



The Weilmoringle children, with the children of their hosts, after their picnic lunch in the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Also in the group is Mr. H. R. Woolley, a Lion who organised the visit

WEILMORINGLE CHILDREN SEE CITY SIGHTS

Twenty-one Aboriginal children from Weilmoringle Station, about 180 miles west of Bourke, know all about Lions now.

They know the lions they saw in a visit to the Taronga Park Zoo, and the Lions Club members who gave them temporary homes during a memorable nine-day visit to Sydney.

Only a few of the children had been off the station before, and none of them had ridden in a train or seen a large town.

It was an excited group of children that arrived by the Bourke Mail at 6.30 a.m. one Saturday morning. That afternoon they attended a mayoral tea party in the Manly mayoral chambers, arranged by their hosts, the Balgowlah Lions Club.

Then followed a crowded stay in the city. On the Sunday the children went to All Saints Church, Balgowlah, and the next day Balgowlah Ladies' Bowling Club took them over for visits to local beaches and beauty spots. Tuesday was a free day, which the children spent with their host families.

Wednesday was a big day in the programme. There was a trip to the Museum, the Botanical Gardens, and then to the top of the A.M.P. building. The children had a picnic lunch in the gardens. There were more outings on Thursday and Friday.

Saturday started with a look at the northern suburbs sports, then the children were taken on visits to the Manly amusement pier, and to T.V. Channel 9.

Sunday night was departure home time, but during their last day in the city the children crammed in some more excitement, with a ride on the Manly ferry.

The eight boys and thirteen girls between 9 and 14, voted the visit the highlight of their lives.