, which proved costly and unsatisfactory. The first crop of oats (about 7 acres) was almost a failure, producing as it did only 1½ tons of hay. There was also a small crop of maize and potatoes. Fishing, as a paying employment, has also not been a success, and there is only one man on the station who really makes a living at it. The want of nets and the unsuitableness of the river entrance are to some extent responsible for this, but schnapper fishing and beach-netting (which should be profitable employment) are almost neglected by the people.

The Manager's residence has been improved by fence and garden, and is now very comfortable, while the installation of the telephone at a small annual cost is a great boon in this isolated locality. A great deal of clearing work has been done.

Taking things all round, the Manager considers that, though no great improvements have been effected in any particular direction, the year has been a satisfactory one.

RUNNYMEDE HOME.

The Local Board at Casino, who supervise the working of this station, held meetings during the year, and also visited the station on several occasions.

A good deal of work was done in the direction of fencing, rooting out lantana scrub, and repairing the house and station buildings.

Thirty (30) acres were under cultivation for maize and pumpkins; the maize crop did not turn out very well, as a considerable portion of the land near the river is overrun with nut-grass, which interfered with the crop. The pumpkins were a failure. The maize sold realised a sum of £40 16s., and, in addition, 30 bushels (valued at £15) were used for horse-feed; £4 14s. was also received from the sale of pigs (£3) and hides (£1 14s.).

The land infested with nut-grass has now been sown with paspalum seed.

The number of aborigines at the Home on the 31st December was 65, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	30
" Children	17
Half-castes—Adults	6
" Children	12
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Total	65

The average daily number on the station during the year was 57, of whom 38 (25 adults and 13 children) were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were not any births, but 2 deaths (both full-bloods).

The number on the school-roll is 15, and there was a daily average attendance of the full number. The children are said to be doing well, and there is rarely one absent. Most of them can now read and write, and they are of great assistance to their elders in writing their letters. In consequence of the large amount of employment available in the district, it is satisfactory to learn that there have been fewer able-bodied men at the Home, and for a considerable period not one half-caste has been in receipt of rations. Some of the young men who learned to plough under the Manager's tuition can get plenty of this kind of work to do.

The Manager reports that there has been very little drunkenness during the year, and, in fact, that drunkenness among the aborigines in the district has decreased. The place is regularly visited by the Church of England and Presbyterian clergymen.

The

The health of the residents was very good, and there was but little sickness on the Home.

An old identity well known in the district, who claimed to be King of the Richmond River, and whose authority was acknowledged by the aborigines, died during the year. His only son was killed in the last tribal fight, which took place some years ago on the reserve near Kyogle. Generally speaking, the Manager considers there is an improvement in the aborigines, though of course there is little change in the older ones, whose wandering habits have not left them.

The stock, on the station consists of 8 horses (6 draught and 2 saddle), 31 head of cattle, and 9 pigs.

WALHALLOW STATION.

Quarterly meetings are held by the members of the Local Board at Quirindi, in addition to which the Chairman and Honorary Secretary frequently visit the station.

The reserve comprises an area of only 230 acres, and the number of aborigines who may be regarded as residents are :—

Full-bloods—Adults ...	...	...	...	...	2
Half-castes—Adults ...	...	...	...	...	102
„ Children	...	...	...	...	92
Total ...	...	...	...	...	196

The above number were on the station on the 31st December. Some of the usual residents were absent, but visiting aborigines kept the number up (on New Year's Day the numbers reached 239). The daily average for the year was 140, of whom 82 were in receipt of rations and other assistance; but fresh families continue to arrive, and were there sufficient accommodation available there would be over 150 permanent residents. As it is, the huts and tents are overcrowded, and additional accommodation will be provided when funds are available. There were 9 births (all half-castes), 1 death (a half-caste), and 6 marriages.

There were 35 children of school age on the reserve, but only 24 were in attendance, as the school building was too small; but a new and capacious building is now in course of erection, and it is anticipated that at least 40 pupils will be on the roll during 1909. The school was opened in August last, and the progress of the children has been very satisfactory and highly creditable to their teacher (Mrs. Baker), to whom they appear to be much attached. Special religious instruction is given by the Rev. Canon Kemmis (Church of England) and the Rev. C. Wesley (Methodist), who also hold services on the station. The daily average attendance was 20·4 out of 24 on the roll.

The issue of rations and clothing is confined to the aged and infirm, widows and orphans, and children attending school. All able-bodied men, boys and girls, over school age, earn their living on the surrounding stations. Many of the residents own horses, sulkies, carts, and bicycles, which they use in going to and from their spheres of labour. Others are the happy possessors of cows and goats. Some have small fruit, flower, and vegetable gardens, and one a small farm on which he grew some hay and 140 bushels of wheat, the Board assisting with 8 bushels of seed, which will be duly returned.

The conduct of the residents has been good. There has been comparatively little sickness. Serious cases are sent to the Government Medical Officer for advice and medicine, or, if necessary, to the hospital; and the aborigines who do not reside on the reserve usually make direct to the Quirindi District Hospital when ill, and there receive very kind and skilful treatment. A small supply of medicine and surgical dressings is also kept on the station.

Sanitary arrangements and water supply have been improved and continue to receive every attention.

Nine (9) huts have now been erected under the Manager's supervision, and the improvements on the station, consisting of Manager's residence, store, temporary school, stables, sheds, &c., aborigines' huts, and orchard, are estimated at a value of £1,118.

