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*Birthday Wishes  
for a Two Year Old*

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*Welcome to Our Queen!*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## “DAWN” IS 2 YEARS OLD



This month *Dawn* very proudly celebrates its Second Birthday.

*Dawn* was somewhat of an experiment when it was created by the Board two years ago, but time has shown it to be a vital instrument of assimilation in the lives of our Aboriginal people in New South Wales.

Birthday Greetings for *Dawn* have poured into the Board's office from all over the Commonwealth, and even from abroad.

We take pleasure in presenting many of those expressions of good feeling,—but, of course, space would not permit us to publish them all.



The decision some two years ago to produce a magazine which would be the aborigines' own publication was a splendid inspiration.

Now in its second volume, *Dawn* was an immediate success. Its popularity grows with each issue, and it is now exercising a strong and beneficial influence among the descendants of the original Australians in their wide-flung little groups and communities.

But there is this added value—*Dawn* is calling the attention of those other than aborigines to the problems, the successes, the ambitions, and the undoubted talents of the representatives of a very ancient people.



The community, as a whole, is developing a new understanding of and sympathy for people who have given us scholars who can hold their places in the schools, competent artisans, talented musicians and writers, artists of the greatest merit, and athletes of highest calibre. They have also given us brave soldiers, many of whom gave their lives in defence of their country.

Glancing through a recent issue of *Dawn* I was particularly impressed by its profusely illustrated content, and by the way in which the “Roving Cameraman” brings aborigines of the inland into touch with those along the sea-board. Even more impressive is the quality and extent of contributions by aborigines themselves. These include poems, and stories of merit and photographs revealing a high degree of technical skill.

I see this journal as a friendly and intimate magazine and, accordingly, in this special Birthday Edition I desire to congratulate the Aborigines Welfare Board, those who are responsible for the preparation and editing of *Dawn*, and its various contributors, on a splendidly compiled and excellently printed monthly which, while enlarging the outlook, upholding the inherent dignity and stimulating the spirit of original Australians, is bringing a new understanding of a people who share the inheritance of this great and rich land.

Premier, N.S.W.

# BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR "DAWN" . . .



I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations and good wishes to *Dawn* on the attainment of its second birthday.

*Dawn's* great merit rests not only in the fact that it is a bright informative periodical which effectively caters for a wide range of tastes and interests, but in the manner in which it provides a means of communication for

aboriginal people scattered throughout the State.

As one who has derived considerable pleasure from reading of aboriginal activities and achievements in *Dawn* I would like to extend my best wishes for the future to all of its readers and those concerned in its publication.

WALLACE C. WIRTH,  
Chairman,  
Public Service Board.

I am very glad to have an opportunity of expressing my opinion on *Dawn*. I have had every copy of it since its inception and I always open each copy of it with great joy. I hope its success will continue, specially as it gives to the white inhabitants of this country the opportunity, if they will take it, of understanding that in many ways the real Australian is not a whit behind his white brother, and that if properly treated and well trained by people who understand him and believe that he is capable of greatness (I need only illustrate John Noble and David Unaipon) he will bear his share and take his part under the guiding hand of God in the forward march of this fair land of opportunity which is his by right.

I am looking forward to receiving your special Christmas issue.

Every good wish, may the blessing of our loving Father ever be upon you in your work for His children.

Yours very sincerely,  
ARNOLD LOMAS,  
Bishop of Bathurst.

From the heavy, constant and interesting material which flows through my office, *Dawn* is invariably one of the first to come to the surface. If there is any way I can possibly help such a lively, worthwhile publication please accept my assurance on your anniversary it will be discharged with pleasure.

W. B. BAILEY-TART,  
Editor,  
*Daily Examiner*,  
Grafton.

It occurs to me that, as the second birthday of *Dawn* approaches, I should let you know how glad I am to receive your excellent publication each month.

It is also gratifying to know that when Her Majesty is in Australia next month she will have many opportunities of meeting Australia's original inhabitants.

JACK S. ALLEN,  
Director,  
*Australian Diary*.

Your magazine has been received in this Department regularly since the first issue and has always been perused with interest. It is a bright, entertaining publication, and, in my opinion, not only must it be of great interest to the aboriginal community, but it certainly attains one of its principal objects in enlightening the white community as to what our native people are trying to do in their progress towards assimilation.



I would like personally to compliment you on the excellence of your magazine and to assure you that the Police Department appreciates the opportunity of perusing it each month.

C. J. DELANEY,  
Commissioner of Police.

Since *Dawn* first appeared two years ago, I have read its contents with great interest, and I feel that this publication is making a valuable contribution in helping the original inhabitants of Australia to find their rightful place in the community.

The fact that *Dawn* reaches so many appreciative readers serves as an indication of the good work done by the Aborigines Welfare Board in the educational and welfare fields.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your second birthday and wish you continued success in the future.

C. R. LAMBERT,  
Secretary,  
Department of Territories,  
Canberra.

## MORE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS . . .

Congratulations, "*Dawn*," on your second birthday! I am a regular reader of this bright and breezy little journal, and do appreciate the manner in which it brings to me, the activities of the various Aboriginal Stations which, owing to the pressure of my ministerial duties, I am not able to visit personally.

My sincere wishes for the continuance of the success which it has already enjoyed, go out to "*Dawn*" for 1954.

C. A. KELLY,  
Chief Secretary and Minister  
for Immigration.



Please accept hearty congratulations on your second birthday. *Dawn* is a most interesting publication and is doing a grand job. I have read every issue since its inception and have always found quite a lot to interest me.

I am sure your readers must appreciate the very fine efforts you are making.

J. W. ROBINSON,  
Editor, *Newspaper News*.



This time last year I expressed the hope that "*Dawn*" would play an increasingly important part in the lives, and welfare of the aboriginal community. From the many personal messages I have received I feel sure that this hope is being fulfilled. The many letters, short articles and pictures sent from aboriginal people have shown their interest, and the little journal is read by many sections of the community apart from those for whom it was primarily intended.

Once again, after two years of publication my birthday message on behalf of the Aborigines Welfare Board is—"Congratulations to the Editor on a job well done and to the aboriginal people who have co-operated in its presentation."

C. J. BUTTSWORTH,  
Chairman,  
Aborigines Welfare Board.

I am happy to send *Dawn* my best wishes on its second birthday, and through its columns to send my greetings to all its readers.



I have followed *Dawn's* progress with interest. Of course, as you can imagine, my own main task is with Australia's relations with other countries—and perhaps particularly with our relations with our neighbours in South-East Asia. In this respect, I have always stressed that our human relations with these people can only be satisfactorily conducted on a basis of mutual respect and friendship. Also, it seems to me that the only real basis on which to build our relations with our own native peoples in Australia is on a similar basis of mutual respect and friendship.

From what I have seen, *Dawn* is setting about this task in the right way. It is obvious that *Dawn* is a co-operative venture, and that its readers put a great deal into its compilation as well, I am sure, in getting much interest and enjoyment from it.

May *Dawn* continue to prosper.

R. G. CASEY,  
Minister for External Affairs.



The launching of *Dawn* was a gallant experiment and I am glad to be able to offer congratulations on the second birthday of the magazine. It has, undoubtedly, served a very useful purpose, and I hope that it will continue to do so. Discussion of Aborigines—their origin, nature, culture, etc.—occupies a position of outstanding importance in *The Australian Encyclopaedia* (now being prepared) and in the assembling of our material we have gained much stimulus from the pages of *Dawn*.

ALEC H. CHISHOLM,  
Editor-in-Chief,  
Australian Encyclopaedia.

## MORE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS . . .

Since your initial publication it has been my pleasure to read with considerable interest every issue of your interesting little magazine, and I wish to congratulate *Dawn* on the interest which it has created amongst the aboriginal people, and the apparent strong influence it has exercised in your State.

I note with interest also that you approach your second birthday for which a special issue is in preparation, and again in advance I congratulate you on such achievement.

Particularly interesting is that your special issue will co-incide with the visit of Her Majesty the Queen, and I feel that your readers would like to know something of what is happening in this far-removed area with respect to the Royal Visit.

As your readers doubtless are aware Torres Strait Islands are approximately 2,000 miles from Sydney. These Islands are the home of an energetic, industrious and robust race—the Torres Strait Islanders.

On direction from the Queensland Government forty men—all ex-servicemen—with their Councillors and Representatives will visit Cairns in March to provide a grand display of Arts and Crafts, and dancing before Her Majesty.

As an indication of distance in this area, these men will travel by boat approximately 600 miles from their homes to Cairns, and there, on behalf of 6,000 Torres Strait Islanders, they will demonstrate their loyalty to their Queen.

They will repeat the war dances of their fathers and will depict in song and dance the stirring deeds of their warlike parents, stories of their race, and their industrial and educational advancement since their contact with civilisation. So, on behalf of these people, my congratulations go to you and *Dawn*, and particularly do we look forward to seeing your special edition in honour of Her Majesty.

Yours faithfully,  
C. O'LEARY,  
Director of Native Affairs,  
Thursday Island.

With the January, 1954 issue, *Dawn* will celebrate its second birthday. For two years now, the aboriginal people of New South Wales have had their own journal, a paper which has appeared monthly, circulating throughout the length and breadth of the State, to other States and even to distant parts of the world. *Dawn* has told the story of the dark people, and the dark people have learned much about themselves and their kith and kin which was not previously possible. The Board may well congratulate itself on the move taken a few years ago to establish, for those under its care, such a medium for the spreading of knowledge as *Dawn* presents.

The Editor, Mr. Colin Davis, has had many an obstacle to surmount, but he has succeeded in presenting issue after issue regularly every month, each one if not better than the last, at least of the highest standard.

H. SAXBY,  
Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare.



Few magazines give me such pleasurable anticipation as *Dawn*. The first issue was exciting because it threw a faint beam of light into the dark and little understood world of the Australian aboriginal!

Since then the beam, like the lifting eyelid of dawn, has thrown the warm, nourishing rays of the sun into this timeless world.

In the pages of *Dawn* is the unfolding story, on the most intelligent level, of the most interesting race of people in the world—a race with peculiar and wonderful instincts and a profound concept of right and wrong.

