

Broke Neck in Darling River . . .

## PARALYSED BOY BECAME PIN-UP OF ROYAL NORTH SHORE NURSES

Malcolm Jones, a carefree Wilcannia youth, had the world at his feet at Christmas time, 1960. A few days later he dived into a shallow reach of the Darling River while on a picnic and broke his neck.

He was hauled from the water paralysed from the shoulders down.

After treatment in Broken Hill Hospital for a few weeks, Malcolm was flown to Sydney for specialist treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital.

Malcolm spent 18 months in the Sydney hospital where he became a warm favourite of Sister Joyce and others of the staff in the paraplegic ward.

One of his most constant visitors was Mr. L. N. Briggs, of the Sydney welfare staff of the Aborigines Welfare Board.

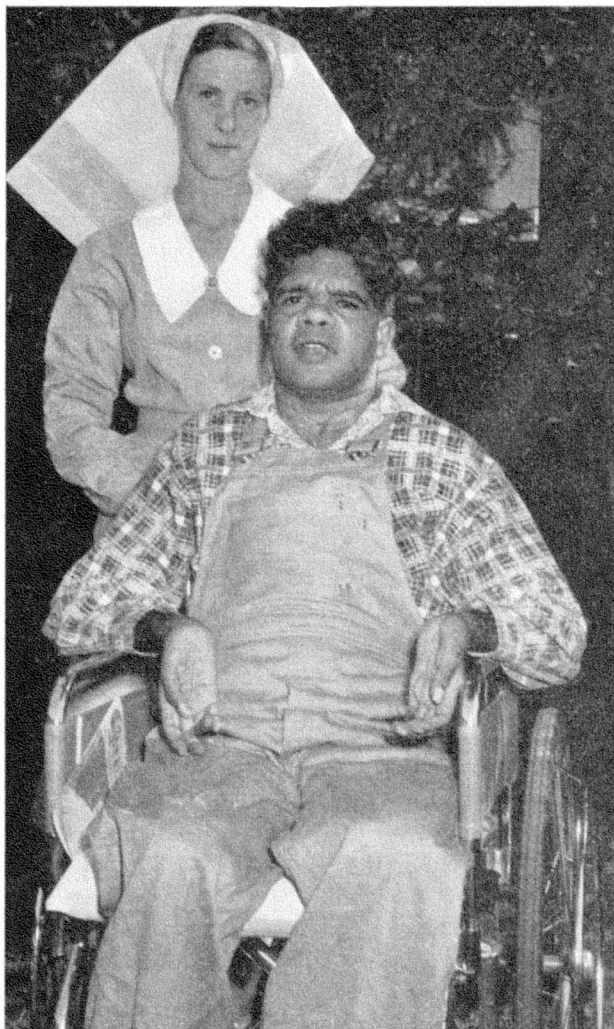
Mr. Briggs told *Dawn* that Malcolm settled down wonderfully in Royal North Shore and his great courage had enabled partial recovery from his paralysed state.

"When I first saw him," said Mr. Briggs, "his hands were trussed up helplessly in front of him. At the end of the Sydney hospital course he was able to lower his hands and use his arms. He will soon be able to feed himself."

The nursing staff of Royal North Shore gave the homesick Malcolm a cheery farewell party before he left the hospital early in June, for Broken Hill.

Arrangements had been made for Malcolm, now an invalid pensioner, to re-enter Broken Hill Hospital for rehabilitation treatment.

Doctors expect Malcolm will spend at least the next two years in hospital.



● At right MALCOLM is shown being wheeled to a car by his good friend SISTER JOYCE.

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### C.W.A. ARRANGING SPORTS DAY FOR WRECK BAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

A sports day for children is being planned for the future by the active C.W.A. Branch at Wreck Bay.

The sports will be held on the Wreck Bay sports-ground.

Mrs. Vera Brown is now president of the Wreck Bay C.W.A. branch and Mrs. L. Browne, Matron at the Station, is the secretary.

The branch conference was held at Nowra on March 3, and at this meeting scholarship winner Elaine Ardler was presented to group members.

Elaine is being sponsored by the Wollondilly Group of the C.W.A., through third year, at Nowra High School.

During May, the Wreck Bay president, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Moore, were representatives at the annual State conference of the C.W.A. held in Sydney.

Wreck Bay is the fourth C.W.A. branch for aboriginal women in the State, the others being at Boggabilla Purfleet and Burnt Bridge, and all four are operating very successfully.