

# FROM NEAR AND FAR

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## ABORIGINES BALL AT BOWRAVILLE

The aborigines ball, to aid the Bowraville Hospital Auxiliary, was held at Bowraville one Friday night recently, with visitors from Bellbrook, Kempsey, Coff's Harbour, Urunga and Nambucca Heads present.

Miss Mavis Jackie of Greenhills, Kempsey, was the winner of the Belle of the Ball competition, receiving a prize donated by Mrs. E. Marshman.

Mavis looked charming in a striking pink nylon ballerina, printed with large red flowers.

Miss Valrie Hoskin, of Kempsey, and Hilton Donovan, of Warrell Creek, were awarded the prize for the best dressed couple. The prize was donated by Mr. Wal Monk.

Valrie wore a lemon ballerina frock of net over taffeta, with which she coupled a lemon stole.

Shirley Vale, of Bellbrook, was the Belle of the Ballerina, wearing white net over taffeta, with sequins on hemline, and a sequined stole to match.

Her prize was donated by Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Crabb.

Judges were Mrs. E. Marshman, Mrs. G. P. Guyer, Mrs. W. E. Monk and Mrs. A. S. Ingram.

Mrs. Marshman had decorated the stage with flowers from her own and Sister Coulton's gardens.

John Wood's Orchestra provided the music.

The supper, of cakes and sandwiches, was provided by the ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary.

A set of dessert dishes was won by Mr. Sam Dotti, of Coff's Harbour.

A cake donated by Mrs. Monk and decorated by Mrs. Cooper, was won by Miss Tessie Gillon.

Amongst those at the ball were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Boney of Urunga, with their two nieces, Misses June and Pam Avery.

Tony, Pat and Tom Flanders, with their sister, Miss Teresa Flanders, came from Coff's Harbour.

Mrs. Ellen Davis organised the bus which travelled from Kempsey.

Organising the dance were Mesdames Y. Donovan, Pat Donovan, Fred Buchanan and Mr. Ivan Ballangarry, all of Bowraville.

## CONCERT WINDS UP ABORIGINAL SHOW

A fine all-coloured concert brought the successful 1958 Kempsey Aboriginal Baby Show to a climax when nearly 350 people crammed every vantage point of the main pavilion at the Showground to enjoy the splendid programme.

The white and Aboriginal audience gave the performers a tremendous reception. Some had travelled long distances for the concert and it was, without doubt, the most successful yet held here.

The concert followed an evening carnival and fireworks display and a short session of films.

Artists taking part included Maureen Simon (Forster), Marlene Sylva (Burnt Bridge), the Burnt Bridge choir, Kenneth Carter and Elizabeth Cochrane (who gave a youthful and spirited exhibition of rock-'n'-roll), Edna Dotti (Burnt Bridge), The Torres Strait Islanders, Mick Donovan (Bowraville), Max Ridgeway (Newcastle), Rex Simon (Taree), Bunny Marshall and Pat Mumbler (Nambucca Heads), Chris Dotti (Burnt Bridge), and Les Dixon (Sydney).

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## MURRIN BRIDGE

Mr. Lambeth, Welfare Officer in the Murrin Bridge District looks in the pink these days, hey what! Must have a good cook, Mr. Lambeth, eh? Or perhaps the boss is giving you too much driving to do, too much sittin', eh? Still you must be really proud of your big family out West. Mr. Lambeth is responsible for almost half the State with his base at Leeton. If we were in his boat we would probably require a couple of chauffeurs or an aeroplane, or something!

Just reminds me: Mr. James is a neat six foot two and a half inches in his sox. If we know Mr. Walker as "Little Walker", I expect it follows that Mr. James is "Big James". Residents say it is a real pleasure to have him and his wife on the Station.

We must also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Johnno Johnson upon the advent of their new son born recently at the Lake. At the same time we offer our sympathies to Mavis Clarke for the loss of her baby last week.