*Dawn* shows the beacon of Right.

*Dawn's* story is also the story of the individual aboriginal's triumph against the greatest odds, the reaching for the stars by a subject race.

To me, *Dawn* is the exciting contemporary story of our little black cousins.

I wish it great success, great encouragement and wider reading.

JIM MACDOUGALL,  
"Contact,"  
*Sun* Newspaper.



## MORE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS . . .



The Aborigines Welfare Board must be congratulated heartily upon two points—Firstly, for the bold adventure of establishing a magazine which, with its well-written articles and free and full use of the camera and the reproduction of the pictures in its pages, creates a real interest for its readers, particularly those people scattered throughout this wide nation who see pictures and read of friends with whom they may not have come in contact for many years. Secondly, in the Welfare Board's choice of Editor—here I must say is a man with a complete knowledge and a full understanding of his subject, who knows what readers want and how to present it in interesting and snappy style.

I send greetings and best wishes to *Dawn* on its second birthday, to its Editor, its readers and those responsible for the publication of the magazine and the production of the interesting articles. May the years that are to follow see *Dawn* continue to progress.

J. MCGIRR,  
President, Maritime Service Board of N.S.W.

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Too long have the aboriginal people lived in the twilight of racial prejudice and social inequality.

Through your excellent journal these people are now facing the dawn of new ecstasies, the fulfilment of their dreams.

W. A. O'CARROLL,  
*Daily Mirror.*

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Congratulations to *Dawn* on the attainment of its second birthday. We have long since regarded this bright informative magazine as a "must" amongst the many publications which arrive at our office. Both in pictures and letterpress there is food for thought, perhaps more so for the white man than his black brethren.

*Dawn* is doing a great job in educating the public towards assimilation which seems the only solution of a much neglected problem.

BERT MUDGE,  
Proprietor,  
*Yass Tribune Courier.*

I would like to offer my congratulations on the completion of the second year of your publication, *Dawn*.

The magazine is admirably laid out and printed, but I think the most admirable feature of the whole venture is the fact that your publication cannot fail to make the Aborigines feel conscious that the ordinary Australian is taking an interest in their affairs, and that the oldest Australian of them all is considered an integral and important part of the nation.

The Aborigines Welfare Board is doing a great work to ensure that the Aborigines are given their proper place in Australian life, and as time goes on the effects of their work will be more and more evident.

After all, the Australian Aborigine belongs very intimately to this country. His position is not like that of the American negro, who was brought into the country from elsewhere under most distressing circumstances.

Our Aborigines have every right to progress and prosper with this their native land, and your publication *Dawn* is contributing in a mighty way to the laying of foundations which will bring about the betterment of their conditions and their ultimate assimilation in a united Australian brotherhood.

May *Dawn* continue to prosper and may you personally, Mr. Editor, be long spared to continue to guide its policy.

Yours very sincerely,  
F. RYDER-WOOD,  
Editor and Proprietor,  
*The Lachlander,*  
Condobolin.



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Ever since you launched the first number of *Dawn* I have received a copy of this publication each month and have read it with close interest. Over the past two years the successive issues have made an impressive record of the pride and self-respect of our aboriginal people. May I wish you all future success in this worthwhile effort.

PAUL HASLUCK, M.P.,  
Minister for Territories.

## STILL MORE GREETINGS . . .



I have been deeply interested to see a few copies of *Dawn*. The get-up of this magazine is excellent, but the spirit breathing through it is even better. Every Australian who reads it must surely feel a greater sense of responsibility towards the original inhabitants of this country, who must feel happier to know that other people are interested in their welfare.

May *Dawn* meet with even greater success.

His Excellency HABIBUR RAHMAN,  
High Commissioner for Pakistan.

You certainly are to be heartily congratulated on the success that has been achieved by *Dawn*.

A free publication, without advertisements, seemed doomed to failure, however laudable its object might have been. That, as you say, *Dawn* has been successful "beyond your wildest expectations" is in itself worthy of the highest commendation.

There can be no doubt that *Dawn's* object is a worthy one, and I am sure the aborigines appreciate fully a work that is being undertaken on their behalf by your worthy publication.

You are doing a grand work in the interests of this too-long-neglected people, and because of your right approach to what might be termed a risky enterprise it is to be hoped that you will be able to continue along the lines that have already been adopted to reach even greater success in the future.

Wishing *Dawn* the Compliments of the Season,  
Yours truly,

L. P. HIGGINS,  
*South Coast Register*,  
Berry.

Since the initial issue of *Dawn*, I have followed this magazine with keen and abiding interest. I have a lively appreciation of our original Australians, finding them a subject for close study, and I feel that the more we treat them with sympathy and understanding, the more they will respond and capably fit in to the right scheme of things.

*Dawn*, I feel, is doing a very good job towards the attainment of that ideal and I want to congratulate you on the evident success of its mission.

H. W. VINCENT,  
Editor,  
*Uralla Times*.

Hearty congratulations on the second birthday of *Dawn*. I have read and enjoyed every issue and at times used stories from it in my newspaper column.

I think Aborigines Welfare Board member Bert Groves put things very clearly in your September issue when he said, "The aborigine does not want sympathy, but he does want justice and the chance to prove himself."

A first-class magazine such as *Dawn* does a wonderful job in making those things possible and I wish you continued success.

Yours sincerely,  
GILBERT MANT.



I for one find every issue of *Dawn* full of interest and never fail to be struck by its lively presentation and the wide range of topics it covers.

Above all, I admire its honest, tolerant and fearless approach to the problems of aboriginal welfare and its insistence on the need for all of us, whatever our colour, to make conscious and sustained efforts towards the assimilation of the aboriginal people into the Australian community.

It is indeed good to learn that *Dawn* has succeeded beyond the hopes of the enthusiasts who founded it. I hope its splendid work will continue and will be even more effective in the third year of its publication.

F. H. ROWE,  
Director-General,  
Department of Social Services,  
Melbourne.

# KEMPSEY ROTARIANS ENTERTAIN

## *Kinchela Boys' Home Bumper Party*

The spirit of Christmas took several carloads of Kempsey Rotarians headed by their President, Mr. Mason, to Kinchela Home on Monday, 21st December. It was the occasion of the Annual Christmas Party when the boys are the guests of Rotary.

Prior to sitting down to a veritable feast, the boys entertained the visitors with a gymnastic display and life-saving drill. The gymnastics were an eye-opener and reflected the greatest of credit on the training of Mr. White, the Manager of the Home. The life-saving drill, which was given by six boys who are so well advanced in their training that they will be entitled to swim for their Bronze Medallion immediately they turn sixteen, was superintended by Mr. Saunders of the South West Rocks Life Saving Club. Mr. Saunders, his club and particularly the boys of the Home, are all proud of the fact that of the only four aborigines who hold the Bronze Medallion for life-saving, three of them came from the South West Rocks Club and the Kinchela Home.

During the afternoon, the Boys' Choir, which is trained by Mr. Foster, the Headmaster of the School, entertained the visitors with Christmas carols and part-songs. Their singing was sweet and beautiful and it can be readily understood why they have had such success at Kempsey Eisteddfods.

At this stage, the boys sat down to their party and were waited on by the members of Rotary. Just before the ice cream was served, Santa Claus himself arrived on the scene and his sack of presents was distributed, no boy being missed, provision even being made for Neville Doyle who, unfortunately, had to go to hospital a few days before. The loosened belts, protruding tummies and general smiles of satisfaction as the boys came up for their presents, was a clear indication that at least the party had been a success.

After the party everybody returned to the Recreation Hall and found there a gift from Rotary to the boys. It took the form of two championship ping pong tables, and every conceivable form of indoor game. This sporting equipment was handed over by Mr. Mason, the President of Kempsey Rotary, to Mr. White who suitably thanked Rotary on behalf of the boys.

Mr. Woods, the Engineer Master of Dredge "Cook's River", then handed to Mr. Mullins, the Secretary of the Board who was present in the absence of Mr. Saxby, a donation of £10 which had been collected for the boys amongst members of the crews of the dredges "Cook's River" and "Neptune." Mr. Mullins, in accepting the gift, thanked the donors and at the same time extended thanks on behalf of the Aborigines Welfare

Board to Rotary for their help and to the South West Rocks Life Saving Club and kindred organisations for their support and co-operation.

A particularly pleasing feature of the afternoon was the excellent behaviour of the boys and the response by Henry Penrith at tea-time. Mr. White and his staff are to be commended on the boys' appearance and excellent behaviour.

At the conclusion of the function, the visitors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. White.



A tree full of smiles—Margaret Cruse, Marie Ward, and Dorothy Mitchell.

## SANTA VISITS WALLAGA LAKE

A large crowd of residents attended the Children's Christmas Tree at Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station, and helped to make it a wonderful success.

They all sang Christmas carols and enjoyed a good afternoon tea.

As soon as Santa Claus entered the hall they all sang "Jingle Bells" and cheered him. He had a word with some of the children before distributing the toys off the tree.

The youngsters must have been very good children for nearly all of them got what they had asked Santa for in their letters to him.

Santa even had a surprise packet for Bert Stephens, the oldest resident on the Station.



# “ BANNERMAN OF THE DANDENONG ”

by ALICE WERNER

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I rode through the Bush in the burning Noon  
Over the hills to my bride;  
The track was rough and the way was long,  
And Bannerman of the Dandenong,  
He rode along by my side.

A day's march off my Beautiful dwelt  
By the Murray streams in the West;  
Lightly lilting a gay love song  
Rode Bannerman of the Dandenong,  
With a blood-red rose on his breast.

“ Red, red rose of the Western streams ”  
Was the song he sang that day;  
Truest comrade in hour of need,  
Bay Mathinna his peerless steed—  
I had my own good grey.

There fell a spark on the upland grass,  
The dry bush leapt into flame;  
And I felt my heart go cold as death,  
And Bannerman smiled and caught his breath,  
But I heard him name Her name.

Down the hill-side the fire-floods rushed,  
On the roaring eastern wind;  
Neck and neck was the reckless race,  
Even the bay mare kept her pace,  
But the grey horse dropped behind.

