

Roseby Park

This is one of the oldest Stations, and the population is only 103. The past year has been one of steady employment. Several families have made application to be included in Housing Commission ballots, and if selected, may leave the Station during the year.

Paint has been supplied by the Board, and residents have painted their homes. Other repairs have been effected.

The Education Department has completed the moving and renovation of the school building, and much improved conditions now exist.

Towards the end of the year, a start was made by the Progress Association to build a Public Hall, and on completion, it will be available to residents for social activities.

The Board hopes that as funds are available for the erection of houses in Nowra, a number of families will become absorbed into the general community and that in the not distant future, it will be possible to close this Station.

Cabbage Tree Island

There has been little change in the Island's population, which now numbers 143.

Able-bodied men are dependent, for the most part, on seasonal occupations in the district.

A new office was constructed, and painting of dwellings commenced. This work was carried out by residents, material being supplied by the Board.

A new motor launch was recently delivered to the Island to replace the one carried away by floods last year.

School is held on the Island and 44 children are in attendance, while eleven pupils attend the Ballina High School.

Residents have co-operated well with the Management, and a healthy community spirit exists.

Moree

The population of this Station has remained static during the past year. One family left to live in accommodation provided by the New South Wales Railway Department.

Most of the residents have painted the interiors of their houses and fences have been maintained and repaired.

Interest in outside social activities is non-existent owing to the attitude of townspeople towards the aborigines. There is a definite, and indeed, a heart-breaking "colour line" attitude on the part of the white community in Moree, with the result that the average aborigine gets no encouragement to seek or strive for assimilation.

Funds have been raised by the residents for the Ambulance, and also painting McMaster Ward at the District Hospital. Dances have been held in the Recreation Hall in aid of the Football Club, Parents and Citizens' Association. The Ambulance received £24, and the Hospital £27. Recently a wedding reception was held in the Recreation Hall.

Fourteen homes have agreed to pay for the connecting of electricity to the houses when available, in the near future.

MORE EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

Every day more and more Aboriginal people are indicating their willingness to accept the responsibilities of normal life, and are seeking exemption from the care of the Board.

The following names are those of our people who have recently been granted exemption—

Baird, Mavis Jean	50 Little Conadilly Street, Gunnedah.
Bloxsome, Hazel Thelma	Deering Street, Ulladulla.
Carney, Arnold Horace	Aborigines Reserve, Gulargambone.
Craig, Lewis	Aborigines Reserve, Coffs Harbour.
Crawford, Harold William	Walcha.
Davidson, Percival James	Croudace Street, Walcha.
Jarrett, Walter Thomas	Aborigines Reserve, Nambucca Heads.
Lake, Ronald Elvic	Guisley Station, Walgett.
Marshall, Stanley	Aborigines Reserve, Nambucca Heads.
Thomas, Roy	Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station, Tilba Tilba.
Williams, Jessie Sheila	Aborigines Reserve, Nambucca Heads.