

NEW HOMES AT DENILIQVIN

The Chief Secretary, Mr. C. A. Kelly, announced recently that 12 aborigine families were to move into new homes at Deniliquin.

The families have been drawn from the old Moonahcullah Reserve, 26 miles from Deniliquin. The 12 new houses, located in streets on the edge of town near the sportsground, were built at a cost of £26,000.

Mr. Kelly said they were attractive three-bedroom cottages, with combined kitchen-dining rooms, combined laundry-bathrooms and all were sewerred.

As the result of the move from Moonahcullah the aborigines school at the reserve will be closed, Mr. Kelly said.

The 61 children going into the new homes with their parents would now attend public schools in Deniliquin

Moonahcullah is one of the State's oldest reserves.

It came under Government control in 1898. Before that it was administered by the Aborigines Protection Association, a church mission organisation which operated with the help of a State subsidy.

Out of respect for the wishes of aged aborigines born at Moonahcullah the Welfare Board had agreed to retain the best homes on the reserve, Mr. Kelly said.

The old people wanted to return to Moonahcullah to spend their twilight years and eventually join their ancestors in the reserve's burial ground.

Since the end of World War II more than 350 modern cottages have been built by the Welfare Board for aborigines.

This number includes 50 town houses, 207 on stations and 100 on reserves.

Other aborigines have been settled in Housing Commission homes.

FORSTER NEWS

Four new cottages recently constructed by contractors Gregory & Hoy at Forster Aborigines Reserve were occupied on Saturday, 14th October.

The Aborigines Welfare Board representative signed over the keys to the lucky new tenants, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. N. Paulson and Mr. and Mrs. C. Leon.

These cottages are very well built, and of attractive design—blending in with the surrounding expanding holiday resort of Forster very well. The colour scheme, both inside and out, has been done in the modern manner of colour attraction.

All the tenants concerned are particularly pleased with their cottages, and no doubt in the not too distant future will have flower gardens to show the houses off to full effect, and the dwellings spotless, to the housewives, credit.

PURFLEET NEWS

The annual meeting of the Purfleet branch of the Country Women's Association was held recently at the Station hall.

After presenting the minutes and financial statement for the year, Mrs. Ella Simon, president, handed over for the election of office bearers for the forthcoming year. All members present thought the past office bearers had done such an excellent and worthwhile job that they were unanimously elected again for the forthcoming period, the principals being Mrs. E. Simon, president, Mrs. M. Maher, secretary and Mrs. Stella Russell, treasurer.

Mrs. Simon thanked the members on behalf of the committee, and thought it pleasing that all members had such confidence in the officers.

Discussions were carried on for the main activities for the year, and all members were informed that the prospects for the Library-Rest Room-Baby Health Clinic were very bright, and that when this building came into being it was hoped that all Station residents would make full use of the rooms—particularly the mothers of young children, to take advantage of the Baby Clinic for the betterment of the babies' health.

A delightful afternoon tea was had after the close of the meeting.

Those present were Mesdames E. Simon, M. Maher, Stella Russell, Z. Slater, N. Clark, P. Davis, B. Clark, L. Turnbull, Sadie Russell and V. Simon.

Also present were Mrs. V. Hickson, North Coast Field President, Mrs. D. McKeon, President of Taree C.W.A. Branch and Mrs. G. Redmond, Relieving Matron.



There's always plenty of helpers when the Christmas cake is being made!