He turned in the saddle—“ Let's change, I say ! ”  
And his bridle rein he drew;  
He sprang to the ground,—“ Look sharp ! ” he said  
With a backward toss of his curly head,  
“ I ride lighter than you ! ”

Down and up—it was quickly done,  
No words to waste that day;  
Swift as a swallow she sped along,  
The good bay mare from Dandenong,  
And Bannerman rode the grey.

The hot air scorched like a furnace blast  
From the very mouth of Hell;  
The blue gums caught and blazed on high  
Like flaming pillars into the sky; . . .  
The grey horse staggered and fell.

“ Ride, ride, lad—ride for her sake ! ” he cried;  
Into the gulf of flame  
Were swept in less than a breathing space,  
The laughing eyes and the homely face,  
And the lips that named Her name.

She bore me bravely, the good bay mare,  
Stunned and dizzy and blind;  
I heard the sound of a mingling roar,  
'Twas the river's rush that I heard before,  
And the flames that rolled behind.

Safe, safe, at Nammoora gate,  
I fell and lay like a stone;  
O love ! thine arms were about me then,  
Thy warm tears called me to life again,  
But—O God ! that I came alone !

I and my Beautiful dwell in peace,  
By the Murray streams in the west;  
But oft through the mist of my dreams along  
Rides Bannerman of the Dandenong,  
With the blood-red rose on his breast.





Our Queen.

# A GREAT OCCASION THE ROYAL VISIT

During the Royal tour, Sydney, the oldest city in the Commonwealth and the first Australian city to welcome the Queen, will be impressively dressed in decorations costing more than £1 million.

Her Sydney programme includes a visit to Bondi for the most spectacular surf carnival ever held in Australia, a gala concert featuring two all-Australian works—the ballet *Corroboree* and the opera *The Devil Take Her*, a garden party at Government House, a ball given by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall, and a race meeting at Randwick. Although the Queen will be busy almost every day and night during her stay in Sydney, the most strenuous part of the N.S.W. tour may be visits to outback centres in sweltering summer heat.

The whole aim of Queen Elizabeth is to meet as many people as possible. She may even pause and speak to you, as she did to the 14-year-old girl who was watching her from the ground-floor window of a ward at Auckland Hospital, which wasn't scheduled for a visit, because she saw the rapt, freckled little face in the window.

The Minister in Charge of the Royal Tour of Australia, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, has assured the British Government that the Queen will not be subjected to undue strain.

However, one of the planners of the tour says, "The itinerary has been cut to the bone to avoid strain, but it would still stagger most of us, even a hardened commercial traveller."

In Australia the Queen will travel 2,000 miles by car in city engagements, 500 road miles on country trips, 8,000 miles by Royal train and 1,150 miles by ship along the Australian coast. She has agreed to do this in 57 days.

In N.S.W. the Queen will visit the country centres of Bathurst, Dubbo, Lithgow, Katoomba, Lismore, Casino, Wagga, Newcastle, Wollongong and Broken

Hill. When touring some country centres, she will travel in a station waggon which is not designed for comfort.

It will be made as comfortable as possible, but it will still be a station waggon—a vehicle popular with outback people for travelling over rugged country. The tour organisers realise how tiring car journeys can be and have ruled that the Queen will not be required to undertake a car journey lasting more than three hours.

One visit will be to the Flying Doctor base, five miles out of Broken Hill. For twenty minutes on March 18, this base, a shabby isolated bungalow, will be the centre of world attention. Between 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. the Queen will pick up a Flying Doctor microphone and will talk informally to some household in the lonely outback. What she says and the reply she receives will be broadcast to every Australian home with a radio and relayed around the world.

Other N.S.W. centres to see the Queen and the Duke are Bathurst, Dubbo, Lithgow, Katoomba, Lismore, Casino, Wagga, Newcastle and Wollongong.



# PERSONAL GLIMPSES OF THE QUEEN

*No ruler's private life has been so widely recorded and discussed as Queen Elizabeth's. Here are some of the little-known facts about the Queen:*



**A Beautiful Young Queen.**

She is not interested in fashions and hates going to fashion parades. She likes wearing tweeds and low-heeled shoes.

Her little son, Charles, heir to the Throne, has to bow to her before he greets her every morning. After paying his respects he is mothered for an hour before being handed over to his nurse.

Her usual breakfast is porridge, with salt instead of sugar, followed by kippers, toast and black coffee.

She makes a point of reading to the children every night and listening to their prayers. She is a particularly conscientious mother and regrets that she cannot spend more time with Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

She has to sign her name to documents—an average of 50 times a day.

She gets up at 7 a.m. and has her early morning cup of tea. The tea has to be medium strength and thoroughly strained.

After her Coronation she started wearing ear-rings and is seldom seen without them now.

She must never kiss or cuddle her children in public or be seen in an affectionate embrace with her husband.

She is not as self-possessed as she appears. She is quick to sense the feeling of a crowd and becomes nervous if she is not cheered immediately she appears in public. The Buckingham Palace crowds who stand cheering night and day in rain and snow have given her the false impression that cheering means welcome, and silence, hostility.

She loves horse racing but is not keen on shooting and hunting. She plays poker with the Duke in the privacy of their own rooms.

She must never be seen or photographed wearing a bathing suit, shorts or slacks.

She must never be photographed eating and she must never be seen driving a car.

She is not allowed to ride in trams, trains or buses.

She keeps close to the Duke and takes his hand when she needs reassurance.

The Queen is trying to stick to her diet during the Royal tour, for she has a tendency to put on weight quickly if she eats too many fatty foods.

At home the Queen used to do daily exercises to keep fit, but there is no need for her to exercise during her strenuous tour.

She has her own racing stable which she hopes will produce winners of some of England's big events in 1954.

# THE QUEENS' HUSBAND

## A MAN'S MAN . . . .



Much of the traditional stiffness and frightening formality will be absent from the Royal tour of Australia—mainly through the personal intercession of the Duke of Edinburgh.

The democratic Duke is a sworn enemy of the stiff-necks who see chaos in the slightest breach of etiquette and make no secret of their contempt for those who may fumble in the presence of Royalty.

This Royal Duke, perhaps the first to have a real understanding of people in every strata of society, is proud to have the common touch. He delights in being the only member of the Royal Family who can, with the help of dark glasses, walk about London unrecognised, drop into a hotel (but not often) for a drink, or stroll into a club for a swim or a game of squash.

The Duke seems to have the necessary tact to compromise with Court tradition and, at the same time, maintain his individuality.

The Duke has an ordinary man's shyness of wearing the gorgeous uniforms which tradition demands the Royal Family should wear. Until just before the Coronation he wore nothing but civilian clothes or the naval officer's uniform that, unlike most Royal Dukes, he had earned the hard way.

The Duke's close friends say his mischievous sense of humour is his most endearing quality. It was in brilliant form at the Coronation, according to a press photographer who stood close to him when the crowned Queen was solemnly walking out of the Abbey, orb and sceptre in hand, Philip is reported to have grinned at his wife and whispered, "Where'd you get that hat!"

# ENTERTAINING THE QUEEN

## *Twelve Days in Sydney*

Youngest of the vice-Regal hostesses to entertain the Queen in Australia is Elizabeth Northcott, younger daughter of N.S.W. Governor Sir John Northcott. Because of her mother's ill-health, Miss Northcott has acted as official hostess at Government House, Sydney, for several years.

For months now she has been busy supervising Government House preparations for the Royal visitors who will arrive in Sydney on February 3. It is her job to see that the Queen and the Duke and their personal entourage are provided with every conceivable comfort during their twelve days' stay at Government House.

Suites to be used by the Royal couple have magnificent harbour views and are being simply and tastefully decorated by the Government Stores in conjunction with a well-known Sydney interior decorating firm.

The Queen will have her own private telephone direct to Buckingham Palace, so that she can speak to her family whenever she wants to.

Keeping in mind the Queen's heavy schedule, Miss Northcott's aim is to give her as much time as possible to relax and to serve her every need without intruding on her privacy.



**"Yarralumla", the Governor-General's Residence where the Queen will stay in Canberra.**

Miss Northcott says with pride that Government House gardens will supply all the flowers used while the Queen is in residence. She hopes to have a good show of dahlias, zinnias, sweet peas and roses by February.

During the Queen's stay, a twenty-hour guard will be kept on Government House and a number of detectives will be housed in the grounds. The Queen's private detective will have quarters not far from the Royal couple's rooms.

