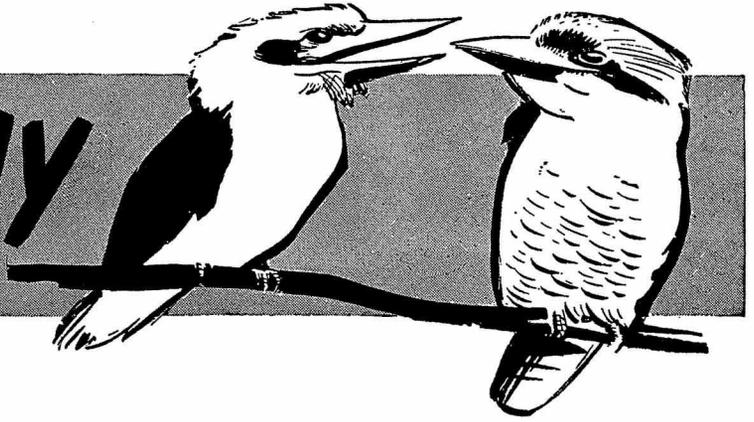


# THEY SAY



## SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION

The Aborigines from Baryulgil held a dance recently for the Grafton Ambulance and Baryulgil Football Club. Takings were £50 clear, shared equally by the Ambulance and Football Club.

Two hundred and fifty aborigines and thirty-five white people attended. The dance was very well conducted and went on until 4.30 a.m. the next day.

Bruce Marshall and his sister won the Rock and Roll Contest. Mr. Aubrey Roberts, Caretaker of Cubawee Aborigines Reserve, won the contest for the best dressed man. Miss Lily Gordon won the prize for the best dressed girl. Mr. Jim Smith was the Master of Ceremonies.

The function was organised by Mr. Reg Simmons, the Postmaster of Baryulgil and Mr. and Mrs. John Mundine, assisted by many other residents of Baryulgil.

## JOSEPHINE LYNCH—"MISS PERTH"

Answering questions, organising games, helping with painting and modelling, stopping any arguments between 42 kindergarten children . . . . .

It's all in a day's work for today's Miss Perth, according to an article in the *Western Australian Daily News*.

She is vivacious part-native girl Josephine Lynch (19), of Deschamp Rd., Morley Park, a kindergarten assistant, who finds she spends all her working hours continually helping her charges—even to making sure they all eat their lunch.

"I love children, so really my work isn't work in the true sense of the word at all," said Josephine.

### She Plays by Ear

A talented musician, Josephine plays by ear and has mastered the claviola in the past two months. Now she takes the children for singing lessons.

"It's a fascinating instrument and can be toned to a bassoon, saxophone, organ, flute, horn or piccolo by pressing stops," said Miss Perth, who also plays the piano and is a master of the seldom-heard tambourine.

"I was educated at Mt. Margaret's Mission, where we had our own band and made up lots of musical arrangements, and it was there I learnt to play the tambourine," Josephine said.

She worked for a year at the Native Welfare Department and began her new job at the kindergarten in Morley Park last year.

Commenting on the article, Area Welfare Officer, Mr. S. Preston Walker, said:

"This article stresses the value of training homes such as at Mt. Margaret in the gold fields of Western Australia, where Josephine Lynch, now Miss Perth, spent the first years of her young life. The Mt. Margaret Children's Home is the property of the United Aborigines Mission. I served that Mission for close on 15 years and when at Mt. Margaret was the Head Teacher of the Mission School where Josephine trained.

"With another 90 Aboriginal children, Josephine was admitted to the Christian atmosphere of this remarkable home at the request of either the parents or the Department of Native Welfare, or both. I well remember Josephine as a sweet little girl being especially cared for by the Matron of the Home, Mrs. F. Jackson, who is still on the staff in that capacity. Josephine was the pride and joy of that Home.

"Several of the Home girls are now on the Staff of the Education Department in W.A., some serve with missions to their own people—Miss Sadie Corner is Matron of the Leonora District Hospital, Mr. Ben Mason is Pastor of a People's Church in Derby in the far North West, and many are scattered throughout the West, making their contribution as valiant citizens of our great country. These are too numerous to name one by one, and what pleasure it gives those who have had their training. They give God the glory!"

## TOOMELAH MEMBERS AT C.W.A. NIGHT

Three C.W.A. members from the Toomelah Government Aboriginal Settlement were at the International Night at the Services club recently.