

trouble was, he said, so she was going into hospital. I felt vaguely ashamed that I had not been aware of this. I shook hands all around, and got on board, too.

We circled once, then headed north. Sheppy pointed over to where the rest of the Djanggawul people were now living. "BHP were prospecting at Doindji in the dry season last year," he said. "I'm surprised they haven't come back yet. Not that we want them!"

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# A BUSY YEAR

This month Keith Brandy is sitting for the School Certificate examination. It is the academic end of what for Keith has been a rather exciting sporting year.



*Keith Brandy*

In the past months Keith has represented his school, Condobolin High, and the Western Area in soccer and cricket as well as Rugby League which led him to play for the New South Wales State side which recently enjoyed a highly successful tour of Papua-New Guinea, winning 6 of its 7 games, including both Test matches.

A friend of Keith's, Geoff Williams, also represented the State on the New Guinea tour and has been selected for a touring team to Great Britain. Keith is first "shadow reserve" for the tour.

He has played for the Western Area under 16 years and Western Area 9 stone Rugby League team and as a result of a trial game at Wollongong in July was selected to represent Southern N.S.W. against Northern N.S.W. later that month.

Keith was born at Condobolin in 1956. He has one brother Larry, aged 14, and two sisters, Roslyn aged 15 and Carolyn aged 12.

Roslyn is employed in Sydney. Larry attends the Condobolin High School and Carolyn the

## ABORIGINAL WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The University of New England at Armidale hopes to organize an Aboriginal writers workshop in the near future. The emphasis is likely to be on drama, but other forms of writing will be included.

The idea is to hold working sessions every month or 6 weeks, each supervised by experienced teachers who, where possible, are successful writers themselves. These sessions will last about 6 hours and will be held on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 12 noon-1.00 p.m.

The organizer of the scheme, Mr Gordon Krippner, is anxious to find out what kind of response there is likely to be to this proposal and accordingly invites comments from interested individuals and organizations.

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At this stage it is too early to say what the final arrangements will be—this will depend to some extent on how many people are prepared to attend. Invitations have been sent to a number of Australian authors to conduct the workshops. A submission has been made to the Commonwealth Literary Fund for financial assistance.



Condobolin Public School. The children lost their mother in a drowning accident about seven years ago and since that time the boys have been cared for by their grandmother, Mrs Kathleen Brandy of Boona Road, Condobolin. The girls have been in the care of their aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs John Brandy. The boys grandmother has taken a keen interest in her charges progress.

After completing his School Certificate exam this month Keith hopes to gain an apprenticeship in the carpentering trade—preferably in a larger town than Condobolin.

The past 6 months have kept Keith busy training, playing and travelling. He has met with a great deal of support from his fellow students and from his football coach, Mr Michael Craft who has spent many hours of his time to assist Keith and the other boys in developing their skills.