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## ABORIGINES.

(REPORT OF BOARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF, FOR YEAR 1917.)

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### The Chairman and Members of the Board for the Protection of Aborigines to The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's Department.

Office of Board for Protection of Aborigines,  
No. 5, Richmond Terrace, Domain,  
Sydney, 1 July, 1918.

Sir,

In accordance with the established practice, we, the undersigned members of the Board for Protection of Aborigines, duly appointed under the provisions of the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, have the honor to submit, for the Chief Secretary's information, the following Report of the operations of the Board during the year ended 31st December, 1917, together with the usual particulars of the number, location, and present condition of the aborigines throughout the State, and the means adopted for their relief as far as the funds placed at our disposal would admit.

#### CENTRAL BOARD.

In August the Board sustained a loss of one of their members by the lamented death of R. Scobie, Esq., M.L.A., and the members placed on record the valuable services rendered by the late member during the many years he had occupied a seat on the Board.

An addition was made to the Board by the appointment of Alfred William Green, Esq., President of the State Children Relief Department.

#### STAFF.

In February the Acting Secretary, Mr. S. A. Maddocks, found it necessary to resign his position with the Board, and Mr. T. J. Foote, late of the Public Works Department, was selected by the Public Service Board to fill the vacancy.

#### INSPECTORS.

During the year the following Stations, Camps, and Reserves were visited:—

Wellington, Talbragar, Bomaderry, Port Kembla, Warangesda, Brungle, Cootamundra, Byrock, Brewarrina Township, Brewarrina Station, Nyngan, Walhallow, Kiama, Wollongong, Bateman's Bay, Wallaga Lake, Moonacullah, Cumerogunga, Borah Crossing, Sevington, Euraba, Collihue, Terry-hie-hie, Burrogorang, Drake, Pretty Gully, Runnymede, Casino, Cabbage Tree Island, Murwillumbah, Byron Bay, Maclean, Ulgundahi Island, Lawrence, Lower Southgate, Ulmarra, Copmanhurst, Grafton, Coutt's Crossing, Urunga, Cow Creek, Stewart's Island, Taylor's Arm, Euangai, Wirrimbi, La Perouse, Yarra Bay, Roseby Park, Erambie, Karuah, Soldier's Point, Forster, Ashley, Killawarra, Purfleet, Wauchope, Rollands Plains, Burnt Bridge, Greenhills, Bellbrook, Belmore, Fattorini Island, Kinchela Reserve, Pelican Island, and Greenbank.

Owing to the limited funds at the Board's disposal, little has been done in the nature of erection of new huts. In some instances inexpensive repairs and painting have been carried out, but much remains to be done, especially on the northern districts.

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EMPLOYMENT.

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The employment of native labour has resulted in a large acreage being placed under cultivation, particularly at Cumeroogunga and Warangesda, but unfortunately the unprecedented floods in the Murray district, and to a smaller extent at Warangesda, resulted in the destruction of a large portion of the crop.

Cultivation of maize was carried out at Urunga, where also two additional oyster leases were secured, and over 2,000 yards of mangrove were laid for the cultivation of oysters. This in time should prove a valuable additional asset to the Board.

## COOTAMUNDRA HOME.

The Matron reports a satisfactory year. Twenty-eight children were in the Home on the 31st December, 1917. Sickness has not been very prevalent among the children, though the usual minor maladies, common to children, presented themselves.

The Teacher, Miss Wales, reports satisfactory progress amongst the pupils, which is endorsed by the report of the Education Department's Inspector.

## HEALTH.

The health of the aborigines has, on the whole, been satisfactory. Advantage has been taken from time to time for treatment at the Waterfall Sanatorium, Moorcliff Hospital, and also Newington Hospital. The thanks of the Board are due to the Department of Public Health for their kindly advice, and also for attention to the medical requirements of other aboriginals.

## NUMBERS.

The details of the census of the Aboriginal population of the State, taken by the police as on the 1st September, 1917, are as shown in Appendix "B."

The return discloses a population of 549 males, 383 females, 394 children, full-bloods, a decrease of 247 on the previous year. Half-castes, 1,248 men, 986 women, 2,687 children, a decrease of 105 for the year; or a grand total decrease of 352.

These figures can only be taken as approximate owing to the difficulty in collecting the returns, on account of the nomadic habits of the race.