Over 60 head of horses and cattle (13 of which belong to the Board) graze on the reserve, but, though land has been fenced and prepared for the plough, with this number of stock on such a small area it is not considered wise to put more than 10 acres under cultivation. The produce sold realised £10 3s. 7d., produce on hand at the end of the year was valued at £30, while hay and potatoes used on the station were valued at £10—Total, £50 3s. 7d. Wheat and hay to the value of £25 were also grown by individual aborigines.

WALLAGA

WALLAGA LAKE STATION.

The Local Board met on nine occasions, the meetings, with the exception of one, being held on the station, so that the members have been in constant touch with the management.

In their annual report, the Local Board state that though they are not by any means satisfied with the progress made, still they do not attribute any blame to the Manager, the simple reason being that the aborigines, with one or two exceptions, cannot be made to work, able-bodied men loafing on those who are provided by the Government with rations. To remedy this, they suggest that a room should be erected in which to serve the meals of those entitled to rations, thus compelling the others to work or leave the station.

The buildings were found to be in a fairly good state of repair, and in most instances clean and tidy. There was also an absence of complaints.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Meeke), who was appointed at a yearly salary during 1908, visits the station regularly once a week, and a room of the Manager's residence has been fitted up as a surgery.

Towards the end of the year twenty (20) Angora goats were provided on the recommendation of the Local Board, and the number has already increased by ten (10). A paddock comprising an area of 30 acres has been fenced for them, and the dam partially cleaned out. A small yard in which to house the goats at night-time, with a wing attached, has also been built. Other improvements consist of the clearing of 5 acres, but the blackberries, &c., have again grown up. On the eastern side of the property 10 acres have been twice cleared during the year, and on another portion about 1 acre has been scrubbed, stumped, and burnt off.

In concluding their report, the Board pay a tribute to the valuable services rendered by Senior constable Branch, in the interests of the aborigines, during his few years in the locality, prior to his promotion and transfer.

There were 140 residents on the station on the 31st December, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	13
„ Children	...	...	...	...	2
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	55
„ Children	...	...	...	...	70
Total	...	...	...	...	140

The average number on the station during the year was 120, of whom 115 (70 adults and 45 children) were in receipt of rations and other assistance.

There were six (6) births (all half-castes), three (3) deaths (half-castes), and 1 marriage.

Of 37 children on the school-roll, the daily average attendance was 17.2.

During the year 6 calves were sold, and 1 bull and 1 bullock purchased.

SINGLETON DISTRICT.

The Local Board at Singleton report that there are now only 8 aborigines on the St. Clair Camp, viz. :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	2
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	3
„ Children	...	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	...	8

The reserve is fenced and subdivided, and three huts, Church and Mission house, are erected thereon.

One of the full-bloods works a small area, and two half-castes each work a farm in the reserve, but another farm has not been worked for some time, and steps are being taken to settle someone thereon who will make proper use of the land. The Redbourneberry Camp is occupied by a family of full-bloods.

WARANGESDA STATION.

The Local Board at Darlington Point met on several occasions, the members visiting the station when necessary, besides which the Rev. F. Wright (who has consented to act as honorary secretary) paid frequent visits and attended to all correspondence and other matter requiring attention.

The Local Board and the aborigines suffered a great loss through the decease of Mr. J. L. Bennett, Chairman of the Board, who always took a deep interest in the working of the station and the welfare of the station.

Another

Another change took place in the management, Mr. Allan Naylor being appointed to station during the month of August.

The number of aborigines on the station on the 31st December was 189, viz :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	26
„ Children	...	...	...	...	9
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	73
„ Children	...	...	...	...	81
Total	...	...	...	...	189

Of those on the station during the year, 156 were in receipt of rations and other assistance (117 adults and 39 children). There were 5 births (all half-castes), 5 deaths (2 full-bloods and 3 half-castes), and 5 marriages.

Forty-six head of cattle were sold for £233 16s. 10d.; meat sold realised £7 18s. 9d.; hides and sheep skins, £63 8s. 10d.; wheat, £1 16s. 3d.; making (with £7 contributed towards the maintenance of a child in the dormitory) a total of £319 0s. 8d. The skins on hand at the close of the year were valued at £12.

So far as products from the land are concerned, the year was a failure. An area of 55 acres was ploughed, harrowed and sown with wheat, but the climatic conditions and floods proved disastrous.

The timber left by the flood-waters adjacent to the fences near the river was removed and the fences put in good repair. The crusade against the rabbits was continued during the summer months, and it is stated that their numbers have considerably decreased. The roof of the Manager's residence and that of the dormitory were painted with refrigerating paint, and the temperature has thereby been kept down in a marked degree. The fence around the school building was repaired, and palings erected in front of fifteen cottages, which were all white-washed, and verandahs erected on several of them. The butcher's shop, harness-room, stable, and cart-shed were remodelled, a blacksmith's shop erected, and a new stove fixed in the dormitory, which has proved of great value to the Matron in teaching the children cooking. A number of ornamental trees were planted around the square in front of the Manager's residence, but most of them were destroyed by a plague of grasshoppers. The trees will be replaced when a favourable opportunity offers. A fence was erected to divide the residences from the station lands, and so protect the children from galloping horses.

An Alston 12-foot windmill, with a 30-foot tower, was erected. This proved to be a great improvement on the old system of drawing water, and provides an ample supply for all requirements.

The latter end of the season was very good, and there was an abundance of feed.

Should the conditions prove favourable, it is intended to have about 200 acres put under crop during 1909, and everything promises for a successful year.

The health of the residents was good. The station is regularly visited by the Medical Officer.

ULGUNDAHI ISLAND (MACLEAN).

Three meetings were held by the Local Board at Maclean during the year, and the settlement visited on 6 (six) occasions.

