

PRE-SCHOOL MOTHERS MEET AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

The fifth Advisory Council Meeting of the Aboriginal Family Education Centre movement was held at the University of Sydney on Wednesday, 24th November. Representatives from A.F.E.C. centres all over N.S.W. met to give their reports on the progress achieved in their areas and to make recommendations as to future developments.

During their stay in Sydney, the women were shown films of A.F.E.C. activities at various country and city centres. They were also addressed by Dr Cath Ellis on the subject of Aboriginal music—a session that was tremendous fun for all who attended.

The highlight of the Advisory Council Meeting programme was the presentation evening held to honour those women who had achieved status in the A.F.E.C. pre-school movement. The Chancellor of Sydney University, Dr H. D. Black, presented Letters of Acknowledgement and Helper Certificates to those who had passed certain stages of the A.F.E.C. programme. As a mark of appreciation, Angkuna, an A.F.E.C. mother who was brought to Sydney from Ernabella for the occasion, presented Mrs Black with flowers and thanked her in Pitjantjatjara.

The debt of gratitude that the Aboriginal people owe to the Maori field officers was stressed during

the presentation evening. Women such as Mana Rangi, Honor Goldsmith and Hine Potaka are widely and affectionately known to the Aboriginal people all over this State and their work is invaluable. Mrs Hine Potaka, who is Dominion President of the New Zealand Maori Women's Welfare League, had already completed her period



Maoris: Honor Goldsmith, Hine Potaka and Mana Rangi, singing one of the Waiatas



The swinging and banging by members of the audience at Dr Ellis' music lecture