

# from the Board



## SAVINGS BY ABORIGINES

The Board wants to encourage all aborigines to save money from their earnings and use these savings wisely to establish themselves as independent units in the general community. Encouragement is also being given to join Ambulance and Hospital Contribution Funds, and Medical Benefits Funds.

At Woodenbong, five of the Station residents operate their own bank accounts, and about twenty children have accounts at the school bank, some with as much as £13 deposited.

In the past, some of the residents have helped the Ambulance, and after a recent conference with the local Ambulance Organizer, it has been decided to have another drive. Judging from the past performance, there should be good results.

This is a good record: Let *Dawn* hear from other Stations. What have *you* done?

## RENT ARREARS

The Board has been concerned for some considerable time at the neglect of its tenants on Aboriginal Stations to pay rent. At one particular Station, a glaring case came under notice where the tenant was well able to pay, his earnings running into four figures.

The Board has decided not to stand any further nonsense and a letter will be addressed to him calling upon him to pay his arrears, which are considerable, within a period of one month, and if he does not do so, court proceedings are to be instituted.

The rent position in the towns is ever so much better. There, the people appreciate what the Board has done, and realise that their first obligation to the community is to show that they are able to accept similar responsibilities. Further, in the town houses, people pay a much higher rent; in fact, on the Stations the rent can be said to be only a token.

Why does this state of affairs exist? Is there a spokesman at Caroon, Taree, Moree, or any other of those Stations where the people refuse to pay rent, who can give a valid reason why they should not accept this responsibility?

## MORE EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

### Many Accept Responsibility

The large number of exemptions granted by the Board at the September meeting indicates beyond any doubt how more and more aborigines are becoming anxious to accept the responsibility of everyday life and take their places in the community. Here are the latest exemptions . . .

Name.	Address.
Baker, Joyce	Box Ridge Aborigines' Reserve, Coraki.
Bond, Joseph William	"Daisy Bank," Bega.
Boney, Alfred Ernest	Ingelba.
Briggs, Aubrey	East Armidale.
Caldwell, Colin	Railway Camp, Single Street, Werris Creek.
Carberry, Charles Keith	Aborigines' Encampment, Coff's Harbour.
Dodd, Rangi Alfred	Keelendi Station, Pilliga.
French, Thomas	Bingara Road, Moree.
Kennedy, Roy Lawrence	Department of Main Roads, Barracks, Ivanhoe.
Longbottom, Trevor James	Roseby Park Aboriginal Station, Orient Point.
Merritt, William Alfred	Bridge Reserve, Narromine.
Moodie, Oscar Keith	49 Little Conadilly Street, Gunnedah.
Roberts, Joseph Martin	Golf Avenue, Taree.
Silk, Leslie	7 Belgravia Street, Moree.
Simon, John George	McIntosh Street, Forster.
Swan, Onlan	Bingara Road, Moree.
Tighe, Arthur Frederick	Summervale, Walcha.
Vincent, Frederick Walter	C/o. Post Office, Eurabalong.