The reserve has been subdivided into lots of 3 acres for each family, and most of the land is now under cultivation. The reserve comprises an area of 35 acres, over 25 of which are now being worked by the inhabitants, with very good results, as many of them were able during the year to get some return from their holdings, and thus help to support themselves and their families. When the Island was taken over, and passed under the control of the Local Board, it consisted of a dense scrub, which had to be cleared by the people before any returns could be obtained, and the work done is regarded as very satisfactory.

The residents on the Island on the 31st December numbered 53, as follows, viz :—

Full-bloods—Adults	...	...	...	...	17
„ Children	...	...	...	...	12
Half-castes—Adults	...	...	...	...	8
„ Children	...	...	...	...	16
Total	...	...	...	...	53

There are now seven houses erected and another in course of construction. The cleanliness of these places is conspicuous, and each has a flower garden attached. The Board have also erected a school-building

school-building and residence for the Teacher, and there are 23 children on the roll, who attend regularly. The Local Board makes special mention of the satisfaction given by the Teacher (Miss Hamer) and the progress exhibited by the children.

Regret is expressed at the death during the year of Mr. Dugald Macdonald, one of the members of the Local Board.

In conclusion, the Board desire once more to express their appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered them by the various Local Boards, and by the members of the Police Force, in the work of improving the condition of the aboriginal and half-caste population of the State.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

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APPENDIX A.

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APPENDIX B.

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CENSUS RETURNS OF ABORIGINES.
YEAR 1908.

Locality.	Full-Bloods.						Half-Castes.						Children.	Total.	Grand Total.		
	Men.			Women.			Children.	Total.	Men.			Women.					
	Ages.			Ages.					Ages.			Ages.					
	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.			20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.				40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.
La Perouse	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	3	15	5	2	12	4	1	31	70	73
Armidale and Rockvale	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	3	...	10	16	17
Bushfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	2	4	1	32	45	45
Tingha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Lismore	5	5	5	5	2	3	8	33	1	3	1	5	2	...	24	36	69
Rappville	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wardell	3	1	2	...	1	1	...	8	4	4	...	6	1	...	32	47	55
Walcha	3	1	1	3	3	...	5	16	11	7	2	7	2	1	47	77	93
Drake	3	1	9	3	1	3	10	30	1	1	...	3	3	...	13	21	51
Pindari, Ashford, and Bonshaw	8	3	2	1	...	...	2	16	9	2	...	4	2	...	30	47	63
Tabulam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	2	...	10	17	17
Cudgen	2	...	...	5	...	...	8	15	5	2	...	5	3	...	31	46	61
Hillgrove	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	6	2	...	1	3	...	...	7	13	19
Murwillumbah	5	3	3	3	2	2	2	20	3	1	...	3	1	...	8	16	36
Tumbulgum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	6	10	10
Rivertree	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	1	...	9	13	14
Nowendoc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	3
Ballina	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	3
Byron Bay	...	1	1	1	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	8
Walcha Road	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	2	...	1	...	8	15	16
Casino	12	8	10	8	9	7	21	75	3	3	1	4	1	1	25	38	113
Woodenbong	5	7	5	9	2	3	14	45	6	3	...	6	2	1	15	33	78
Bungawalbyn	4	3	1	2	2	1	15	23	2	...	...	2	1	...	11	16	44
Wellingrove	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	2	1	...	8	13	15
Uralla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	5	1	...	8	20	20
Maclean	7	1	2	5	1	...	9	25	6	...	...	4	...	...	14	24	49
Harwood	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grafton	4	3	1	3	1	...	9	21	8	1	...	8	2	...	22	40	62
Nymboida	9	3	2	8	3	1	23	49	1	2	...	1	1	...	4	9	58
Ulmara	4	1	...	2	2	...	...	9	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	5	14
Copmanhurst	9	4	6	9	4	5	11	48	10	3	...	9	2	3	32	59	107
Dalmorton	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6
Brushgrove	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Lawrence and Lower Southgate	3	3	4	2	3	3	1	19	2	...	...	3	...	...	3	8	27
Yass	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	3	12	1	2	13	1	3	40	72	75
Binalong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Wee Jasper	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	6
Rye Park	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	1	7	2	...	20	38	39
Young	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cootamundra	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	1	4	...	1	...	...	7	13	16
Bethungra	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stockinbingal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Wyalong	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Braidwood	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Mongarlowe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Emu Flat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Queanbeyan	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	...	2	5	7
Captain's Flat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	2
Araluen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Nelligen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	3
Bateman's Bay	...	1	1	2	1	2	7	7	3	4	...	4	2	2	18	33	40
Moruya	...	...	1	...	1	5	7	7	1	...	...	1	...	...	9	11	18
Central Tilba	4	11	1	7	2	...	14	39	18	3	2	16	4	2	73	118	157
Eden	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Nimitybelle	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Animbo	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dalgety	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	5	6
Delegate	3	2	...	4	3	...	...	12	2	...	...	1	...	...	5	8	20
Ryde	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Penrith	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Katoomba	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	1	3	2	...	14	26	26	
Camden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	4	4	4
Burragarang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6	1	10	1	1	19	47	47	47
Moss Vale	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	6	...	...	6	13	14	14
Port Kembla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	1	6	3	1	18	37	37	37
Roseby Park	5	...	4	2	2	3	6	22	23	6	3	14	6	3	56	111	133
Ulladulla	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	1	1	1	3	8	9
Sackville Reach and Blacktown Rd.	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	5	15	7	4	11	5	3	43	88	93
Crooked River and Gerringong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	4	1	...	18	28	28	28
Oberon	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bathurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Lubbo	4	4	1	4	1	1	2	17	13	4	2	11	5	4	42	81	98
Coonamble	11	4	2	7	1	...	24	49	10	2	...	6	2	...	27	47	96
Wellington	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	4	9	5	5	9	2	2	46	78	82
Warren	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	3	1	8	3	...	25	45	46

