



Along the Mail Route

Aboriginals at La Perouse Reserve are receiving more orders for boomerangs than they can supply.

Robert Sims, one of the experts in boomerang manufacture, has planned a factory to turn them out by mass production with three partners.

The four men are stiff in the fingers from rushing through an order for 300 boomerangs for the Launceston Show.

They had to work eighteen hours a day for nine days to do it.

Other orders have banked up, and they expect the boomerang sales in 1954 to mount to thousands because of the Royal visit.

They say the only answer is factory production.



At present, a Maroubra carpenter cuts the rough wood into the approximate shape, a service which costs 2½ per cent. of the retail price.

Sims and his partners have asked the Aborigines Welfare Board for a band saw, a 1½-h.p. motor and a lathe, total cost £90.

They also need about £100 worth of material for the factory, which they are prepared to build themselves.

They are prepared to repay the Government advance out of the income from increased production.

Sims already has an order for nine special boomerangs for the Olympic Games, and has been officially asked to give an exhibition in boomerang throwing there.

Many of his boomerangs have been presented to important visitors from overseas and to leading public men.



Reg Pittman, of Redfern, pictured above, was one of "Pappy" Gault's sparring partners during the American's preparation for his world title fight with Jimmy Carruthers.

The Burnt Bridge school's table tennis outfit is in constant use, and players are keen. The knock-outs are usually won by Lena Davis with Greg Jarrett runner-up.

Burnt Bridge residents congratulate their Bellbrook friends on the manner in which they have improved their sporting facilities.

Burnt Bridge school children and young people need a tennis court and a cricket pitch, too. What about it, menfolk?