

New Welfare Officer Appointed at Walgett

A new welfare office is to be opened by the Aborigines Welfare Board in Walgett soon.

Mr. Reginald Snook, who has been manager of Murrin Bridge Station, has been appointed area welfare officer at Walgett.

Mr. Snook has been with the Aborigines Welfare Board for three years.

Before that he was with the welfare branch of the Northern Territory administration, and was stationed at Papunya.

He is due to take up duties in Walgett on March 8.

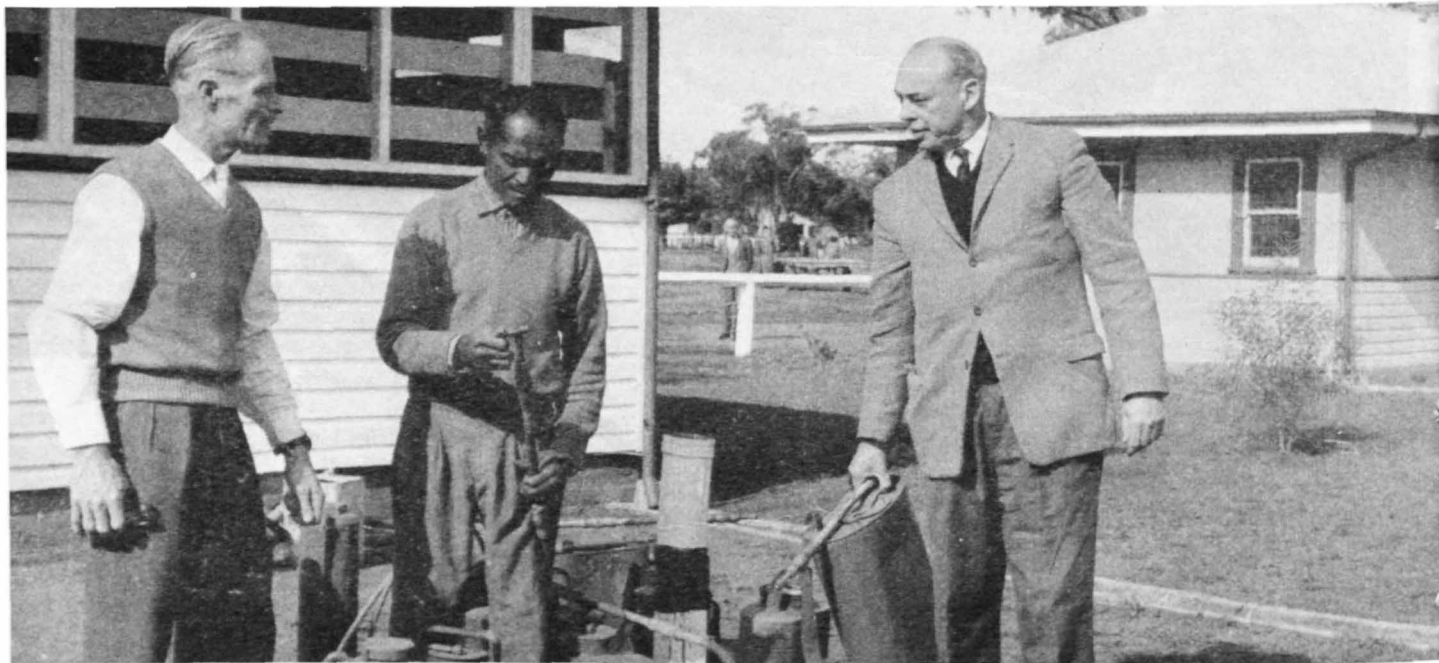
The creation of the post of welfare officer at Walgett follows a visit by the Board to the area last year.

The Board considered it unsatisfactory that the area welfare officer at Moree had to be responsible for the important district of Walgett where he could visit only infrequently.

Mr. Snook will be responsible for Walgett, and his district will embrace Goodooga, Collarenebri and Pilliga.

The Board is at present building 12 houses in the town of Walgett for Aborigines. The cost of the project is £35,789.

The appointment of the new welfare officer was considered necessary at this juncture particularly to assist Aborigines going into the new homes in the difficult process of transition.



Mr. Snook (left) the newly appointed welfare officer for Walgett, is shown with the Chairman of the Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, and the Murrin Bridge station handyman, Mr. Bill Webster, checking over bush fire equipment on the station