APPENDIX B—*continued.*

Locality.	Full-Bloods.					Half-Castes.					Children.	Total.	Grand Total.		
	Men.			Women.		Children.	Total.	Men.						Women.	
	Ages.			Ages.				Ages.						Ages.	
	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.			Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.				Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.
Gilgandra.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	3
Trangie.....	...	3	...	1	...	...	6	1	1	1	2	3	...	9	17
Dandaloo.....	1	1	...	3	...	8	13	10	3	1	5	1	15	35	48
Tomingley.....	4	4	1	4	3	2	21	39	...	...	...	1	6	8	47
Obley.....	2	2	1	1	3	...	16	11	2	...	5	2	8	28	44
Gulargambone.....	1	3	2	4	2	2	16	15	1	1	7	2	31	57	73
Collie.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Quambone.....	3	9	3	3	2	1	20	41	...	...	...	...	4	4	45
Forbes.....	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	7	4	...	9	5	51	76	79
Cowra.....	3	1	...	1	1	...	20	7	4	1	7	1	23	45	65
Condobolin.....	3	7	...	3	3	1	7	24	2	1	8	...	9	15	39
Eugowra.....	...	...	3	...	1	1	5	1	...	...	3	1	6	11	16
Do.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Molong.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	2
Tuena.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	3
Trunkay.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	3	1	9	16	16
Orange.....	1	...	...	2	...	...	3	1	4	...	1	...	5	11	14
Wollar.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Coolah.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Rylstone.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	4	5
Bellbrook.....	5	5	2	2	2	2	18	36	13	1	3	8	19	46	62
Bowraville.....	5	3	2	3	3	2	17	35	2	2	2	...	8	12	47
Bellingen.....	5	3	5	5	5	2	13	38	4	2	1	2	11	20	58
Broke.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	4	5
Bulga.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	2
Belmont.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Copeland.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	3	3	4	1	5	...	5	19	22
Cessnock.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Cassilis.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Denman.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dungog.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	3
Forster.....	...	1	...	1	1	1	4	11	4	1	10	3	30	59	63
Gladstone.....	...	2	...	1	1	...	4	10	2	...	10	1	20	43	47
Howe's Valley.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jerseyville.....	2	7	2	4	6	...	4	25	9	2	4	...	16	34	39
Kempsey.....	5	5	...	1	3	1	4	19	20	9	3	19	8	79	142
Macksville.....	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	10	8	3	6	2	1	40	60
Merriwa.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	1	...	1	1	1
Port Macquarie.....	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	10	18	5	3	13	4	41	88
Singleton.....	1	2	2	1	...	1	4	11	9	1	...	11	8	1	36
Scone.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Tea Gardens.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	1	6	3	23	42	42
Taree.....	5	5	1	2	5	1	10	29	13	2	1	10	2	24	64
Wingham.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Attunga.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Baradine.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	...	1	1	...	7	8
Barraba.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	5	5
Bingara.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	5
Blackville.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Boggabri.....	1	1	...	1	...	...	3	8	6	1	2	2	1	20	23
Boggabilla.....	5	3	...	4	4	1	1	18	1	1	...	...	5	7	25
Boomi.....	2	1	2	3	2	...	6	16	9	1	...	10	5	39	64
Bulyeroi.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	2
Burren Junction.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carroll.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coonabarabran.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	7	14	3	15	7	66	114	115
Curlewis.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	5	...	17	29	3
Currabubula.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	...	5	...	...	29	2
Garah.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	3	5	14	16
Gunnedah.....	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	3	1	31	55
Manilla.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	...	9	1	1	31	55
Merce.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
Moree.....	5	3	2	2	...	2	6	20	2	2	2	3	9	18	38
Moonbi.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mullaley.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	3	6	6
Mungindi.....	8	4	1	4	6	2	8	33	5	1	2	2	16	29	62
Murrurundi.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Narrabri.....	2	2	2	2	2	...	1	11	4	3	...	11	6	24	49
Nundle.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	3	...	2	9	9
Pallamallawa.....	2	...	...	1	1	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Quirindi.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	31	13	6	23	9	75	158	169
Somerton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swamp Oak.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	6	10	10
Tamworth.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	5	5
Tambar Springs.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Terry-lie-lie.....	4	1	5	2	2	2	6	22	6	7	1	7	4	30	55
Upper Horton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	3
Warialda.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wee Wan.....	1	1	...	...	...	1	6	2	1	...	5	1	7	16	23
Werris Creek.....	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	5	9	18	...	14	5	25	76

APPENDIX B—continued.

