

company called Marnibil Marine Pty Ltd and intend to fly tourists from all over Australia to the island. The aircraft used will be those of the Mount Isa Air Charter Service. The scheme is expected to provide the people with a substantial income. The islanders will conduct tourists on fishing trips and act as guides. The construction of a hotel on the island is hoped to be completed by May. This is the first time Aborigines have banded together to form a tourist organization. Five of the company's directors are native tribal elders and they will have a large say in its running.

►SEALED ROAD FOR PURFLEET—

Purfleet Reserve is to have its access road sealed. The area will also be kerbed and guttered and footpaths will be laid. \$15,400 has been allocated for the project. It will involve the construction of 780 feet of sealed pavement, along with stormwater drainage, footpaths and associated facilities. The work will be carried out by the Housing Commission on behalf of the Department of Child and Social Welfare.



Pattie Barnett and Diana Riley of Dubbo. This photo was taken when the girls were holidaying at Coolah

Letters

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you for the article on "Grantham" in the last September issue of *New Dawn*.

I was at the opening of the hostel and was so impressed by this lovely historic building.

My congratulations go to the A.C.A.S. Committee for their excellent job in setting up this beautiful old home as a hostel for Aboriginal girls.

Good luck and best wishes to all at Grantham.

Yours sincerely,
Maree Welsh.

Dear Sir,

We Aboriginal people at Bourke all agree that you only put things in *New Dawn* about other places we have never heard of and we would not know when was the last time you put anything about Bourke in *New Dawn*, so do you think you could put something about us in the next *New Dawn*? We would really appreciate it to see something about us kooris from the back of Bourke.

Yours faithfully,
The Bourke Kooris.

Dear Kooris of Bourke,

It's a long trip from Sydney to Bourke, so its difficult to get out there very often. In such a situation I have to rely on the local people sending me news about what's happening. If you have any news, photos or information, please send it through the mail.

Peter Vaughan, Editor.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to tell you that I would like to correspond with an Aboriginal boy or girl about my age who would like a penfriend to write to. I am 14, am interested in the Aborigines and would like to get to know them better.

Yours sincerely,
Carol Schultz,
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Kerang, VIC 3679.