

# VISITS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT



## MY DEAR ABORIGINAL FRIENDS.

During the past few weeks I have been able to visit a number of centres and renew acquaintance with many old friends.

I paid a special visit to Moree, where the Council has appointed a Committee to consider the question of the use of the Municipal Baths and other buildings by Aborigines. Although this Committee has yet to meet, I was able to see quite a number of people who have interested themselves in the problem. When a date has been fixed for a meeting of the Committee, I intend to visit Moree again, and am hopeful that a satisfactory solution will be found.

In the meantime our people can do much to help by demonstrating by their conduct and manner of living, that they are deserving of the granting of these facilities to them.

At Tabulam I was privileged to attend a memorial service in honour of an old full blood identity, affectionally known as "Mumby". All who knew him, will regret the passing of this lovely old man.

Woodenbong Station is a hive of industry these days. A new water supply has been installed, and a fine new store, workshop and garage erected. The Manager anticipates commencing carpentry and woodwork classes shortly. This should be a great help to the people, who have already made good progress in house repairs and improvements. Much more is expected to be accomplished in the coming months. A nice stage and supper room has been fitted in the Recreation Hall, and a beautification scheme commenced. Painting of the houses, both external and internal is about to be commenced.

Congratulations to all who are assisting in the good work at Woodenbong.

Work is plentiful for the men at Cabbage Tree Island at present and it is hoped that this will continue through the cane season.

At Coffs Harbour, eight new homes have been completed, and as soon as the water supply has been con-

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A letter from the Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare, Mr. M. H. SAXBY

nected will be available for selected families. I trust that this will be the fore-runner of better things for our people in this centre.

I was particularly pleased to see the neat and tidy cottages at Nambucca Heads. Despite the winter season, the school and many home gardens were a riot of colour, and reflected great credit on those who tend them.

Most residents at Nambucca are making an effort to meet their obligations, and in this respect are setting a good example, which others are urged to follow.

At Burnt Bridge, steady progress is being made with house repairs, and at Taree, the painting programme has been commenced. The variety of colours selected will form a pleasing picture when this work is complete.

It is encouraging for me to see on these country trips, the effort that is being made in many quarters, by the people themselves, to improve their living conditions, and to organize their social life. Pride in achievement, and a job well done, is a great incentive to do better.

Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

M. H. SAXBY,  
Superintendent.



Peter Boney, of Nambucca, and his friend Frank Irvine, of Guyra.