Locality.	Full-Bloods.							Half-Castes.							Grand Total.				
	Men.			Women.				Children.	Total.	Men.			Women.				Children.	Total.	
	Ages.			Ages.						Ages.			Ages.						
	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.			40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.	20 to 40 years.	40 to 60 years.	Over 60 years.		20 to 40 years.			40 to 60 years.
Woolabra	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	4
Yetman	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2
Bourke and Byrock	2	3	6	2	3	3	3	22	5	1	...	4	...	...	12	44	
Angledool	10	11	6	6	10	7	17	67	14	3	...	10	3	1	17	115			
Enngonia	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Barrington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Wanaaring	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yantabulla	10	9	1	7	4	1	10	42	4	1	...	3	...	...	16	24	
Ford's Bridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pilliga	7	1	2	4	...	2	8	24	4	1	3	3	...	1	10	22			
Louth and Tilpa	3	3	1	2	4	...	3	16	2	1	...	2	1	...	4	10			
Walgett	9	7	1	8	4	1	36	66	6	3	1	8	3	...	74	95			
Nyngan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Girilambone	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	3	1	...	4	11
Coolabah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Goodooga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tatalla	11	11	11	6	7	7	22	75	2	...	...	1	1	...	12	16	
Cobar	6	1	2	1	2	4	...	16	4	1	...	5	3	...	2	15			
Mount Drysdale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canonbar	4	1	2	6	...	1	...	14	3	1	...	...	...	...	7	11
Brewarrina	20	18	7	14	17	7	39	122	29	16	1	27	8	...	83	169			
Nymagee	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Collarenebri	5	4	4	6	3	2	16	40	8	6	1	2	3	...	11	31			
Adelong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Albury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Batlow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bowna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coolac	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coolamon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corowa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Culcairn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daysdale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ganmain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Germantown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grahamstown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grong Grong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gundagai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Henty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Howlong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Humula	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jindera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jugiong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Junee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	5	7	7
Lockhart	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mulwala	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narrandera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Tarcutta	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
The Rock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Tumbarumba	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	2	5	6
Umud	6	10	4	5	4	...	4	33	5	4	1	8	...	35	54	87			
Urana	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4	5	7
Wagga Wagga	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	3
Walla Walla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yerong Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yarrangobilly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balranald	4	3	3	1	1	1	2	15	...	1	...	...	...	6	7	22
Barham	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	2	...	5	7
Carrathool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	4	2	...	16	29
Darlington Point	9	5	...	4	5	...	8	31	20	7	3	31	6	1	81	149			
Deniliquin	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	4	7	4	1	7	4	...	24	47
Eusbalong	3	3	...	1	...	...	2	9	13	3	...	6	2	...	33	57	
Hay	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hillston	3	3	3	3	7	5	6	30	4	2	1	...	4	...	19	30			
Ivanhoe	3	3	...	4	1	2	12	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Menindie	1	1	...	1	1	...	13	17	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	18
Milparinka	6	9	10	7	8	2	4	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	47
Oumeroogunga	15	5	...	3	1	...	4	28	64	12	5	50	14	1	161	297			
Mosgiel	2	2	4	8	5	...	32	53	...	3	...	2	...	3	8	61			
Moulamein	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	3	1	2	...	1	...	6	10	13	
Oxley	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	8	10	11
Pooncarie	5	...	2	6	3	...	10	26	2	...	...	1	...	1	4	30	
Tareena	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	6	8	10
Tibooburra	4	4	1	2	2	2	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	18
Torrawangee	6	1	4	3	2	...	3	19	2	...	...	1	...	8	11	30	
Wentworth	1	2	3	4	2	...	8	20	2	...	...	...	...	2	4	24
White Cliffs	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Whitton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	2	...	3	10
Wilcannia	1	1	...	1	2	...	2	7	...	1	...	3	...	7	11	18			
Grand Total	392	290	198	278	222	115	648	2,152	788	333	92	708	252	70	2,538	4,781			

CENSUS RETURNS, 1908.

Comparison with year 1907.

	Full-Bloods.				Half-Castes.				Grand Total.
	Adults.		Children.	Total.	Adults.		Children.	Total.	
	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.			
By Return, 1907	939	669	739	2,347	1,126	1,005	2,432	4,613	6,960
Do 1908	859	615	643	2,152	1,213	1,030	2,538	4,781	6,933
Decrease	80	54	91	195	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
Increase .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	25	56	168	.....

Total Decrease, Full-Bloods 195

Total Increase, Half-Castes 168

Total Decrease..... 27

BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1908.

Full-Bloods.		Half-Castes.	
Births reported	30	Births reported	166
Deaths reported	96	Deaths reported	74
Increase, Deaths over Births	66	Increase, Births over Deaths	92

APPENDIX C.

Department.	Particulars.	Amount expended.		
		£	s.	d.
	Rations, medical comforts, seed, farm implements, fencing-wire, boats, erection of buildings, dwellings, &c. (for the aborigines generally).....	10,555	2	7
	Expenses of maintaining the undermentioned Aboriginal Stations and Homes:—			
Aborigines Protection Board ...	Brewarrina	682	11	3
	Brungle	689	6	3
	Cumerogunga	1,637	12	9
	Roseby Park	669	2	4
	Walhallow	537	4	5
	Wallaga Lake	621	18	2
	Warangesda	1,236	8	2
	Home for Aborigines, Clarence River (Grafton)	387	18	5
do do Richmond River (Runnymede)	477	16	3	
Chief Medical Officer	Salary of Secretary and Junior Clerk	145	2	3
Stores Supply and Tender Board..	Medical attendance and medicines.....	878	19	6
Public Instruction	Blankets, clothing, stationery, drugs, &c.....	5,528	5	7
	Repairs to buildings, salaries of teachers, school-books, &c., in connection with the Schools for Aborigines.....	1,691	17	6
	Total	£25,739	5	5

APPENDIX D.

