

News from Wreck Bay Station

Unfortunately with the advent of Winter the fishing industry on the Station has slumped. However, the fishermen, showing noteworthy patience, are transporting their boats about in search of the elusive fish. Sam and Charlie Ardler have had some catches of blackfish in Jervis Bay and Bill Ardler is still chasing the beakies around Summer Cloud Bay. Harold Brown hooked himself a 35 lb. kingfish but was unable to catch the markets and reckons he never wants to see cooked kingy again. The Manager, Mr. Yates, finally hooked his first big snapper, 13½ lbs., and the Matron has now joined the fishermen's widows.

Mrs. Lurline Ardler, after a suspenseful delay, finally presented her husband, Ronnie, with a bouncing baby boy who has been named Kevin John. Grandpa Arch Moore, who should be used to such events, celebrated by consuming 10 dozen oysters, but would not reveal their source.

In the past few weeks a concrete cricket pitch has been laid in the Sportsground and all work on same was eagerly watched by the children in the nearby school. Apart from forming a very important part of their sports training, the pitch has attracted most men on the Station and by summer the Station should boast a very strong

team. Already challenges are beginning to fly with Boogles Thomas frantically practising his googlies. It is hoped that when material and money become available a start will be made on a concrete tennis court which would also be available to the school for other games.

A weekly euchre party was commenced, the proceeds being for the Social Club's Christmas Fund. Already over £5 has been raised by the players and with the way things are going it looks like being a record Christmas treat for the kiddies. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown were the winners of the first night's play and the following week Kenny Ardler and Mrs. Jean Carter were the champions. Mrs. Tillie Roberts is still in there trying. Prizes were generously donated by the Station storekeeper, Mrs. Blyth of Hyams Beach.

Now that work has nearly been completed on the clearing of Burragorang Valley some of the Station's eager workers are in search of employment. They specialise in bush work and living out and have their own transport, so if any readers know of available work the men can be contacted through the Manager of the Station who will be very pleased to pass on any additional information.

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Murrin Bridge News

A very pretty wedding took place at Murrin Bridge recently. The happy occasion was the joining in matrimony of Vincent Quayle, of Bourke, and Patsy King, of this station.

The best man was Max Johnson; Lance Johnson stood in for the bride's father who was absent at the time. The bridesmaid was Dorothy Williams, of Murrin Bridge, and the flower girl was Patricia Johnson.

A large crowd assembled to see this happy couple wed, and a dance and supper reception was held in the Murrin Bridge Hall in the evening. This most successful dance went on until 12.30 a.m., with popular Tom Clarke as M.C.

We take this opportunity of wishing the happy couple every success in their venture.

Football

The residents of Murrin Bridge are all excited about their 5 stone 7 lb. schoolboy football team. This team is known as the Murrin Bridge "Kangaroos" by reason of the fact that they have a gold kangaroo, in flight, emblazoned on the back of their royal blue football sweaters. The registered colours of the team are: blue sweaters with a white "V", blue socks with white tops and light blue shorts with white waist-band and

pipings. The sweaters, or rather the cost of the sweaters, was raised by public subscription led by the enthusiastic Police Sergeant S. A. Dunn. Socks and colours were obtained by the parents of the children, and the Board provided the excellent "Featherweight" football boots. Turned out ready to play, these lads are a credit to the people who have put so much into them. The team is being coached by the Acting Manager of the station and have already earned themselves the respect of spectators and other players alike, for their willingness to play hard clean football. Results to date are a 6 points to 3 defeat by the Lake Central School in their first game; they defeated the Lake Central School in a return match by 12 points to nil and on Sunday, 28th June, they played a combined Lake School and Convent School team in the curtain raiser game to the main competition game at the Lake. This resulted in a resounding win for Murrin Bridge by 18 points to nil. The "Kangaroos" have been entered in the Lake Cargelligo Knockout Competition and the Forbes district Knockout Competition. From the way these lads are shaping it is difficult to see a team who will really extend them.

However, win lose or draw, these boys are worthy ambassadors of Murrin Bridge, and are a credit to the Board and residents of Murrin Bridge by their sportsmanship in victory or defeat.