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12. A part-aboriginal student at an Australian University. There are, however, few such students at present although the opportunities for tertiary education exist. The policy of assimilation is a policy of opportunity, giving the aboriginal and part-aboriginal the chance to shape his own life—and there is no limit to the success he may achieve. To be successful, however, assimilation means acceptance of these people on equal terms by the white community. This is a matter not for Governments and Missions alone but for every Australian.



Gloria and Joyce Kapeen and Evelyn James of Cabbage Tree Island, Isa Randall of Maclean and Irene Rhodes of Cabbage Tree Island.

Aboriginal Delegates TO C.W.A.

SUCCESS FOR BOGGABILLA

“There were two thousand people in the Town Hall one day recently to see Lady Woodward open the 36th annual four day conference of the Country Women’s Association—and sitting in their seats to hear every word, were two aboriginal women.

“They were Mrs. L. Dennison and Mrs. S. McGrady, who came from Boggabilla Aboriginal Station in the Gwydir area of the north-west to represent its thirteen-member (mostly aborigines) C.W.A. Branch. It is the first time aborigines have attended an annual C.W.A. conference.

“Mrs. Dennison, mother of two children (the eldest is 23) and with an adopted 8 year old son, has been to Sydney before for a holiday. But Mrs. McGrady, whose six children range in age from 33 to 17 is on her first visit.”—vide *Sydney Morning Herald*.

And so, Mrs. Dennison, better known as Leila and Mrs. McGrady, fondly known as Susie, did make history for the Boggabilla branch of the C.W.A. It was originally formed on the Station on the 27th August 1956. This move was brought about by Mrs. Armstrong of Goondiwindi, who although a member of the Queensland C.W.A. was desirous of bringing a better way of life through the fellowship of the C.W.A. Mrs. Smith of Moree, president of the Gwydir Group, became interested and through her hard work, permission was granted by the Head Office to establish a branch on the Station for the aboriginal women and those of the district who might be interested in joining.

This inaugural meeting was very successful. It was chaired by Mrs. Smith, and the immediate past International Officer of the Association, Mrs. Brooks, attended. The interest of the women of the surrounding district was shown by the many numbers who visited the Station from Boggabilla, Goondiwindi and as far as 60 miles away.

The progress of the Branch on the Station has been steady and all members on the Station will be proud to have achieved such an honour through their delegates in having this wonderful opportunity to attend the C.W.A. conference in Sydney.

Mrs. McGrady said she enjoyed the trip and every minute of the conference. “I think, she said, “that we have learnt a lot.” Mrs. Dennison said the same and added, “We went there every day so that we would not miss anything.” Both women spoke to Lady Woodward and were thrilled to see their picture in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. They both commented on the fact that everybody was so kind and helpful to them during the whole of the time they were at the conference.

Susie and Leila are now looking forward to the next meeting of the Branch, so that they can discuss their experience fully and officially.