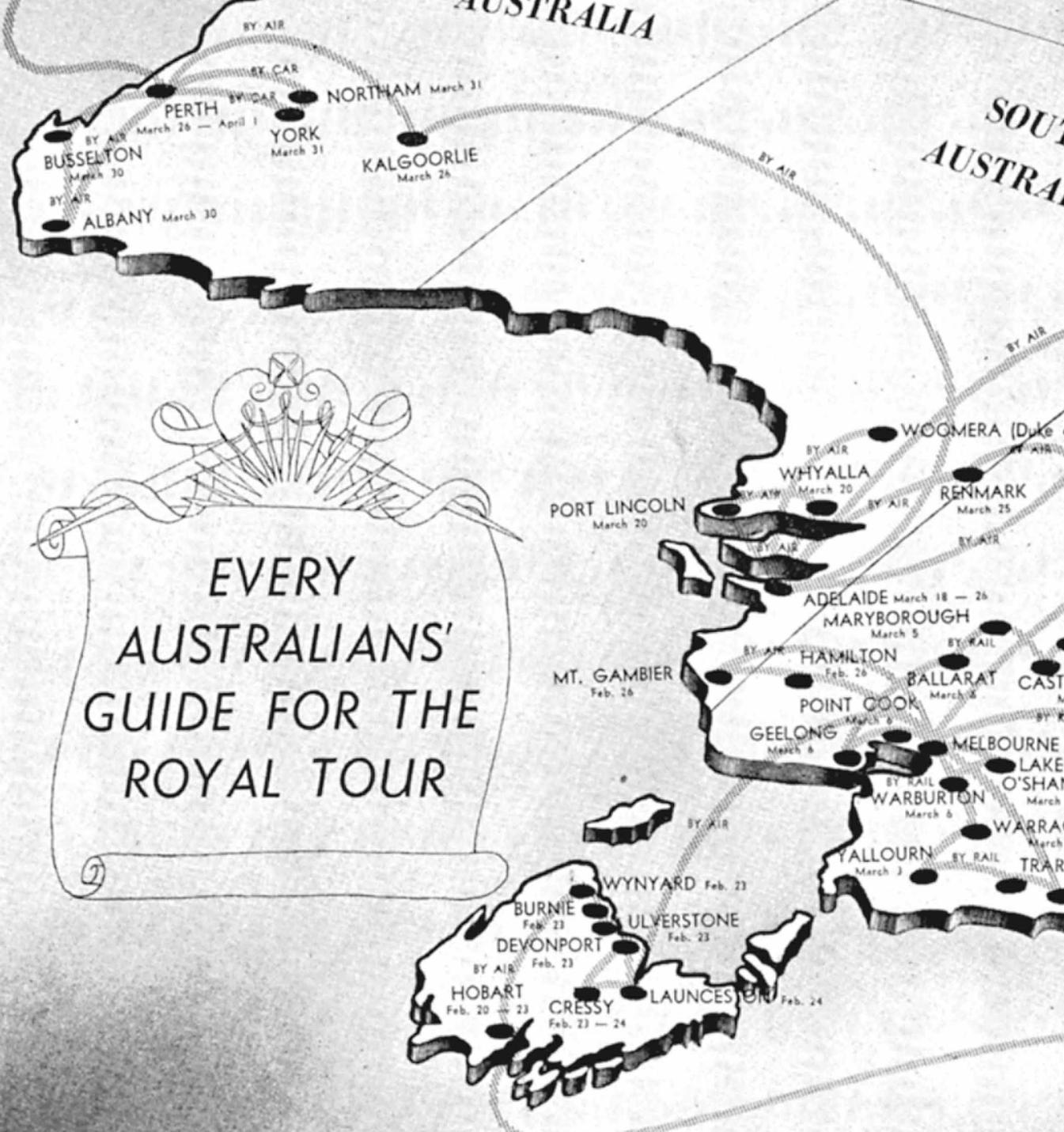
"I'd like to take the Queen and the Duke for a quiet, informal drive around the harbour front, but I'm afraid that will be impossible," says Miss Northcott.



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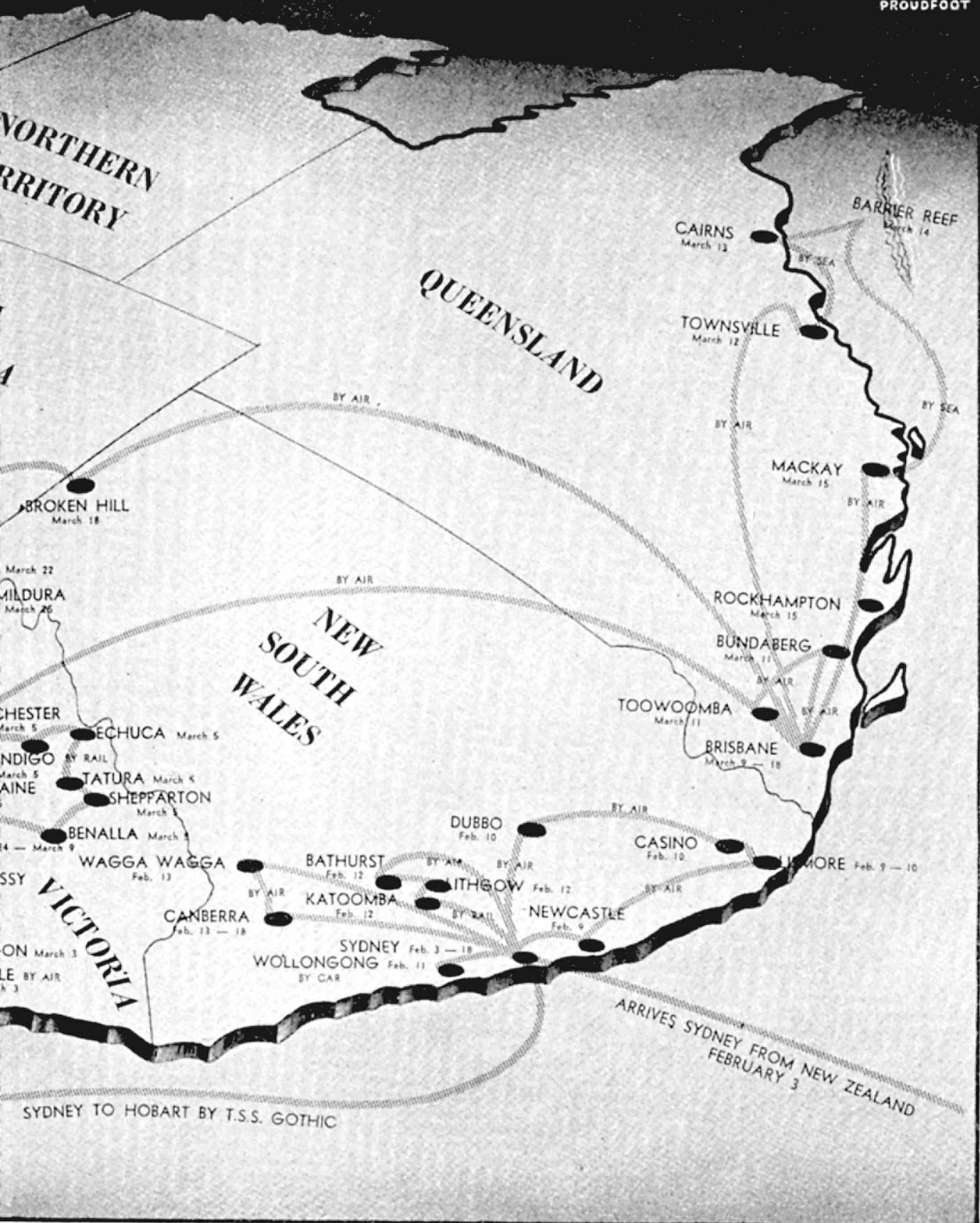
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# OUR ROVING

## CAMERAMAN



THE aboriginal people in this State are scattered over a wide area, so far apart that many of them may never meet, but the magic camera can bring to us intimate glimpses of these people and enable us to become better acquainted with each other.

If you have photos at home, similar to those you see published in *Dawn*, send them along and thus add to, and maintain, the interest in your fellow men and women.



Charlie Coe, of Condobolin, and his baby daughter, have a day out by the river.



Mrs. Isabel Cox, of Condobolin.



Jack and Elva Combo, of Collarenebri.



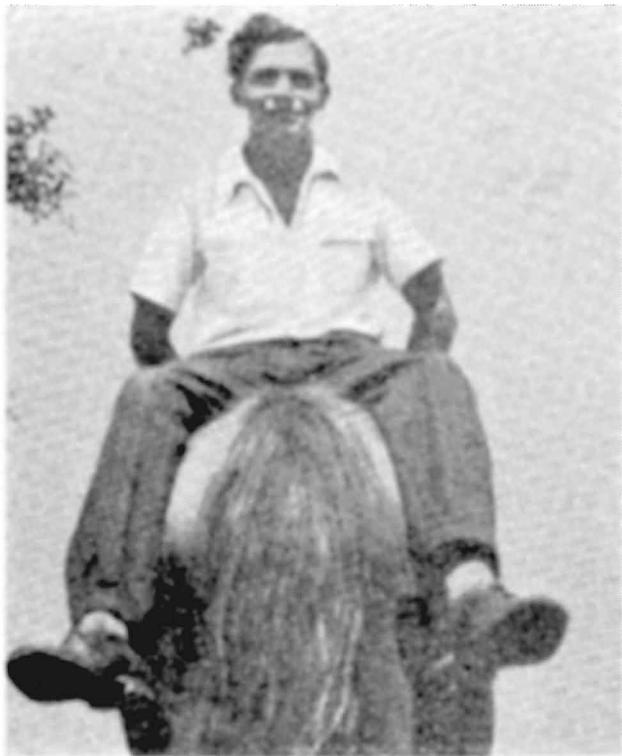
Ron Ridgeway (18), of Burnt Bridge, in his National Training Uniform.



These two fat lads once played in the Burnt Bridge 5 stone team.



Little Miss Annette Elizabeth Coe, of Condobolin.



**Charlie Coe, of Condoblin, found it just as easy to ride his horse this way.**



**Betty (4) and Graeme (2½) Sephton, children of Area Welfare Officer at Nowra.**



**None other than Ernest William Bowden, Jr., of Condobolin.**



**Four-months-old Robyn, another of the Sephton family.**



**Amos Greene (60), and James Briggs (70), taken at Baryulgul. James who comes from Nymboida is well known as a dingo shooter.**



**Sheila Cox, of Condobolin, was rather doubtful about the camera.**

# GLIMPSES OF THE QUEEN



## NEWS FROM BOGGABILLA

### *Gay Parties*

The Boggabilla childrens' Xmas Tree was a real success. The Tree was tastefully decorated and gave the entire set up a grandeur to be remembered by kiddies and grown-ups.

Each child received a beautiful present from Santa and another one from a "Lucky Dip." Fruit, Lollies, Soft Drinks, Ice Creams, Sandwiches and Cakes were distributed freely.

A great surprise awaited Matron Harrison when Santa found her a lovely present from the Tree. This was a beautiful Lemonade set, a donation from the ladies of the station. Matron was deeply moved by this kind gesture and, with tears in her eyes made a short speech thanking everyone. She was so very pleased to think her work was really appreciated.

The children of Boggabilla Station were very happy to be invited to a free cinema show at Goondiwindi. They certainly enjoyed the Comic Strips and the Westerns.

The Boggabilla Boxing Team has had yet another great success at Warialda. All the seven returned with beautiful trophies. They have made a name for themselves. With so many boxers on the station, the management had better watch its step! Congratulations, John Binge, Nev Binge, George Binge, Warren Jerrett, Mervyn Jerrett, Henry Murray and Billy Waites.

