



Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill welcomes the three new members of the Board, from left, Mr. Arther Ferguson, Mr. James Morgan and Mr. R. A. Smee

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TO ABORIGINES WELFARE BOARD

Three new members took their places at the February meeting of the Aborigines Welfare Board, and for the first time since 1948, the Board is at full strength.

Of the three new members two are Aborigines. One is the full-blood representative elected in January unopposed, Mr. James Morgan, of Coraki, and another is the part-blood aboriginal representative, Mr. Arther Ferguson, of Cabbage Tree Island, near Ballina.

The third new member is Mr. R. A. Smee, who is the regional director in N.S.W. of the Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service.

The three members were welcomed by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill, and by the Vice-Chairman, Professor A. P. Elkin.

The welcome was directed particularly to the two new aboriginal members.

Mr. Kingsmill congratulated the two men on their election.

He said neither man was a stranger to members of the Board who knew of their work for their people.

"Mr. Morgan has undertaken many important duties in the field of education," he said.

"He has lectured extensively and has also given talks in the University of New England and in other parts of New South Wales on aboriginal history.

"We extend to you, Mr. Morgan, a particularly warm welcome not only because of your election, but also because your presence here this morning means that for the first time since 1948 the Board is a complete Board, and we have a full-blood member of your race sitting around the table taking part in our deliberations and assisting us in our work."

Mr. Kingsmill also congratulated Mr. Ferguson on his election.

"Most of us know of your work on Cabbage Tree Island where you occupy the post as secretary of the Numbahging Co-operative," he said.

"We also understand that you have the signal distinction of being the only aboriginal postmaster in New South Wales.

"The intricacies of administration will not be so complicated to you.