

Plans have been drawn up to build two houses by voluntary labour at Bomaderry for Aborigines, the *Nowra News* reports.

Most of the work will be completed in one weekend in October.

A volunteer youth movement specialising in high speed home building will construct the early stages. Local service clubs will be asked to complete later stages.

After construction the two houses, which will be built to Housing Commission design, will be handed over to the N.S.W. Aborigines Welfare Board.

When the brick foundations have been laid, more than 80 volunteers from the N.S.W. Christian Youth Council will spend Labour Day weekend in October completing the roofs, frames, exterior walls and electrical wiring of the houses.

Then it is planned to bring in local Service Clubs to complete the job.

All work will be voluntary. Material will be supplied by the Aborigines Welfare Board on land owned by the Shire.

The decision to go ahead with the scheme followed a talk by Angus Bristow, Chairman of N.S.W. Christian Youth Council.

He said his organisation was an inter-denominational body of youth groups, affiliated with the World Council of Churches.

Already, it has built five homes in this way, in Kempsey, Coff's Harbour, Lismore and Inverell, with Welfare Board co-operation.

This was the first time an approach had come direct from the community itself.

"Usually we spend a considerable time in preparation selling the idea to the community," Mr. Bristow said.

Crash Building Project

HOUSES FOR ABORIGINES PLANNED

The youth group will work on the Saturday and Monday holidays from early morning until after dark. However, it will not work on Sundays because some members represent Churches which discourage Sunday work.

If the work remains unfinished by December, the party could return.

Members pay their own fares and accommodation, although they like to stay in barrack accommodation, such as public halls.

"If we had the help of only one or two local tradesmen, the frames would be up, the corrugated iron roof on, and possibly some of the weather-boarding done by the Monday night," Mr. Bristow said.

"With the roof on, other organisations could work at weekends or at night, and the work could be split according to resources."

Carpenter Les Brown, who took part in construction of the first house at Kempsey, has agreed to co-operate.

Plans of a house were shown to League members. It will have three bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, lounge, dining room and entry porch.

Foundations would have to be laid three weeks before the main building spurt occurs.

"The Welfare Board welcomes this. For £1,500-£1,700, they get a house worth £3,500," Mr. Bristow said.

Members of Apex, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and other local organisations were present as Acting-Chairman Rev. N. Symes accepted a motion that Service Clubs be asked to co-operate in the scheme.

Further meetings will take place in Sydney and Nowra, to determine final details of the overall construction plan.

RESULTS OF ART COMPETITION

An Art Competition held by the National Aborigines' Day Organising Committee attracted entries from only two centres—La Perouse, Sydney, and Roper River, Northern Territory.

This was somewhat disappointing in view of the high reputation Aborigines are earning for themselves as natural artists. However, the committee is hoping for a more general representation next year.

The standard of entries overall was high. Here are the results:

16 years and under: First, Gordon Forrest (Roper River)—four guineas. Second, Gerard Andrews (Roper River)—one guinea. Third, Vincent (Roper River)—10s.

12 years and under: First, William Firestone (Roper River)—three guineas. Second, Henry Huddleston (Roper River)—one guinea. Equal Third, Cynthia Brown (La Perouse) and Joyce Huddleston (Roper River)—each 10s.

8 years and under: First, David Kennedy (La Perouse)—two guineas. Second, Verna Campbell (La Perouse)—one guinea. Equal Third, Ronnie Rodgers (Roper River) and Marie Davison (La Perouse)—each 10s.

Three special prizes of 10s. each were awarded to Marie and Martin of Roper River and Michael Ryan, of La Perouse.

In addition David Kennedy won a copy of the excellent book "Spotlight on Australia", presented by the Australian Publicity Council.