The Boggabilla Station has recently been overrun by grasshoppers, and the residents have been disheartened to find their vegetable and flower gardens ruined. However they have not given up hope. The gardens must continue, come what may. Unfortunately the excessive heat has also, to a very great degree, aggravated the destruction of the vegetables.

A very successful dance was held at Boggabilla on New Year's Eve, the Social Club gave its members one of the grandest shows ever. The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated, and balloons, buntings, etc., paved the way to enthusiastic merriment. Novelty dances etc. really and truly added much to the fun and frolic.

At exactly half a minute to midnight, "Old Father Time" (Harry Lang, 90) made his exit from the hall being lead out by the "New Year" (Little Jeanette Troutman). A few seconds later the "New Year" came crashing in again through a hoop covered in paper. The "New Year" was beautifully dressed in white taffeta, a silver tiara on her head and with a shining star-studded wand. On appearing she wished everyone A Happy New Year. All then joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne". There were over 300 persons present at the dance, which did not break up until 4.0 a.m.



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## WALLAGA LAKE

The Consul-General for Italy, Mr. F. Steafnelli, recently paid a visit to Wallaga Lake and took a keen interest in all he saw.

He was greatly impressed with their beautiful homes and the well-equipped school.

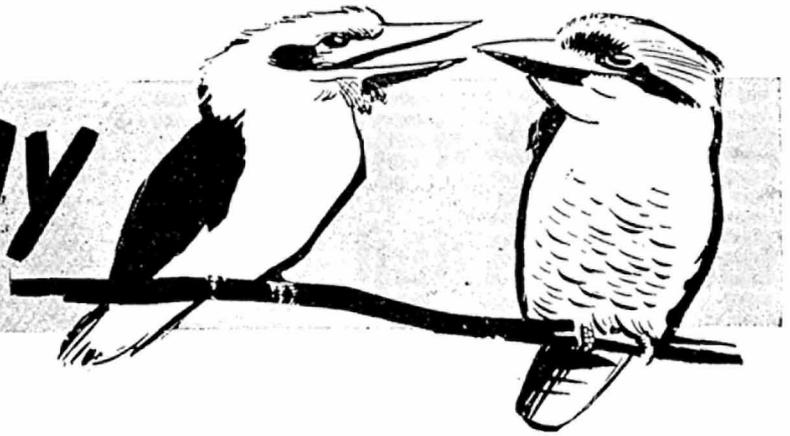
After his inspection he had a pleasant chat with some of the residents.

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Walter Hoskins, one of the oldest and much respected residents of Wallaga Lake, recently passed away in the Bega District Hospital.

Walter was a good Christian and a member of the Salvation Army.

# THEY SAY



The Stork has had a busy time at Brewarrina lately, leaving a son for Archie and Elvie Boney, another for Mr. and Mrs. Howell, and a third young fellow for Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan.

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Of those pupils enrolled at High Schools during the year one case warrants special mention. This relates to a boy who lived in the small Far West town of Tibooburra and attended the local public school. He was successful at the High School Entrance Examination and is now a student at the Broken Hill High School. The opportunity for this lad to proceed to a secondary course of education was made possible to a great extent, by the generosity of the Tibooburra Progress Association, which is meeting the cost of his board and lodging.

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Recently a team of boxers from Cowra Aboriginal Station took part in a boxing tournament against the Bathurst Citizens Police Boys' Club.

Seven boys were taken to Bathurst for the occasion and five were matched. They were :—

- Barry Fitzgerald, won T.K.O., 2nd round.
- Trevor Christian, won on points.
- Ron Merritt, lost on points.
- Victor Kennedy, won on points.
- Lindsey Christian, won T.K.O., 4th round.

All the boys boxed splendidly and received prolonged applause from the large crowd present.

Roy Carroll, the "Local Champ," and contender for the Riverina Middleweight Belt, gave an exhibition and so impressed the organizers that they now wish to find an opponent to fight him at Bathurst, as a main attraction.

One of the highlights of the outing was the fact that the "Erambic Team" were guests of the Proprietor of the "Royal Hotel", Bathurst, where they enjoyed a sumptuous repast.

It was pleasing to hear favourable comments regarding the gentlemanly conduct of the boys as well as their skill as boxers.

Mrs. Tessie Cubby, of Walgett, recently returned from Walgett hospital with a new daughter.

A serious accident happened to Tessie's son Clive, a five-year-old, some weeks back. A bigger boy was bowling a heavy tyre which tipped over on to Clive, breaking his leg in two places. After a spell in hospital Clive is home again.

He missed the parties, but Santa put a few presents aside for him.

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The weir at Walgett is now completed. It is just below the junction of the Barwon and Namoi Rivers, a distance of roughly five and a half miles up stream from the Walgett Aboriginal Station.

Owing to the present very dry weather, the Barwon is exceedingly low, where it flows through the Station property, and unless there is rain very soon it will probably cease to flow.

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The Far West Sister visited the Walgett Station during November and December, and found the babies all healthy and well cared for.



Clem and Costie Passon,  
of Wallaga Lake.

## ROTARIANS AID TO ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

### *£40 Donated to Christmas Party Appeal*

Last month the Wellington Rotary Club members once again gave generous assistance to the appeal for funds for a Christmas Party to be held at the Nanima Aboriginal School.

The generosity of Rotarians last year made it possible for the formation of the Nanima Aboriginal School Citizen's Aid Committee which has done such great work on the reserve.

During the year Rotarians contributed £40 to the Christmas Party appeal and the total amount collected was £69 15s., only £1 15s. short of the target of £71 10s. required to cater for all the children in the town and district.

The President of the Nanima Committee, Rev. H. Graham, attended a recent meeting of the Rotary Club at the invitation of the President, Mr. V. Dowling.

Mr. Graham told Rotarians that, although they were not aware of it, their generosity in contributing to the 1952 Christmas Party appeal, had been the main factor in the formation of the Committee.

Mr. Graham said that funds which had been in hand after the Party had been held, had presented a problem until it was decided to form a committee to try and help the children attending Nanima School.

Mr. Graham said, "Rotarians can justly claim a very big part in the formation of the Committee and in the subsequent aid to children."

He went on to outline briefly how the money had been spent and what advantages had resulted.

Mr. Dowling thanked Mr. Graham for his short address. He then commended the Christmas Party appeal to members. The splendid result was that, after the meeting, members donated £40 towards the appeal, ensuring its success.

Secretary of the Committee, Mr. John Moore, said on Tuesday that his committee had, this year, decided to cater for every child of aboriginal blood both on and off the reserve in the Wellington district.

"We originally anticipated that the number would be about 90. Our first surprise came when the teacher at the school, Mr. Eric Earley, supplied us with a list of names of 92 children on the reserve alone.

"We were subsequently informed by the Aborigines Welfare Board officer, Mr. P. Felton, that there were another 51 children outside the reserve.

"The result is we anticipate catering for 143 children—about 53 more than we originally expected," Mr. Moore added.

Mr. Moore said the cost of the Christmas Party had been estimated at 10s. for each child.



Richard Lang, Barry and Frank Norman, and Allan McKenzie, of Burnt Bridge, enjoying the School Holidays.

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## A LETTER FROM PERTH . . .

### *A New Paper Starts*

Writing to *Dawn*, the Secretary of the Coolbaroo League in Western Australia, said: "For the past twelve months, members and friends of the Coolbaroo League, Perth, have been very interested and found a great deal of pleasure reading news of our people in N.S.W. through *Dawn* which we think is a fine magazine.

Such a publication circulated throughout the various States of Australia, draws our people closer together, shows us the problems our people are having in other States, and what they are doing to overcome them.

It shows the ability, talents and greatness of the people of our Aboriginal race, to which we can be proud to belong.

For those of our people in N.S.W. and elsewhere, who may be interested in reading all-Aboriginal news of the west, the first publication of our Monthly paper "The Westralian Aboriginal," will be printed in November, and we would be only too pleased to send anyone a copy each month. If they desire a copy, please send their name and address, along with 6s. yearly subscription, to the Treasurer, "The Westralian Aboriginal," Coolbaroo League, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth, W.A.

I hope to receive a reply soon.

The Hon. Secretary,  
The Coolbaroo League,  
102 Beaufort Street,  
Perth, W.A.

# NOW YOU KNOW!



## NEW SOUTH WALES AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in New South Wales is dependent on public support to enable it to operate efficiently and it is recommended that all people residing in the State enrol as contributors in the Ambulance Contribution Scheme.

By paying an annual contribution which is equivalent to only a few pence a week, the exact amount can be ascertained from your nearest Ambulance Station, a man, his wife and dependent children up to sixteen years of age are entitled to free ambulance service within the particular ambulance district to whose scheme you belong, subject to the following provisions:—

In the case of accidents: A free service is given immediately on enrolling as a contributor.

In the case of sickness: Four months must elapse after enrolling as a contributor before a free service is allowed.

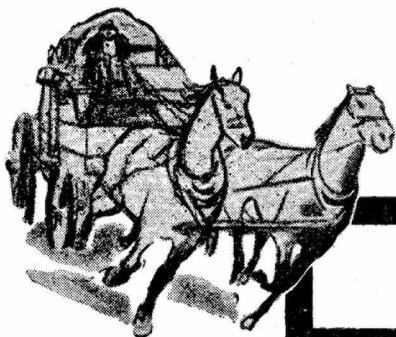
In the case of maternity: Ten months must elapse after enrolling as a contributor before a free service is allowed.

It is pointed out that the ambulance service is available twenty-four hours a day and in the case of accidents it is only necessary to telephone direct to the nearest ambulance station and an ambulance will be despatched to attend to the case.

In all cases of sickness, however, it is necessary to contact your doctor who will, if necessary, make arrangements with the ambulance to carry out the transport.

If a person who is not a contributor is transported, he or she is required to pay for the use of the ambulance on a mileage basis so that it is better to be a contributor and be assured of a free service when the use of the ambulance service is required.

Contact your nearest ambulance station immediately and enrol as a contributor and help the ambulance to provide the necessary service that you may one day require yourself.



