

FROM HERE AND THERE

WILCANNIA

Doug. Young has returned to Wilcannia, after 18 months in Broken Hill and Adelaide Hospital.

Doug. had the misfortune to have had a nasty fall from a horse, on Wattle Vale Station, where he was employed as a colt breaker. His hips were badly smashed and it was necessary to graft a bone into his leg as his bones were so badly crushed. Doug. is only "on trial" with his leg and will be returning to Adelaide for a check up next month. He is making good progress so far and can take weight on his bad leg without supports.

Doug. I might mention, is one of our Aboriginal composers. He composed those tunes which are so very popular in the far west, "Cut a Rug" and "I got no time". These numbers were put over at all of the Wilcannia Aborigines Hillbilly shows, by another popular artist, Fred (CODY) Murray.

Doug. has composed some more numbers that will no doubt become popular when they are introduced to the public at the next concert which will be held at Wilcannia, in aid of the local Fire Brigade, next month.

Doug. will be introduced to the public for the first time, and will present his new numbers himself.

Good luck to you Doug. and a speedy recovery.

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Arthur Kirby, of Ivanhoe, passed away on the 3rd May, 1958, in the Adelaide Hospital, where he has been a patient for several months. Arthur Kirby leaves a young wife and five children. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

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The football season is with us again, and quite a number of the boys from the Wilcannia Settlement are playing with the Wilcannia club. These boys are expected to give a pretty good account of themselves this season. Barney Hampton, who played with Gloucester first grade last year, is back to play with Wilcannia again, and two of his brothers, Bob and Bruce are also playing with Wilcannia. Len Briar is yet another good footballer playing with Wilcannia first grade. Percy Hunter, Ray Hunter, and Bill Webster are running with Wilcannia second grade. There are several other promising young footballers about, but they will not set their mind on training, and without condition one cannot expect them to go far in the football game. However, we would like to see the All Blacks form up again and if they do, the local boys will take a lot of stacking as they have plenty of speed and they are very tough to handle.

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Arrangements are now under way for another Hillbilly Concert, at Wilcannia, to raise funds for the local Fire Brigade, which is badly in need of fire fighting equipment.

A television unit, will be visiting Wilcannia in about a fortnight's time to take a few shots for the picture, "The Flying Doctor". Some of the Wilcannia Aborigines will be appearing in the picture, a wonderful tribute to the people of this settlement and to the town itself. We are hoping that some of our boys and girls will be chosen for other scenes as well. The supervisor of the Settlement has been interviewed regarding the choosing of suitable Aborigines to appear on the screen, and he is quite confident that he can find the right type of person in Wilcannia to suit.

"SUNBEAMS" FIRST WIN IN COMPETITIVE MARCHING AT BALLINA

BURNT BRIDGE

In recent years, the sport of Marching Girls, introduced from New Zealand, has captivated public interest by its spectacular display of intricate precision marching.

Associations formed throughout Australia periodically hold competitions and extend invitations to all its members to compete. Instructor Mr. C. Evans. President Mrs. V. Lang, Chaperones Mrs. A. Campbell. Mrs. E. Davis, and Welfare Officer Mrs. P. Campbell, have to be congratulated for their joint effort in placing the "SUNBEAMS" in open competition.

Burnt Bridge "SUNBEAMS", the first Aboriginal Marching Girls Team won a third place in Own Choice Display against teams from Newcastle, Kempsey, Grafton, Lismore, Ballina, Brisbane and Toowoomba. Silver medals were awarded to each member of the team, and a special cup was presented by the Patrons of Ballina Association, Messrs. J. S. Easter, C. Schneiderand and A. J. Barlow.

President Mrs. V. Lang, Mrs. A. Campbell and Mrs. P. Campbell, accompanied the team by rail to Lismore. The team, apart from competitive marching, had an enjoyable weekend at Ballina. They were hospitably received, transported and billeted at Ballina Hall, together with other visiting teams. Their excellent behaviour won public acclaim and was a credit to them and their chaperones.

Burnt Bridge Marching Girls Association and the "SUNBEAMS" extend their thanks to the Ballina National Fitness Girls Marching Association for providing free transport to and from Lismore to Ballina; and the Ballina R.S.L. Club for meals supplied during their stay.