

Kempsey helps out . . .

ATHLETICS DAY AT BURNT BRIDGE

Kempsey Lions Club, and many other citizens of the town lent a hand in organising the second Burnt Bridge Carnival on the Lions Club Sports Ground.

Members of the Club acted as starters, judges and stewards, and stuck to their job all through the cold day.

In addition, the Club donated three trophies, and came up with special trophies for age races arranged specially for children from Kinchela Boys' Home who also were at the carnival.

The carnival was staged after a marathon effort by volunteers who cleared stumps and logs, spread gravel, mowed and scythed grass, cleared the area of trash and saps so the oval could be seen from the road, mowed and marked the oval, gathered firewood, and erected and later pulled down tents.

Winner of the main event, the Burnt Bridge Gift, was W. Hoskins, from Coff's Harbour, who recorded 10.4 secs. He won the Gift last year with exactly the same time.

Another double was scored by Mrs. L. Dungay, who threw a broom 61 ft., beating her winning throw of last year by 17 ft. 1 in.

The broom throw was one of the most popular events of the day. Nine starters faced the judge. The first nearly bowled over the station manager, and then Mrs. Rose Ritchie scored with a beautiful throw—unfortunately in the wrong direction.

Trophies were also donated by the local Aborigines' Welfare Committee, Mr. Brosnan, Mr. C. Kennedy, Mr. T. Callaghan and his son Harry, Mr. M. Ritchie, Greenhills branch of the C.W.A., the Burnt Bridge P. and C. Association and Mr. Freebody.

The Aborigines' Welfare committee trophy was won by Burnt Bridge ladies, and the Cliff Ralph trophy was won by Bellbrook.

Great praise was due to Mr. Cyril Davis who trained runners in the relay teams, to Mrs. Cliff Ralph, the recorder, and to Chris Dotti who was master of ceremonies at the dance at night.

Some of the prominent people who were present included Mr. J. Brown M.L.A., Inspector Herron of Kempsey police, District Schools Inspector, Mr. Neal; President of the Kempsey National Fitness Committee,



Some of the trophies won at the Burnt Bridge athletics, seen here, were exhibited for 10 days in a shop window in Kempsey ("Macleay Argus" photo)

Dr. Ian Barrie; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harryhs, Mr. P. Chisholm, and Mr. W. Harries.

Mr. C. Storey who was in charge of the programme, also lent much of the necessary gear for the sports.

Results:—

Kindergarten, V. Waters, 1; R. Marr, 2; F. Kelly, 3.

Girls under 10 years, H. Lang, 1; S. Davis, 2; M. Smith, 3.

Mixed, under 15 years, S. Davis, 1; N. Henricksen, 2; R. Smith, G. Clarke tied for 3.

Old Buffers Race, A. Davis, 1; S. Quinlan, 2; C. Ward (Headmaster) 3.

Boys under 10 years, E. Beale, 1; J. Waters, 2; R. Davis, 3.

Mixed under 12 years, J. Quinlan, 1; B. Drew, 2; D. Vale, 3.

Obstacle Race, G. Clarke, 1; R. Smith, 2; C. Ritchie, 3.

Young Ladies 75 yard Sprint, M. Lanf, 1, E. Riley, 2; J. Holten, 3.

Two starters fell in the young ladies sprint. All starters then ran in a special race, the prizes for which were donated by Mr. Storey and staff. Result:—
V. Moylan, 1; E. Riley, 2; M. Land, 3. Time 9.9 secs.

BURNT BRIDGE GIFT

First Heat, W. Hoskins (Coff's Harbour), 1; K. Marr (Burnt Bridge), 2; R. Vincent (Sydney), 3.

Second Heat, M. Donovan (Sydney), 1; H. Callaghan (Burnt Bridge), 2; A. Jarrett (Burnt Bridge), 3.

FINAL

W. Hoskins, 1; K. Marr, 2; M. Donovan, 3. Time, 10.4 secs.

Brace Relay, one man, one woman, E. Riley, K. Marr, 1; L. Dungay, H. Callaghan, 2; V. Moylan, R. Vincent, 3.

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