

# CONDOBOLIN FORMS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## **The Condobolin people have recently formed an Aboriginal Progress Association.**

The Association was formed at a meeting in February organized by Pastor Abel Morgan.

Pastor Morgan is associated with the Aboriginal Inland Mission and recently moved to Condobolin from Walgett, where he had worked for the A.I.M. and been involved in the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs.

The Association plans to give its attention to all Aboriginal problems in the Lachlan Shire. The secretary, who was elected at the February meeting, is Mrs Grace Coe.

Condobolin is one of several Aboriginal advancement or progress associations that have been formed over the past 12 months in the central west area.

It is necessary for members of local communities to form themselves into an organization if they wish to receive assistance from the Government or to voice their needs and opinions.

The Condobolin Association plans to meet each month. The meetings will be open to all members of the Aboriginal community, and to other people by invitation. The executive of the Association has invited interested non-Aboriginal people to contact it and hopes to have such people on the committee.

Issues discussed at the first meeting included housing, sports facilities, and the leasing of land.

Also during February, Evonne Goolagong came to Condobolin to visit relations. She stayed with her grandmother, Mrs Dolly Goolagong.

From Condobolin she left to visit other friends and relations in the central west area.

*Evonne Goolagong with relations during visit to Condobolin: Mrs Kathleen Towney, Lorraine Goolagong, James Towney, Evonne and her grandmother, Mrs Dolly Goolagong*

