

New Home at Dubbo

CHIEF SECRETARY PRAISES WORK OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Praise for the volunteer work of the Christian Youth Council which has just completed its fourth home for Aborigines in N.S.W. came from the Chief Secretary, Mr. C. A. Kelly, last month.

Mr. Kelly said the Council and its members had made a most important contribution to the cause of Aboriginal assimilation.

The Christian Youth Council has built a house each year since 1960. The first, finished in December, 1960, was built at Coff's Harbour. Others were built at Kempsey (1961) and at Lismore (1962). On January 19 last the fourth home was handed over to the Aborigines' Welfare Board in West Dubbo.

Materials for the four homes, which are Housing Commission standard, were paid for by the Board at a total cost of £6,500.

Members of the Christian Youth Council supplied the voluntary labor to build the homes during their holidays.



The Chief Secretary, Mr. Kelly, talks with Summer Camp voluntary helper, Michael Bryant, who is now a second year student at Teachers' Training College

Assistance in the Coff's Harbour project was given by the Coff's Harbour Aboriginal Welfare Committee.

Mr. Kelly told *Dawn* that the Christian Youth Council had displayed splendid initiative and effort from which the whole community could gain.

Their work was a shining light along the path to complete assimilation of Aborigines, an objective which had the full support of the State Government and the public at large.

Brewarrina News

This summer has been the most unusual in living memory as far as heat goes in the Far West of New South Wales. Instead of the usual December-January temperatures of 110 degrees and up to 120—Brewarrina has been beautifully fresh at about 85 degrees.

The mild weather has been of great assistance to all residents of Brewarrina Station, particularly the young babies, as instead of having to rest a lot and consume gallons of water to guard against heat exhaustion, all residents and of course mainly the school children on holidays, have been able to spend many hours by the river swimming and fishing.

Archie Boney certainly thinks the river is full of fish. He recently spent several hours fishing after work and

arrived home with 23 beautiful cod and yellow belly. Archie isn't the only one though as every person always can be seen walking home with a fish or two.

Mrs. Myrtle Gordon escorted the Summer Camp children this year. Irene McHughes, Francis Clark and Michael Lord of Brewarrina, Leslie Shillingsworth, William Barker and pretty Margaret Willis of Weilmoringle as well as the Goodooga boys, Neville Eckford and Richard King were all too excited to sleep very well the night before leaving and were up at daylight ready for the Station truck to convey them all to the train.

New Year's Eve was a pleasant night with a dance followed by those chaps on the drums and bells who certainly brought the New Year in. Must have been heard miles away, but all in good fun.