## Along the Mail Route

Congratulations to Ernest Cook, of Cabbage Tree Island for the finest garden on the Station. Lush strawberries, passionfruit, beans, peas, cabbages, potatoes and wonderful onions made up a fine crop.

Incidentally, the onions averaged  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. each, the largest being a little over 3 lb.

Cabbage Tree Island residents are extremely grateful to well-known local sportsman Bob Anderson for his generous donation of a cricket bat and set of pads.

Bob is a member of the Wardell Cricket Club and the fellows are proud to have him coaching them.

We hear the girls are not left out of it for they're getting a softball bat and ball.

Bob Moran and Jean Marlowe, of Cabbage Tree Island are commended on their share-cropping with Mr. Flick. Jean has a fine crop of melons which she hopes to market soon.

The Stork has been very busy recently in the Boggabilla district and has paid visits to the following:—

Mrs. Linda Woodbridge—a girl, Susan, named after her grandmother, Mrs. Susie McGrady.

Mrs. Hannah Wightman, a girl. Both are doing well.

Eileen Knox, wife of Cyril Knox, a son.

Mrs. Norma Binge, wife of George Binge, a daughter, born on Coronation Day and, therefore the recipient of a lovely Coronation Souvenir.

Congratulations to Clairine Graham and Michael Moore, of Bellbrook, on their recent wedding. The couple will live on Bellbrook Station.

Last month baby girls were born to Mrs. Cetress Sharpley, to Mrs. Ivy Dotti and to Mrs. Smith, of Walgett Station.

Mr. Alex Vesper, of Stoney Gully, hopes to form a boys cricket club on Woodenbong Station this year. Alex has abandoned the idea of a farming enterprise at Stoney Gully.

Two aboriginal boys were guests at the recent Christmas party at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

The boys were Eric Dotti from La Perouse and Henry Bowlan from Kempsey.

Eric presented Sister Stock of the Hospital staff with a bouquet of flowers which had been grown at La Perouse.

The patients and the visitors were entertained by Father Christmas, the Police Band and some jolly clowns and everyone had a marvellous time.

Mrs. Walter Page, of Woodenbong, who has been an inmate of the Mater Hospital, is back on the Station again after a successful operation.

Mr. Frank Mitchell and his family of Woodenbong have just returned to the Station after spending the past few weeks picking potatoes across the Queensland border. They returned with plenty of money but intend going back to the "spuds" again after the holidays.

On their way to the work they lost "Boysey" Bundi, who apparently grew homesick and returned to the Station.

Mr. Tom Close, a wise old bird of Woodenbong, who remembers when the nulla nulla and tomahawk were used on wrongdoers will shortly be writing an article for *Dawn*. Old Tom is a most respected citizen of the district and all his family are a credit to him. Tom says he brought them up the "hard" way.

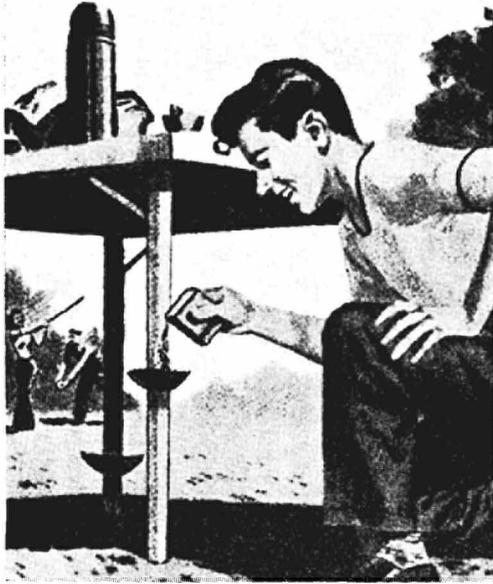
Mr. and Mrs. Ord, of Woodenbong, plan to carry out a New Year's resolution by leaving the Station and entering the general community. Cyril Ord has a permanent job with Standings Sawmill where he is one of their best sawyers.

He hopes to build himself a cottage on a block of freehold land in Woodenbong.

The Station residents will miss his hale and hearty wife whose laugh is often heard from one end of the Station to the other.

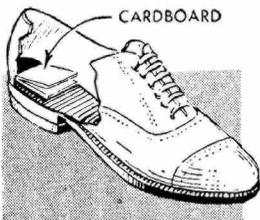
# HELP YOURSELF

## Rubber-Ball Halves on Table Legs Protect Picnic Lunch From Ants



Keeping ants away from the picnic lunch is always a problem, especially on outings during the hot summer months. One effective way to protect the food is to set it on top of a card table, the legs of which have been fitted with guards made from rubber-ball halves. Just cut two hollow rubber balls in half so that you have a dish-shaped section for each of the four table legs. Then cut out a square from the bottom of each rubber dish, making the cutout slightly smaller than the cross section of the leg. To install the guards, press the dishes over the table legs, and partially fill each dish with ant exterminator.

## Cardboard Relieves Sore Feet



When breaking in a new pair of shoes, my feet usually develop sore spots at the tops of the heels. Now, when this happens, I relieve the pain by inserting a folded piece of cardboard under the heel of my foot. This lifts the foot slightly, raising the sore spot above the point of contact.

## Poultry Wire Forms Tool Rack

Fastened to the studs of a garage wall, a piece of poultry wire provides a handy rack for hammers, wrenches and other hand tools. Even screwdrivers and chisels can be hung on the rack by threading their blades between the sections of the wire. The wire is held in place by thin wooden strips nailed to the edges of the studs so that the nails engage the wire mesh.

## Chimney Stopper

A piece of flywire placed over chimney tops will prevent blowflies and other insects coming down in the summer time.



## Portable Seat for Fisherman Utilizes Old Garden Hose

Several sections of discarded garden hose strung on a length of clothes line provide a portable seat which is just the thing when fishing from the bank of a river or lake. Such a seat is quickly made and, if there is a sufficient amount of old garden hose available, a number of them also will come in handy for picnics. They will be welcome in the early part of the day when the ground is still damp. To make the seats, cut the hose sections to size and drill two holes through each of them. Then, string the clothes line through the holes and knot the ends to form a handle for the seat.

## A FRAVE OLD MAN!

Australia's Oldest Citizen!



Charlie Dennison (109) and Nurse and Matron leaving Goondiwindi Hospital.

Undoubtedly one of Australia's most notable citizens is 109-year-old Charlie Dennison, of Boggabilla.

Last year the Editor of *Dawn* wrote a story concerning Charlie for *Pix* newspaper.

At the time Charlie was blind and bedridden. Among the many people who read the article was a doctor from Goondiwindi (just over the Queensland Border from Boggabilla). He was interested in Charlie's case and prevailed upon him to have an operation.

The result was that today this grand old man can walk and see again.

Now going on for 110, Charlie has been out of hospital for some time and says he feels like a "Two-year-old."

As a little token of goodwill and respect, Charlie and his fellow residents at Boggabilla recently organised a dance on the station and raised £22 for Goondiwindi Hospital.

The picture above shows Charlie leaving Goondiwindi Hospital after his operation, assisted by the matron and a nurse.

## CONDOBOLIN YOUNGSTERS SUCCEED

### *Annual School Sports*

Once again, the boys and girls of Condobolin Aborigines School have shown their athletic prowess, this time by carrying off the Condobolin district sports early last month.

Four schools took part in the annual carnival, including the Condobolin Intermediate High School.

Individual results in events were as follows:—

**Age Races.**—R. Carr (3rd in 6 yrs. race); E. Goolagong and P. Dargin (1st and 2nd in 7 yrs. race); P. Newman (3rd in 9 yrs. race); T. Newman (3rd in 11 yrs. race); B. Reid (3rd in 12 yrs. race); A. Woolfe and B. Woolfe (both 1st in 13 yrs. race); J. Goolagong (1st in 14 yrs. race).

**Championships.**—Girls: B. Reid and B. Woolfe (1st and 2nd, Intermediate Division).

Boys: K. Dargin (2nd, Juvenile Division); A. Woolfe (1st, Intermediate Division); J. Goolagong and B. Barlow (1st and 2nd, Senior Division).

**High Jump.**—Girls: B. Woolfe (1st, Intermediate).

Boys: T. Newman and J. Newman (1st and 2nd, Junior); A. Woolfe (1st, Intermediate); J. Goolagong and B. Barlow (1st and 2nd, Senior).

**Broad Jump.**—Boys: B. Barlow and J. Goolagong (1st and 2nd, Senior).

**Hop, Step and Jump.**—Boys: B. Barlow and J. Goolagong (1st and 2nd, Senior).

**Relay.**—Juvenile: Boys, 2nd; Girls, 1st.  
Junior: Boys, 2nd; Girls, 2nd.  
Intermediate: Boys, 3rd; Girls, 1st.  
Senior: Boys, 1st; Girls, 3rd.

**Tunnel Ball.**—Girls, 1st in Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

**Mile Race.**—B. Barlow (1st against all comers).

### **Thank You !**

The Superintendent (Mr. Saxby) and Mrs. Inspector English received many Cards of Greetings and expressions of Kind Thoughts at Christmas. There were so many that it would be impossible to reply to each one individually and they both now desire to extend their sincere thanks to each and every one of those who thought of them.

# HOME



# HINTS

## A Cheap Cleanser.

This cleaner is easily made and will be found useful for removing grease of all kinds.

The ingredients required are a cake of sandsoap, a packet of soap-powder, a tablespoonful of borax and a quart of boiling water.

Put a few scraps of old soap into a basin and dissolve by pouring a little boiling water on them. Then add the borax, soap-powder and sandsoap (which has been finely grated); pour the boiling water into the mixture, stirring all the time. Pour into tins while still hot. Old jam tins will do for this purpose.

## Pumpkin Scones.

Take one cup of mashed pumpkin, 2 cups of flour, 1 dessertspoonful of baking powder, 1 egg, 1 tablespoonful of butter and 2 tablespoonfuls of sugar. Beat the pumpkin, egg, butter and sugar together, then add the flour and baking powder well mixed. Mix all into a light dough, press out and cut into scones. Bake until a golden brown, about 20 minutes.