The only distinction made in the collection of the census has been between full-bloods and half-castes, and the latter term has included quadroons and octoroons.

Several of our people have enlisted for active service, and three have paid the higher call in their devotion to the country.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure by the Government on behalf of the aborigines for the year was £24,211 12s. 9d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Parliamentary Vote ... ..	16,755	0	0
Stores Supply Department ... ..	2,236	14	3
Education Department ... ..	4,414	9	0
Department of Public Health ... ..	696	14	4
Resumed Properties ... ..	108	15	2

whilst a further sum of £1,481 1s. 1d. was expended from the Board's Produce Account in the purchase of machinery, stock, &c., for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Board provided a sum of money for the purpose of entertaining the aborigines on Christmas Day on the various Aboriginal Stations under the control of Managers.

Sports were held at most of the places, and an enjoyable time was spent.

The ingredients of a plum pudding, &c., were provided to those residing on Reserves.

## HOME FINDER.

On the 31st December, 1917, there were 150 girls in situations, all enjoying the comfort of good homes and learning the general duties of housework, fitting them in time to come to be useful citizens.

The amount at deposit with the Board representing wages earned, on the 31st December, 1917, was £1,999 18s. 11d.

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All employees in and around Sydney have been visited at regular intervals, and those who showed a tendency to lapse—fortunately there were very few—have had special attention and more frequent visitations.

Of these, 3 were returned to Stations, 2 were married, 1 admitted to Glebe Home, 3 to Parramatta Industrial School, and 1 to Convent of the Good Shepherd.

#### RESERVES.

The following reserves, comprising an area of 130 acres, were set apart for the use of the aborigines during 1917 :—

No.	County.	Parish.	Area.
52180 } ... ..	Rous ... ..	Broadwater ... ..	130 acres.
5218 }	Cabbage Tree Island.		

The undermentioned reserves for the use of aborigines were revoked during the year 1917 :—

No.	County.	Parish.	Area.
553 ... ..	Dampier ... ..	Congo ... ..	32 acres.
22358 } ... ..	Cumberland ... ..	Botany... ..	6½ perches.
22359 }			
43599 } ... ..	Buller ... ..	Jerry Lind ... ..	1,280 acres.
43600 }			

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

Many very necessary improvements have of necessity had to stand over, but your Board have been able to give effect to the following :—

Brewarrina—Repairs to residence.  
 Brungle—Fencing.  
 Burra Bee Dee—Improvements to residence.  
 Cumerogunga—New sanitary system after recent floods and new machinery.  
 Bulgarrie—Eradication of prickly pear.  
 Cootamundra—New tanks.  
 Erambie—Painting school.  
 Grafton—Painting huts.

Kinchela—New tanks.  
 Mount Olive—Addition room and verandah.  
 Pelican Island—Stone wall to counteract erosion of bank.  
 Purfleet—New sanitary system.  
 Pilliga—Verandah to school and new tanks.  
 Rollands Plains—Fencing.  
 Talbragar—Painting school and huts.  
 Urunga—Motor launch and fishing net.

In conclusion, the Board would respectfully point out that the strictest economy has been exercised, but there is very important work calling for attention.

The Board desire to express their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the members of the Police Force throughout the State to improve the lot of the aborigines.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

JAMES MITCHELL,  
 E. B. HARKNESS,  
 R. T. PATON,  
 J. DAWSON,  
 W. MILLARD,  
 A. W. GREEN,

Members of Board for Protection of Aborigines.

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APPENDICES.

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## APPENDIX A.

Department.	Particulars.	Amount expended.	
	Rations, medical comforts, seed, farm implements, fencing, wire, boats, erection of buildings, dwellings, &c. (for the aborigines generally).....	£ s. d. 5,619 12 2	
	Expenses of maintaining the undermentioned Aboriginal Stations and Homes:—		
Aborigines Protection Board ...	Angledool .....	229 1 6	
	Brewarrina .....	337 10 8	
	Brungle .....	515 9 9	
	Cootamundra .....	628 6 6	
	Cumeroogunga .....	1,236 12 11	
	Euraba .....	693 5 9	
	Grafton .....	344 1 0	
	Moonacullah .....	172 14 0	
	Mount Olive .....	78 15 4	
	Roseby Park .....	371 4 10	
	Runnymede .....	298 13 2	
	Sevington.....	287 2 9	
	Terry-hie-hie .....	322 19 1	
	Ulgundahi Island .....	224 16 8	
	Urunga .....	187 5 0	
	Wallaga Lake.....	488 12 11	
	Warangesda .....	495 17 2	
	Walhallow .....	502 12 8	
		Head Office Salaries—	
		Inspectors .....	800 0 0
	Staff .....	1,175 13 5	
Department of Public Health.....	Medical attendance and medicine .....	696 14 4	
Department of Education.....	Teachers' salaries, materials, &c. ....	4,414 9 0	
Resumed Properties Department..	Sanitary attendance.....	108 15 2	
Stores Supply Department .....	Supply of blankets, clothing, &c. ....	2,236 14 2	
	Total .....	£22,467 0 0	