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Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Period.	Nature of Supply.	Amount.	
	Adults.	Children.			£	s. d.
Albury .....	...	...	Months.	Freight on clothes	0	2 6
Armidale .....	...	...	...	Coach fare	0	5 0
Angledool	27	14	12	Rations and meat	185	3 4
Arakoon	6	...	12	do	18	4 5
Baan Baa	1	...	12	do	4	9 10
Ballengarra .....	...	...	...	Plough and harness	7	15 1
Balranald	5	1	12	Rations and meat	42	13 8
Barraba	1	2	12	do	21	9 3
Barrington	1	...	12	do	7	13 0
Barrington	2	...	12	do	3	2 0
Bateman's Bay	4	10	12	Rations, meat, and burial	72	11 5
Bellingen and Fernmount	14	6	12	Rations and meat	31	0 8
Bermagui .....	...	...	...	Steerage passage	0	12 6
Bellbrook	10	...	12	Rations	42	16 1
Boggabilla	6	4	12	Rations and medical attendance	40	18 9
Blakebrook .....	...	...	2	Two huts and repairs	15	5 0
Bonshaw	3	...	12	Rations	18	9 1
Bonalbo	3	...	9	do	14	0 5
Bowraville	9	11	12	do	54	14 11
Blacktown Road	16	23	9	Rations and iron	34	0 9
Brewarrina .....	...	...	12	Salaries, rations, &c.	682	11 3
Brushgrove	2	...	12	Rations and boat	12	14 8
Brungle .....	...	...	12	Salaries, rations, &c.	689	6 3
Boomi	3	5	12	Rations	18	15 7
Burratorrang	6	10	12	Rations, iron, and hut	63	3 11
Bungawalbyn	2	2	12	Rations	16	5 11
Burnt Bridge .....	...	...	6	Wire, plough, and net	10	16 11
Bushfield	4	17	12	Rations and 2 huts	160	13 7
Byron Bay	2	2	12	Rations and 1 hut	46	1 4
Byerock	7	6	12	Rations	27	0 0
Cangai	1	4	9	do	10	13 10
Cabbage Tree Island	1	4	12	Timber, iron, and tanks	26	10 10
Carowra Tank	27	17	8	Rations, salary, and tools	257	5 3
Csnoble .....	...	...	...	Tents	9	10 0
Cobham Lake	5	...	12	Rations	54	8 1
Colane	6	8	12	do	45	19 4
Cobar	4	...	12	Rations and meat	31	7 6
Colimo	9	21	12	Rations and huts	221	1 11
Collarendabri	13	10	12	Rations and meat	140	18 5
Condobolin	13	11	12	Rations and improvements	291	7 2
Coonamble	5	6	12	Rations and meat	38	14 10
Cowra .....	...	...	...	Burial	4	10 0
Coonabarabran	15	33	12	Rations, meat, wire, &c.	252	1 5
Cootamundra	1	3	12	Rations and tent	4	13 8
Copmanhurst	5	4	12	Rations	25	6 8
Coraki .....	...	...	...	Erection of huts	120	0 0
Coramba	1	...	4	Rations	1	10 1
Culgoa	6	4	12	do	28	4 11
Cumeroozunga .....	...	...	12	Salaries, huts, &c.	1,637	12 9
Currawan	1	...	12	Rations and plough furrow	16	2 9
Dandaloo	4	9	12	Rations and 4 huts	152	5 2
Delegate	8	5	12	Rations and huts	72	2 4
Drake	6	4	12	Rations and meat	78	1 4
Dubbo	6	17	12	do	89	12 8
Dungalear	8	14	12	Rations	151	2 0
Dunoon	8	6	12	Rations and 4 huts	231	4 2
Enngonia	3	...	12	Rations	11	17 10
Eden .....	...	...	...	Midwife, burial, &c.	2	12 10
Erambie	7	29	12	Rations, huts, &c.	200	16 8
Euabalong	7	21	12	Rations	85	5 10
Eugowra	8	6	12	do	50	18 4
Eurabba	4	6	12	do	23	2 9
Forbes	12	30	12	Rations and burial	92	9 2
Forster	9	12	12	Rations and fare	61	6 0
Fatorina Island .....	...	...	1	Corrugated iron	2	7 3
Gerringong	1	3	12	Rations and sails	15	11 6
Gladstone or Pindari	2	4	1	Rations	4	1 0
Glenorchy	17	15	12	Rations, meat, and bullocks	322	16 10
Goodooga	20	18	12	Rations, meat, and fare	136	16 8
Grafton .....	...	12	12	Salaries, rations	387	18 5
Gulargambone	16	16	12	Rations, tents, &c.	195	15 11
Gunnedah	1	...	12	Rations and meat	6	17 5
Gongolgon	3	6	12	Rations	24	14 6
Hay .....	...	...	1	Freight and fare	1	12 3
Hillston	13	12	12	Rations and meat	168	5 5
Ingallbar	4	8	12	do	30	6 7
Ingleba	6	6	6	do	44	18 0
Jervis Bay	3	2	12	do	23	2 2
Jerseyville	7	...	3	do	6	19 4
Kajuligar	14	11	12	Rations	118	2 11
Kaleno	4	...	6	do	15	13 2
Katoomba	2	3	12	do	13	14 0

