

Part of the Australian Scene

Not many years ago to see and hear of Aborigines prominent in the life of the community was the exception not the rule. Now it's taken for granted that they should stand side by side with other Australians in social, cultural, and sporting events.

Aboriginal confidence and success increases dramatically each year. In the next few pages you will see just a few of the many people who have increased the tempo of Aboriginal advancement.

MONICA CAIN

Monica Cain is part of the scene in the central west of New South Wales. Originally from Coonabarabran, she now lives in Dubbo and works in the local Woolworth's variety store.

She went to Coonabarabran High School and this year is studying typing and office procedure at Dubbo Technical College.

The Dubbo *Daily Liberal* newspaper features a picture and story each issue about a girl in the district. On 10th September, the *Liberal's* "Girl on page three" was pretty Monica Cain.

RACHEL MUNDINE

On the State's north coast Miss Rachel (Dolly) Mundine is making the scene—the Grafton jacaranda scene.

Rachel, *Dawn's* front cover girl this month, comes from Baryulgil Aboriginal Reserve. She was nominated for Jacaranda Queen selection by members of the Copmanhurst-Baryulgil Country Women's Association.

Grafton's *Daily Examiner* carried the picture (on this page) of Rachel and other Jacaranda Queen candidates.

Rachel, aged 20, works for Mr Reg Simmons at his Baryulgil store. After attending public school at Baryulgil she was enrolled with the correspondence school for a year and then attended Grafton Public School.

At school Rachel was a top athlete and represented the school at P.S.A.A.A. sports in Sydney.

She enjoys swimming and likes cooking and sewing.

Rachel didn't win the Jacaranda Queen competition. But as *Dawn* went to press she was well in front in the Jacaranda Princess competition.

