

MANY ABORIGINAL ARTISTS FOR N.A.D.O.C. FUNCTIONS

National Aborigines' Day this year will see impressive programmes of Aboriginal talent both at the actual ceremony in Martin Place, and at associated functions in the city.

This year, National Aborigines' Day will be observed on Friday, July 9.

Aboriginal artists will present musical items during the ceremony in Martin Place.

On the previous evening, there will be a big popular concert by Aborigines at the Paddington Town Hall with entrance at specially low prices so that families will be encouraged to go along together. There will probably be 20 or 30 performers.

Speakers at the Martin Place ceremony on July 9 will include the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. Jensen, Miss Joyce Mercy representing N.A.D.O.C., Mr. J. Hamilton, representing O.P.A.L., in Queensland, Mrs. Kath Walker, the well-known Aboriginal poet, Mrs. Edna Roper M.L.C. and Mr. Charles Perkins.

A feature of the ceremony will be the presentation of awards to winners of the N.A.D.O.C. competitions.

Prizes will be presented by the Vice-President of the Rural Bank, Mr. E. Carroll, and by Mr. A. Duncan, of the Consultative Committee on Aboriginal Education.

The ceremony will take place in the presence of the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Eric Woodward.

A team of footballers from Moree school will be in Sydney for the occasion.

At the ceremony, they will form a guard of honour to Sir Eric.

The Moree children will have had breakfast at the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, and then will be entertained to morning tea at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Macquarie Street.

In the afternoon, the children will meet a team from Cromer Public School, Dee Why, at football.

In the evening of July 9, Mrs. Kath Walker will speak at an "open house" meeting at the Foundation.

. . . AND THE SUCCESS OF TWO

Two Aboriginal artists have made great strides since they were given an initial helping hand some years ago by the National Aborigines' Day Observance Committee.

They are mezzo-soprano, Lorna Beulah, formerly of Alice Springs, and well-known entertainer, Col Hardy, who originally came from Brewarrina.

Miss Beulah, whose married name is Mrs. Oliphant, and who lives at Toongabbie, near Sydney, won the 1963 N.A.D.O.C. talent quest.

She and Col Hardy sent recording tapes to Sydney. Their artistry was immediately recognised by N.A.D.O.C. officials who brought them to Sydney and set them on their way to their present success.

Miss Beulah is studying at the Sydney Conservatorium by courtesy of Sir Bernard Heinze.

She has passed her audition for the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and will give a concert over the A.B.C. radio at 9.45 p.m. on the evening of July 9, National Aborigines' Day.

Miss Beulah has already appeared on Bobby Limb's highly rated T.V. musical show, "Sound of Music".

Col Hardy's success story already is well-known.

However it has taken a new turn. Col Hardy has just moved into his own home at Kogarah. He is buying the home through one of our banks.

Col lived for most of his four years in Sydney, with Mrs. L. H. Cocks, of Bexley and her husband. Mrs. Cocks is one of the most active figures of N.A.D.O.C.