APPENDIX D—continued.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Period.	Nature of Supply.	Amount.
	Adults.	Children.			
Keewong.....	10	10	Months. 12	Rations	£ s. d. 112 8 1
Kempsey.....	17	22	12	Rations, iron, &c.	241 5 10
Kiama.....	...	...	...	Passage	0 18 0
Kookabookra	10	6	12	Rations	18 13 2
Karuah.....	...	...	...	Teaching	19 2 9
La Perouse.....	4	16	12	Rations, meat, huts	461 11 6
Lawrence.....	9	...	12	Rations	35 8 6
Lionsville.....	5	7	12	do	47 0 2
Lismore.....	3	12	12	do	35 3 "
Louth.....	2	6	12	do	26 6 11
Macksville.....	13	10	12	do	46 6 3
Maclean.....	15	15	12	Rations and meat	90 8 4
Manilla.....	8	9	12	Rations and boat	58 10 0
Menindie.....	3	9	12	Rations and comforts	37 9 7
Molong.....	1	...	12	Rations and meat	4 0 6
Moorara.....	2	1	12	Rations	16 19 6
Moree.....	...	...	...	Cab fare and burial	3 4 0
Mossiel.....	15	15	12	Rations	86 19 11
Mungindi.....	14	7	12	Rations, meat, and hut.....	259 15 0
Murwillumbah	3	2	12	Rations	13 6 4
Milparinka.....	9	...	1	Tents	6 1 0
Narrabri.....	6	3	12	Rations and meat	49 11 0
Narrandera.....	...	...	9	do	4 16 0
Nymboida.....	4	20	12	Rations and tools	56 6 10
Nymagee.....	7	...	12	Rations, meat, and tobacco	18 6 7
Oxley.....	3	...	6	Rations	22 19 3
Oban.....	12	8	6	Rations and huts	104 3 0
Para.....	8	2	3	Rations	10 1 3
Pelican Island .....	...	...	1	Building material	7 15 3
Pilliga.....	13	6	12	Rations, meat, 3 huts	138 18 1
Poolamacca.....	7	7	12	Rations and tents	18 3 6
Port Kembla.....	1	4	12	Rations and meat	16 9 10
Port Macquarie.....	13	12	12	Rations and comforts	144 19 0
Port Stephens.....	6	11	12	Rations and meat	77 18 2
Pretty Gully.....	15	10	12	Rations	209 19 1
Pooncarie.....	7	7	9	do	49 5 8
Purfleet.....	...	...	1	Tools	6 16 1
Quambone.....	10	14	14	Rations	79 12 4
Riverstone.....	16	27	12	do	12 3 0
Rivertree.....	1	5	12	Rations and meat	10 10 0
Runnymede.....	...	...	12	Salaries, rations, &c.	477 16 3
Rye Park.....	3	4	12	Rations	16 15 1
Rylstone.....	1	...	12	Rations and clothing.....	6 5 0
Roseby Park.....	...	...	12	Salaries, rations, &c.	669 2 4
Scone.....	1	...	12	Rations	3 13 1
South Grafton.....	10	3	12	do	43 2 6
Swansea.....	1	...	12	Rations and meat	7 7 4
St. Clair.....	12	28	12	Rations, meat, stud fee.....	118 1 5
Sawyer's Point.....	...	...	2	School goods, sail	3 16 4
Taree.....	14	27	12	Rations, meat, and comforts	148 13 10
Tatalla.....	15	9	12	Rations	62 17 9
Terry-hie-hie.....	20	32	12	do	276 19 8
Tibooburra.....	2	1	12	do	17 3 6
Tomingley.....	9	14	12	Rations, meat, huts	156 12 0
Tooloom.....	3	2	6	do	17 5 3
Trangie.....	2	6	9	Rations	9 17 1
Trundle.....	6	13	3	Rations and tent	8 17 8
Turlingah.....	9	7	12	Rations, meat, huts	53 11 6
Torrowangee.....	7	7	12	Rations	40 18 9
Ullatulla.....	3	1	12	Rations and firewood	31 5 11
Ulgundahi Island.....	...	...	4	Huts, repairs boat	103 14 0
Unungar.....	2	...	12	Rations	9 6 11
Unkya.....	...	...	...	Iron	7 7 3
Uralla.....	3	3	12	Rations and meat	29 16 9
Walcha.....	4	9	12	Rations, hut, wire, &c.	94 2 9
Walcha Road.....	3	6	12	Rations	26 18 1
Walgett.....	8	22	12	do	80 11 3
Walhallow.....	...	...	12	Salaries, rations, &c.	537 4 5
Wallaga Lake.....	...	...	12	do	621 18 2
Warangesda.....	...	...	12	do	1,236 8 2
Wanaaringa.....	8	2	12	Rations and tent-fly	44 13 11
Wardell.....	3	18	6	Rations	32 19 3
Wallangra.....	...	...	...	Burial	2 0 0
Wee Wee.....	5	3	12	Rations	30 13 11
Wellingrove.....	2	5	12	Rations, meat, wire, &c.	43 0 0
Wellington.....	16	26	12	Rations, meat, school	247 2 11
Wentworth.....	8	4	9	Rations, 2 huts	127 8 2
Wilcannia.....	1	...	12	Rations and meat, tents	21 12 9
Wingham.....	7	5	12	Rations and huts	95 16 4
Windsor.....	15	8	12	Rations and medicine	51 17 6
Wollar.....	1	...	12	Rations and 1 hut.....	12 19 8
Wollomombi.....	1	...	12	Rations	5 9 10

APPENDIX D—continued.

Locality.	Average number monthly receiving aid.		Period.	Nature of Supply.	Amount.
	Adults.	Children.			
Woodenbong	5	2	Months 7	Rations	£ s. d. 16 2 9
Wyrallah	3	...	12	do	14 8 2
Whealbah	2	...	...	Rations and burial	16 12 7
Yass	16	32	12	Rations and meat	125 5 10
Yulgilbar	3	2	12	Rations	21 9 8
				Salary of Secretary and Junior Clerk	145 2 3
				Railway fares	123 4 2
				Travelling expenses	17 11 7
				Postage stamps	112 18 0
				Miscellaneous	374 2 9
				Total	£17,640 2 10

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing the cost of Blankets and other articles supplied through the Stores Supply and Tender Board during the year 1908.