## APPENDIX B.

## CENSUS RETURNS, 1917.

	Full-bloods.				Half-castes.			
	Adults.		Children.	Total.	Adults.		Children.	Total.
	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.		
By Return, 1916 .....	669	450	454	1,573	1,280	1,025	2,721	5,026
Do 1917 .....	549	383	394	1,326	1,248	986	2,687	4,921
Decrease.....	120	67	60	247	32	39	34	105

Total decrease, 352.

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Full-bloods.		Half-castes.	
Births reported .....	19	Births reported .....	170
Deaths reported.....	59	Deaths reported .....	68
Increase, Deaths over Births.....	40	Increase, Births over Deaths .....	102

## APPENDIX C.

EXPENDITURE by the Stores Supply Department on Aborigines for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

Blankets .....	£ s. d. 913 13 10
Clothing .....	1,125 2 8
Other stores .....	180 0 0
Stationery .....	18 8 11
Furniture .....	3 17 6

£2,241 2 11

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## APPENDIX D.

EXPENDITURE by the Resumed Properties Department on Aborigines for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

## SANITARY ATTENDANCE.

	£	s.	d.
Burnt Bridge School	1	2	4
Cumeroongunga Station	27	0	0
Erambie Reserve, Cowra	11	14	0
Training Home, Cootamundra	46	16	0
Gulargambone Reserve	3	9	4
La Perouse Reserve	12	13	6
Wallaga Lake Station	6	0	0
	£108	15	2

## APPENDIX E.

EXPENDITURE by the Department of Public Health on Aborigines for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

Locality.	Amount.	Locality.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bega	2 0 0	Macleay River	50 0 0
Brewarrina	19 16 4	Narrandera	10 19 6
Broadwater	4 15 0	Nowra	2 12 6
Bulgandramine	5 0 0	Peak Hill	1 10 0
Burra Bee Dee	2 2 0	Port Kombla	1 10 0
Cabbage-tree Island	9 15 0	Port Macquarie	35 0 0
Casino	20 0 0	Raymond Terrace	3 15 0
Cobargo	8 10 0	Roseby Park	8 2 6
Condobolin	1 10 0	Singleton	26 16 0
Coonabarabran	30 0 0	Smithtown	0 10 0
Cumeroongunga	100 0 0	Taree	40 0 0
D legate	2 10 0	Tumut	50 0 0
Dungalesr	9 18 0	Walcha	5 5 0
Gloucester	0 10 0	Walhallow	17 0 0
Grafton	60 0 0	Wallaga Lake	40 15 6
Karuah	1 0 0	Wauchope	28 12 0
Katoomba	3 0 0	Wingham	25 0 0
Kiama	1 10 0	Wollongong	4 0 0
Kyogle	10 0 0	Yuss	1 0 0
Lismore	12 10 0		
		Total	£ 696 14 4

## APPENDIX F.

STATEMENT of Expenditure by the Department of Education on account of Aborigines during the year 1917.