## Measures and Weights.

- 1 kitchen cupful of liquid equals  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint.
- 4 medium-size level cups of flour equals 1 lb.
- 2 large cupfuls of sugar equals 1 lb.
- 2 large cupfuls of butter (solid) equals 1 lb.
- 1 tablespoonful of flour equals  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.
- 1 tablespoonful butter equals 1 oz.
- 10 eggs equals 1 lb.
- 1 ordinary egg weighs  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 oz.
- 2 tablespoonfuls of liquid equal 1 oz.

## To Remove Stains.

Iron mould—salts of lemon, oxalic acid or citric acid solution.

Iodine—solution of hydrogen peroxide in water.

Ink—oxalic or citric acid solution.

Scorch—hydrogen peroxide.

Fruit, tea, coffee, or beer stains—use water, followed by hydrogen peroxide or warm borax solution. If article is made of coloured material and the dye not fast, use water, followed by methylated spirits or soap.



These three pretty young ladies from Burnt Bridge had plenty of smiles when they met Dawn's cameraman. They are Eileen Button, Mavis Lang and Mary Button.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Two Christmas parties for aboriginal children were held in the Nowra area recently.

At Nowra, 50 children were catered for by the Nowra Methodist Church on 19th December. Here the tables were beautifully laid with cakes, sweets, ice cream and lollies and the children needed no encouragement to make short work of the goodies. After singing carols and being entertained by Jim Little and his guitar (readers will recall that Jim Little was successful in appearing on Australia's Amateur Hour recently) they were visited by Father Christmas who had a present for each child. Thanks are in order to the Methodist Men's Fellowship and the Ladies' Guild who all did a splendid job.

At Yass, a Local Committee recently staged another party for about 50 children in the local park. No details are available at present, but we understand the party was a huge success.

# MURRIN BRIDGE WINS!

## Arthur Yates Garden Competition

Despite strong opposition from several other stations, Murrin Bridge Aboriginal School has been successful in winning this year's Aboriginal Schools Garden Competition and the Arthur Yates Shield.

Nanima, last year's winner, ran a very close second but had not quite the variety nor the quantity of flowers and vegetables exhibited by Murrin Bridge.

Climatic conditions have not been kind to any of the Stations, and those schools who produced anything at all really deserve a great deal of praise.

The Arthur Yates Shield is a very beautiful and valuable trophy, and it is hoped that next time every Aboriginal School will enter for it.

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At the time the photographs were taken the flower garden was a mass of colour and was truly a magnificent show with anemones, ranunculi, stocks, poppies, dianthus, sweet peas, carnations, phlox, schizanthus and other plants blooming in profusion, not to mention one particular bed of pansies which were said by all to outclass anything ever seen in that line.

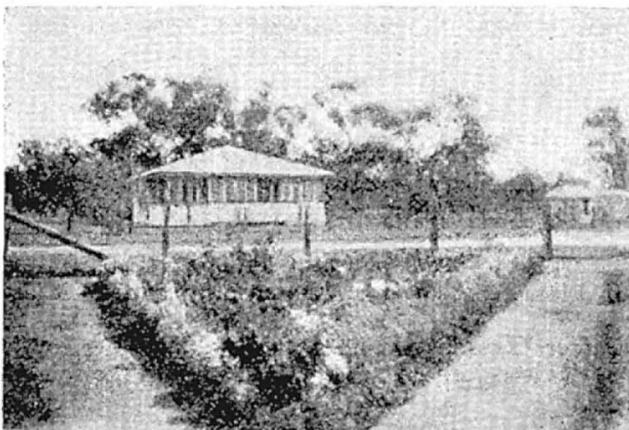
The vegetable garden was producing cabbages, lettuce, silver-beet, turnips, carrots, onions and the first sowing of tomatoes was just making sturdy growth.



These youngsters are justly proud of the giant cabbages they grew at Murrin Bridge.



Beautiful Stocks and Carnations present a lovely picture at Murrin Bridge.



A glorious show of Anemones and Ranunculus bordered by Schizanthus and Virginian Stock give a fine welcome to Murrin Bridge Scheme.



These Murrin Bridge lasses show some of the Sweet Peas that helped their school win the Arthur Yates Shield.

# ABORIGINAL STATIONS GENERALLY

On the twenty Stations maintained by the Board at the end of last year, two, at Cumeroogunga and Pilliga, have been closed and are now classified as Reserves. This action was taken owing to the fact that the number of residents had decreased to such an extent as to render resident management no longer necessary.

Aboriginal stations are located on areas of land reserved for the exclusive use of aborigines, where the population warrants resident managership. Married couples are in charge as Manager and Matron, and on two of the larger stations, Burnt Bridge and Murrin Bridge, there is also an Assistant Manager and Matron. Some matrons are trained nurses.

Stations provide amenities and services which are not available on other reserves, nor for that matter in many places within the general community. These include treatment room, recreation hall and Church. Attention is given for simple ailments and minor accidents and advice and assistance given in maternal and baby welfare.

Social life is encouraged and entertainments are organised from time to time, for which the residents are invited to accept a measure of responsibility and initiative.

Church halls are available for services by visiting clergy of the various denominations and by missionaries, of whom there are a large number interested in the spiritual welfare of the people.

Where it is not possible to arrange for attendance of the children at a public school—usually because of distance—a school is located on the station, with teachers of the Education Department in charge.

On many stations, the Board has been able to make good progress with its rebuilding programme during the past five years. Modern cottages have been erected and general improvement in the lay-out of stations effected. Beautification schemes are encouraged.

Appendix "B" of this report indicates the population of the various stations at 30th June, 1953, and the total of the whole, which was 2,946. This represents an increase of 679 when compared with the figures for 1951-52.

Births, deaths, and marriages on stations during the year were as set out in the following table:—

	1951-1952.		1952-1953.	
Births	...	...	125	127
Deaths	...	...	40	38
Marriages	...	...	33	18

The following is a summary of the population figures in respect of stations:—

	1951-1952.		1952-1953.	
Over 200 residents	...	5	5	
100 to 200 residents	...	10	10	
Under 100 residents	...	5	3	

On a number of stations, dairy herds are maintained and some cultivation for winter feed undertaken. This provides a valuable supply of fresh milk, especially for the children.

The Board appreciates the advice which has been readily forthcoming from officers of the Department of Agriculture in problems connected with these activities.

The undertaking of large-scale farming operations is not regarded as a function of the Board. However, community vegetable gardens are in existence on some stations and it is hoped to encourage this on others. Many residents maintain their own backyard vegetable plots.

The provision of a mid-morning meal to all children under school leaving age on stations, has been continued with beneficial results. This is not intended to be a substitute for, but rather an augmentation of, their usual diet by the provision of scientifically selected and prepared foods.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

### Woodenbong.

The Christmas Breaking Up Party at Woodenbong was held in the Recreation Hall, and due to the unsparing efforts of Mrs. Ellen Green and Mrs. Ralph Close, it was a great success.

Mr. Bruce Breckenridge and his party of enthusiastic volunteers set about enlarging the hall and finished the job just in time for the kiddies to welcome Santa Claus.

This year the Parents and Citizens Association imposed a levy of 5s. each on all those who wished to attend but had not contributed some effort. In past years, unfortunately, too many have taken all they could get without helping in any way.

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### La Prouse.

Members of the Australian Association for the United Nations Auxiliary recently gave the children of La Prouse a great Christmas Party on the Reserve.

There were loads of sweets, food, fruit, ice cream, soft drinks, etc., and the children did justice to it all.

Father Christmas came and distributed the toys to the boys and girls and then joined in with the fun with them.

Mr. Hacker of Hacker's Silver Plate Mfg. Co., Sydney, was in charge of the party, and he and his fellow workers did a fine job.

## ABORIGINAL LIFE AND CONDITIONS

### Vital Statistics :

No general census has been conducted by the Commonwealth authorities since 1947. The figures then concerning the aboriginal population of New South Wales were as follows :—

Caste.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Full-blood ... ..	546	407	953
Mixed-blood ... ..	5,498	5,109	10,607
	<u>6,044</u>	<u>5,516</u>	<u>11,560</u>

It is safe to say that since this date the number of full-bloods has decreased and the number of mixed-bloods has increased.

Of the total number in New South Wales at present, 2,946 are resident on aboriginal stations under full time managership, and 2,155 on reserves, either unsupervised or partly supervised. Of the remainder, many are living in unsatisfactory conditions in unofficial camps in different parts of the State. These congregations have caused the Board considerable anxiety, and Welfare Officers have concentrated their efforts among them. It does not seem that any substantial alleviation of conditions can be anticipated until adequate funds are available.

Many more are living quite independently of the Board, and the measure of assimilation attained by these is pleasing to note.



Lovely sisters from Burnt Bridge,  
Elvie and Marie Lang.

## COOTAMUNDRA GIRLS' HOME

This Home is a compact block of buildings, which was originally the old Cootamundra Hospital. The area of land adjoining is not sufficient for any large scale development, but a small dairy herd, vegetable garden and orchard are maintained together with some poultry, which supply the Home with fresh milk, vegetables, fruit and eggs, to some extent.

The number of inmates increased during the year from 34 at the beginning to 51 at the close. Ages range from 5 to 16 years.

All girls of school age attend the Public Schools in Cootamundra, 28 being enrolled at the Primary School and 13 at High School. One girl obtained her Intermediate Certificate at the end of 1952, and others gained creditable places in school and on the sports field. Transport by free bus is provided. The girls are well received by other pupils at the school.

The Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare was present at the High School Speech Day, and the District Inspector of Schools and Headmaster spoke highly of the conduct and general deportment of girls from the Home.

The general health of the girls throughout the year was good. There was a mild outbreak of chickenpox and six children were affected. One was operated upon for appendicitis and there were a few minor ailments.

The girls take part in various forms of recreation and travel with their teams to adjacent towns for hockey, vigoro, basketball, etc. Games and reading are organised within the Home. A free pass at any time is granted by the Manager of the local cinema.

Special entertainment was provided at Christmas time and gifts were donated by the Firemen's Association. The Country Women's Association Younger Set kindly assisted at this function and provided games and supper.

