

A message

from the Board



APEX DISPLAY

A continuous stream of people attended the Apex sponsored U.N.E.S.C.O. Display of Aboriginal Culture, held at the Ballina Masonic Hall recently. Great interest in all the articles and photographs was shown by all who attended, from school children to a large number of elderly people. One night a short talk was given by the Manager of the Aboriginal Station at Cabbage Tree Island, Mr. Butcher.

After tracing the origin and descent of these first Australians, Mr. Butcher appealed to all citizens to help the rising generation of aborigines, many of whom possess a percentage of white blood, to become assimilated into Australian life now that we have made it almost impossible for them to live according to the age-old habits of their forbears.

"It is hard to do much for the older generation," said Mr. Butcher, "except to look after their welfare, but the youngsters, given the same advantages as white children, are little, if any, different, and can be assimilated into our community.

"Grafton," he added, "has coped with this problem in a way we could well follow, and with benefit to all."

Mr. Butcher appealed to every citizen to keep drink away from the "few no-hopers" who, given the opportunity, drank all they earned and gave the many decent self-respecting aborigines a bad name.

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All dressed up and somewhere to go.
Vera Carter and Colleen Moore, of Bega.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The following new appointments have been made to the Board's staff:—

Murrin Bridge—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. James—Appointed as Assistant Manager and Matron.

Bellbrook—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bate—Appointed Supervisor and Matron, Aboriginal Station, Bellbrook, vice Mr. and Mrs. Moroney.

Condobolin—Mr. R. W. Rogers—Appointed Supervisor, Aborigines Reserve, Condobolin, vice Mr. C. H. Wheeler.

Nambucca Heads—Mr. B. Ellem—Appointed Supervisor, Aborigines Reserve, Nambucca Heads, vice Mr. E. Arthur-Mason.

Nanima—Mr. J. B. Cahill—Appointed Supervisor, Aborigines Reserve, Nanima, vice Mr. L. O. Forman. His address is Box 79, Post Office, Wellington.

Ulgundahi Island—Mr. J. H. McFadden—Appointed Supervisor, Ulgundahi Island, Maclean, vice Mr. A. E. Cameron.

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CHILDREN SUFFER

Despite everything the Board and its many helpers are doing to encourage parents to give their children the advantages of a better education, so they may have some chance of making their way in the world, there are still many selfish, ignorant parents who give little or no thought to their children's future.

It is often found on stations and reserves that if it is possible for both mother and father to get a job, they take the children with them.

As they are away for only weeks at a time from the Station, they do not bother to send the children to school where they are working, but very often have the children working with them.

It is hoped that one day soon those people employing child labour in this manner will be brought before the Court and this would soon bring a stop to this practice.