School.	Salaries.	Books and apparatus.	Forage and travelling expenses.	Repairs, rent, furniture, cleaning, fuel, conveyance.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brewarrina	152 0 0			5 11 0	157 11 0
Cumeroongunga	323 9 4	1 8 3		13 13 0	339 9 7
Forked Mountain	159 0 0	0 7 10		2 12 0	161 19 10
Googedee	132 0 0	0 4 9		6 1 0	139 5 9
Moonsacullah	152 0 0	0 9 4		8 11 6	161 0 10
Roseby Park	178 0 2	0 6 1		5 11 0	1 3 17 3
Stewart Island	132 0 0	0 6 0		3 17 0	136 3 0
Ulgundahi Island	162 11 0			5 6 4	167 17 4
Urunga	130 10 8	0 8 11		2 15 3	133 14 10
Walhallow	174 0 0	3 0 0		7 2 4	181 2 4
Wallaga Lake	132 0 0			5 11 0	137 11 0
Warangesda	141 0 0	0 8 6		5 11 0	146 19 6
Brill Brill	5 0 0				5 0 0
Burnt Bridge	132 0 0	0 7 9			132 7 9
Cabbage-tree Island	144 0 0			3 13 0	147 13 0
Cootamundra East	144 0 0	0 2 0		4 2 0	148 4 0
Coraki	110 6 8				110 6 8
Erambie	144 0 0			4 9 4	149 9 4
Euraba	164 0 0	0 8 4		3 12 0	168 0 4
Fattorini Island	144 0 0			3 12 0	147 12 0
Grafton Common	144 0 0				144 0 0
Karuah	121 0 0		2 9 0	2 18 8	126 7 8
Mount Olive	132 0 0	0 5 11		2 16 5	135 2 4
New Angledool	152 0 0	0 3 6		1 16 0	153 10 6
Noocoorilma	121 0 0	0 8 8		2 6 0	123 14 8
Nulla Creek	132 0 0	0 2 0			132 2 0
Pilliga	144 0 0	0 8 6		3 12 0	148 0 6
Stony Gully	132 0 0	0 2 0		3 12 0	135 14 0
Terry-hie-hie	152 0 0			3 17 0	155 17 0
Towabba	104 7 5				104 7 5
Total	£ 4,290 5 8	9 7 11	2 9 0	112 6 10	4,414 9 0

## APPENDIX G.

## ABORIGINES' PROTECTION BOARD.

## PRODUCE AND SALE STORE ACCOUNT.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1917, for presentation to Parliament under the provisions of Section 4 of the Special Deposits Accounts Act, No. 5, 1911.

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Stations.	Wheat and Maize.		Stock.	Sundries.	Sale Store.	Total.	Machinery, Plant, Harness, and Repairs.	Harvesting, Shearing, Alteration, &c.	Improvements, Fencing, Live Stock, Farriery, Fodder, and Sundries.	Sale Store.	Total.																			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
Brewarrina .....	250	3	8	.....	5	2	7	399	13	1	644	19	4	8	13	0	10	17	7	277	8	4	107	18	3	404	17	2		
Brungle .....	24	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	3	11	35	16	6	.....	.....	.....	45	0	5		
Cumerookunga .....	663	13	2	.....	13	10	10	227	0	4	904	4	4	153	8	1	429	3	1	247	9	6	511	14	2	1,841	13	10		
Grafton .....	26	15	3	218	2	7	.....	3	12	10	1	4	3	7	4	1	14	11	0	16	2	9	.....	.....	.....	37	17	10		
Roseby Park .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248	0	0	248	0	0	1	1	11	.....	.....	.....	0	3	0	149	13	2	150	18	1		
Runnymede .....	9	19	5	105	0	9	.....	102	3	4	217	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	0	99	15	5	101	11	5		
Terry-hie-hie .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	5	2	41	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Sevington .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	335	12	8	335	12	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	0	10	403	4	11	403	5	9		
Ulgundah Isld... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	7	7	32	2	4	32	9	11	7	4	1	.....	.....	.....	10	16	2	39	6	3	57	6	6		
Walhallow .....	44	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	235	15	0	279	19	2	2	12	3	20	13	1	335	19	6	209	4	4	568	9	2		
Wallaga Lake .....	32	0	4	53	0	0	0	11	9	143	9	7	229	1	8	8	10	0	14	9	7	5	17	19	1	202	16	0		
Warangesda .....	593	8	10	.....	4	10	0	174	14	1	772	12	11	8	18	2	205	12	7	19	10	4	136	0	0	370	1	1		
Mount Olive .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	19	2	74	5	9	80	4	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Moonacullah .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	11	4	91	11	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	8	2	103	3	7	127	11	9		
Miscellaneous .....	23	18	6	.....	253	15	11	140	1	10	417	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	164	13	5	212	9	7	377	8	0		
Urunga .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122	12	7	144	5	11	17	16	1	.....	.....	.....	33	12	10	318	7	5		
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4,507</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>

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