

Opening of Laundry, Wilcannia

In December last, the Wilcannia Advancement Association opened its new laundry and ablution block on the reserve. Built with a grant of \$4,000 from the Department of Child and Social Welfare, it will give laundry and shower facilities to those who do not yet have these necessities in their own homes. The Association plans to beautify the surrounds of the laundry to create a pleasant atmosphere. At the time of the opening in December, its members had already built a fence around the building and had begun on a landscaping job. Deputy Shire President Jim Robertson, who officially opened the building paid tribute to the work of the Association and to the

first Aboriginal Health Nurse, Sister Margaret Kerle, who had first urged that a laundry and ablution block be built.

Pictures show:

The Executive Committee of the Wilcannia Advancement Association: *left to right*, Joe O'Donnell (Secretary), Mary Anne O'Donnell (Vice President), Pat Troy-Johnston (Assistant Secretary), David Clark (President), Marlene Clark (Vice-President), Rev. Eric Baldwin (Senior Vice-President), Colin King (Assistant Treasurer), Gloria King (Vice President).



Members and friends
inspecting the new building.