A special feature is made of each girl's birthday, which is suitably celebrated on each occasion.

Prayers and Bible reading are held daily and the children attend Church and Sunday School in the town each Sunday. A business man kindly provides an offering for each girl attending Church.

Some improvements and repairs to buildings were effected during the year. New showers and basins were installed, a kitchen cupboard provided and the front verandah louvered. Guttering was replaced and the shower room, kitchen and one dormitory painted.

The staff at the Home suffered some fluctuations during the year, but despite difficulties, has displayed keenness and a kindly interest in the girls. The tone of the Home is excellent and the atmosphere very homely.

The Matron maintains a personal interest and contact with many girls in the district placed in employment from the Home. These girls are always welcome as visitors and avail themselves frequently of this privilege, especially at Christmas time.

# Pete's Page



I know all of you are just as excited, and just as anxious to see her as I am and I hope my young friends will all write to me and tell me just how, when and where they saw her.

This month I have included a colour-in picture for you, and there are several nice prizes to be won.

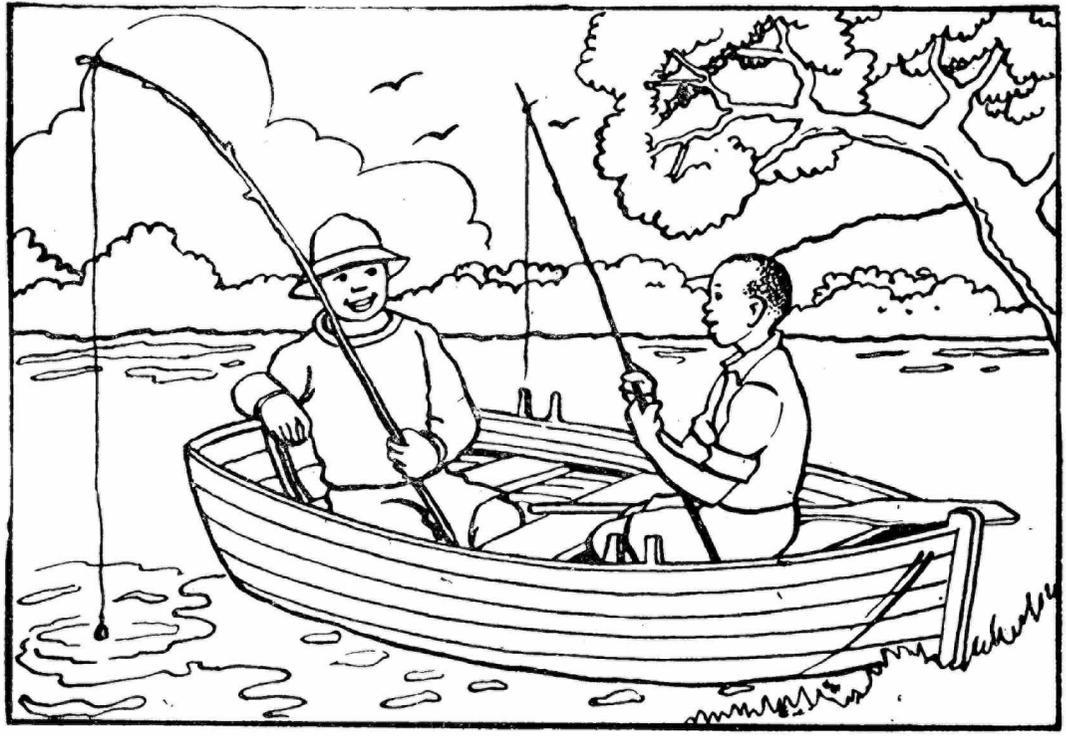
Now just a little reminder, I still want lots and lots of drawings and paintings from you all but I want your drawings to be originals, not copies of other pictures.

Hello Kids!

Next month our Queen will arrive in Australia—the very first time a reigning Monarch has ever visited our shores.

And so until next month all the best to you all from your Pal,

PETE.



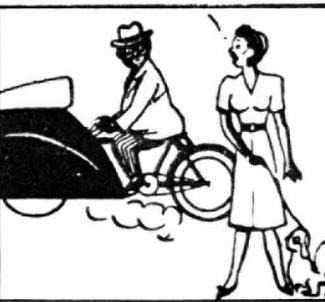
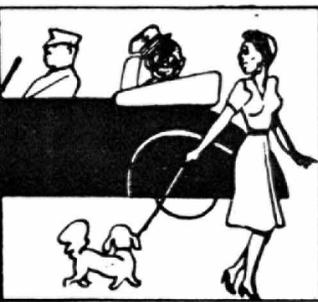
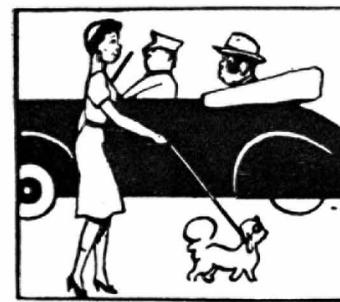
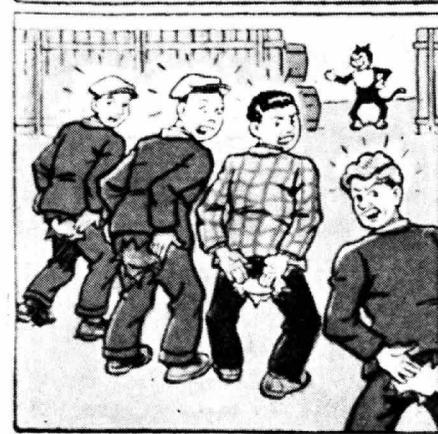
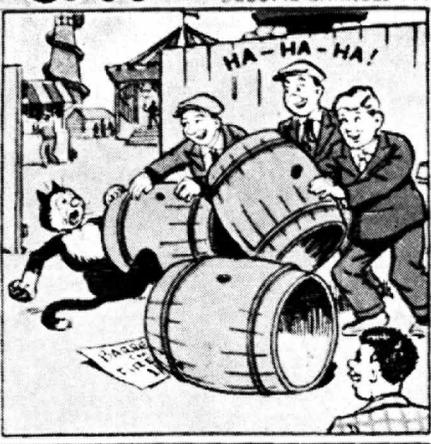
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# KORKY THE CAT

WHEN KORKY CAT SET OUT TO TEACH  
FOUR BULLIES NOT TO PLAY THEIR TRICKS,  
HIS BARRELS FOR FIREWOOD, ONE BOB EACH,  
BECOME BARRELS FOR WEARING - TWO AND SIX!





# IN THE GARDEN

Most people very quickly grasp the essentials of making things grow, and few folk, once they take up gardening, fail to gain some understanding of the needs of plants. Nearly all of us have a desire to create out of the soil that which is useful or beautiful, and worthy of our effort.

No other hobby provides such satisfying recreation, such amazing results for the amount of work done, as gardening. One well-known sweet pea plant may provide two or three dozen blooms, or a bean plant will yield up to 1½ lb. of fresh, green pods. This abundance springs from one tiny seed, occupying a very small space of ground. Multiply this by even ten times, and it is easy to see that for very little space and labour the results are tremendous.

Much of what is written about gardening concerns, primarily, the commercial grower, or keen exhibitor. With them their very livelihood depends on ultimate success, and they must be very exact in their requirements. Home gardeners, however, who want "a good show of flowers," or a regular supply of vegetables, can have them without having to delve too deeply into the more scientific side of Horticulture and Agriculture. This does not mean, of course, that we can ignore the commonsense principles of gardening, neither should we think that it is only a matter of sowing the seeds or planting seedlings. That is only the start, but as long as proven methods are adhered to fairly closely, excellent results should be obtained.

Some newcomers to gardening are soon discouraged because they attempt too much. Our example of the sweet pea and bean plants will serve here. These same plants, if poorly grown, may yield only a fraction of what they are capable. It is obvious then that with poor cultivation a much greater number of plants would have to be looked after and a larger area prepared to obtain a required quantity of flowers or vegetables; it is far better to grow a few plants well, rather than a large number poorly cared for. For example, if there is only a limited amount of manure at your disposal it would be better to use this generously in a small area rather than spread it thinly over a wide space which, in the long run, might yield a smaller harvest. Start with a small area and, with it, master the first principles of gardening.

February is the time to grow the following :—

## FLOWERS

Anemone, Snapdragons, Marigolds, Calliopsis, Carnations, Canterbury Bells, Chrysanthemum (Annual), Cineraria, Dianthus, Freesia, Gladioli, Linaria, Lupin, Marigold, Pansy, Petunia, Phlox, Ranunculus, Stock, Sweet Pea, Verbena.

## VEGETABLES

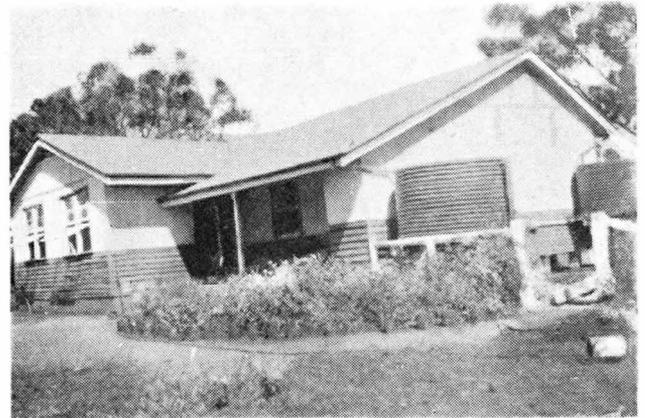
Dwarf Bean, Beet, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Lettuce, Parsley, Parsnip, Peas, Radish, Rhubarb, Swede, Turnips, Potatoes.

## LAWN CARE

Like us, lawns need a tonic now and then, particularly if they are looking "off colour."

A solution of Sulphate of Ammonia (1 oz.) and water (1 gallon) will help to restore that fresh green appearance.

The solution should be applied evenly, otherwise excessive overlapping will produce a patchy effect.



A colourful display of sweetpeas, phlox and petunias at Murrin Bridge School.