Blankets	£ s. d. 2,966 8 4
Clothing	2,105 19 10
Medicines	70 0 0
Other stores	340 0 0
Furniture	30 11 11
Stationery	15 5 6
	5,528 5 7

APPENDIX F.

AMOUNTS paid for Medical Attendance on Aborigines, 1908.

Locality.	Amount.	Locality.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Armidale	1 0 0	Mungindi	59 3 0
Ballina	7 0 0	Narrabri	0 10 0
Bateman's Bay	0 10 0	Nowra	38 11 0
Boggabilla	8 10 0	Peak Hill	0 10 0
Bowraville	3 10 0	Port Macquarie	45 0 0
Casino	40 0 0	Quirindi	24 10 0
Cobargo	95 5 0	Raymond Terrace	2 5 0
Coff's Harbour	0 10 0	Riverstone	25 5 0
Coonabarabran	17 13 0	Singleton	40 0 0
Cumeroogunga	50 0 0	Taree	40 0 0
Delegate	2 5 0	Tumut	50 0 0
Gloucester	2 5 0	Walcha	13 0 0
Grafton	60 0 0	Warangesda	89 1 6
Katoomba	5 0 0	Wellington	2 5 0
Kiama	40 0 0	Windsor	0 6 0
Kyogle	5 5 0	Wingham	25 0 0
Lismore	1 10 0	Yass	27 15 0
Macleay River District	50 0 0		
Manilla	5 15 0	Total	£878 19 6

APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT of Expenditure on account of Aborigines during year 1908 by the Department of Public Instruction.

Name of School.	Salaries.	Books and apparatus.	Forage and travelling expenses.	Buildings, rent, repairs, furniture, fuel, cleaning, &c.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brewarrina Mission	151 0 0	.....	.....	106 10 10	257 10 10
Cumeroogunga	290 1 6	4 9 1	.....	10 19 2	305 9 9
Grafton Common	193 0 0	1 4 2	.....	7 15 10	202 0 0
Erambie	100 0 0	1 7 5	.....	4 14 6	106 1 11
Morcom (closed 14th August, 1908)	21 0 0	.....	1 10 0	0 8 0	22 18 0
Gulargambone Mission (to 31st Aug., 1908)	29 11 7	.....	.....	.....	29 11 7
Wallaga Lake	168 0 0	.....	.....	2 12 0	170 12 0
Warangesda	179 1 6	4 10 11	3 11 1	22 2 3	209 5 9
Brungle	175 10 0	2 16 3	.....	29 8 6	207 14 9
Roseby Park	177 0 0	0 10 8	.....	3 2 3	180 12 11
Total	£ 1,484 4 7	14 18 6	5 1 1	187 13 4	1,691 17 6

APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure, Produce and Sale Store Account.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
Stations and Particulars.	Amount.		Stations and Particulars	Amount.	
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Balance		927 9 6	Brewarrina—		
			Sheep	109 14 6	
Brewarrina—			Shearing expenses	21 11 1	
Wool and skins	156 14 7		Dray, repairs, &c.	27 14 3	158 19 10
Agistment	13 17 0		Brungle—		
Sundries	0 18 6	171 10 1	Fencing, &c.	76 2 9	
			Sowing, harvesting, &c.	43 3 3	
Brungle—			Shoeing, repairs, &c.	19 19 5	138 15 5
Produce	97 6 3		Cumeroogunga—		
Skins and hides	5 12 11		Pump and machinery	242 1 0	
Sundries	1 18 3	104 17 5	Rabbit destruction	69 17 6	
			Clearing, &c.	66 11 0	
Cumeroogunga—			Shearing expenses, &c.	8 13 1	
Wool, skins, and hides	160 6 11		Fencing	275 11 11	
Meat	65 9 11		Sowing, harvesting, &c.	123 10 7	
Produce, &c.	169 14 6	395 11 4	Sheep and rams, &c.	292 10 0	1,078 15 1
			Grafton—		
Grafton—			Service of stallions	8 16 0	
Hides	8 2 10		Repairs, ploughing, &c.	9 19 8	18 15 8
Maize	213 15 5		Roseby Park—		
Heifer and colt	36 0 0		Erection of manager's residence	182 2 0	
Sundries	5 0 0	262 18 3	Ploughing, &c.	12 19 6	195 1 6
			Runnymede—		
Roseby Park—		3 3 9	Bull	7 0 0	
Produce, &c.			Sowing, horse-feed, &c.	7 5 6	14 5 6
			Warangesda—		
Runnymede—			Droving cattle	36 0 6	
Maize	40 16 0		Horse feed	22 12 4	
Pigs and hide	3 10 0	44 6 0	Repairs, &c.	15 15 3	74 8 1
			Walhallow—		
Warangesda—			Machinery	10 10 0	
Cattle	233 17 1		Horses	40 0 0	
Wool, skins, and hides	132 14 9		Well, &c.	15 11 0	
Meat	6 17 9		Sowing, harvesting, &c.	19 7 0	85 8 0
Produce	1 17 3	375 6 10	Wallaga Lake—		
			Angora goats	32 5 6	
Walhallow—			Fencing, &c.	19 0 0	51 5 6
Produce		10 3 7			
			Sale Stores.		
Sundry Receipts—		35 2 3	Cumeroogunga	606 1 0	
			Warangesda	174 1 4	
Sale Stores.			Walhallow	76 17 6	
Cumeroogunga	505 3 3		Wallaga Lake	124 8 7	
Warangesda	147 15 0		General	5 12 0	987 0 5
Walhallow	78 15 9				
Wallaga Lake	87 10 0	818 14 0	Balance forward		346 8 0
		£ 3,149 3 0			£ 3,149 3 0