

there are 26,000 other members who are with you as you enter your new home."

Mrs. Barber thanked those who had co-operated, and given assistance and encouragement to the women, and she hoped the mothers at Purfleet would bring their children to the centre where they would receive attention and advice.

Officials of the Mid-North Coast executive, as well as presidents of the many branches present also congratulated Purfleet Branch.

Tracing the history of the Gillawarra Gift Shop, Mr. Cowan said that it was in 1958 that a shop was first mooted in the Taree Chamber of Commerce. Earlier this year the Chamber invited Mr. Onus to address it, and six members were then appointed to establish the shop.

This shop was established for two main reasons:—

- To foster a business which would materially assist the aborigine people of Purfleet.
- To help foster the tourist industry of the town and district.

Mr. Onus in replying to the official welcome, said that Australia had something to sell, but some people had the idea that Australia "could be sold without doing something about it." People overseas know very little about Australia, but the aborigine can produce something of their culture and colouration which would allow us to say "This is Australia".

Amongst other things mentioned by Mr. Onus was the fact that whether we are New Australians, white Australians or of aboriginal extraction, we are all Australians and have to work for the betterment and future of this great land—all together.

Other speakers were Mr. E. Arthur-Mason, Aborigines Welfare Officer, Mr. Jordon, M.L.A., and Mr. Alan Cowan, who has worked so tirelessly for the whole function, and the Gift Shop.

Section of the crowd which turned out (despite heavy rain) for the opening of Purfleet C.W.A. Baby Health Centre-Rest Rooms and Gillawarra Gift Shop. The striking design for the Gift Shop was designed and sign-written by Mr. Jim Nesbitt of Taree



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Three Television Channel photographers were in attendance, as well as press and radio representatives.

Barbecue steaks were sold, and if it hadn't been for the rain an outdoor concert and corroboree was to have been a feature of the day. However a concert was held in the hall, given by the many Purfleet artists to the enjoyment of all present.

To finish the last part of the evening off, a dance was also held in the hall.

Women from Barryulgil Help Form New C.W.A. Branch at Copmanhurst

Aboriginal women from Barryulgil helped form a new branch of the Country Women's Association at Copmanhurst, near Coff's Harbour recently.

Mrs. M. H. Bowen, of Kororo, group president of the C.W.A., presided at the inaugural meeting, supported by Mrs. V. Williams, group secretary of Bonville; Mrs. S. W. Gulliver, group treasurer of Grafton and a number of district branch members.

A delegation from the Grafton branch was led by the President, Mrs. W. O. McEwan.

A telegram from the State President, Mrs. Thelma Bate, conveyed her greetings and best wishes for the success of the branch.

Officers elected for the new Copmanhurst-Barryulgil branch were:—President, Mrs. E. Brown; secretary, Mrs. G. Harrington; treasurer, Mrs. S. Hinnett.

Four vice-presidents are:—Mesdames O. West, A. A. Ford, P. Mundine and L. Daley.

Handicrafts officer is Mrs. C. Carroll.

The Group President (Mrs. Bowen) later described the display of work on show at the meeting as "out-standing".

She described the contributions of the aboriginal as being high-class particularly preserves, chutneys, needlework, a patchwork quilt, shellwork and dressmaking.

The aboriginal women's work also included a very fine hand made frock, and splendid examples of floral decorations.

The pianist for the afternoon's gathering was also an aboriginal woman, said Mrs. Bowen.

Wreck Bay C.W.A. Extends Congratulations to Nowra

The 38th birthday anniversary of the Nowra branch of the C.W.A. coincides with International Day which was celebrated in August by a luncheon in the C.W.A. Rooms at Nowra.

Mrs. Belle McLeod of the Wreck Bay-Worrigger branch delivered birthday greetings to Nowra in a charming speech and introduced Mrs. E. Glanville who cut the birthday cake.

Among guests of honour were the Shire President, Cr. R. Bishop, and Mrs. Bishop; the Rev. N. Symes;