

KINCHELA NOTES!

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Recently seven members of the Aborigines Welfare Board visited Kinchela Boys' Home and had the opportunity of seeing an excellent indoor display of gymnastics, boxing and surf life-saving drill.

The girls from Burnt Bridge Aboriginal Station have now commenced regular visits to the Kinchela Home and attend the Saturday evening picture screenings shown in the Home recreation hall. It is delightful to watch these youngsters and the boys from the Home enjoying each other's company and taking part in sports and play before the picture screenings. Many new friendships are being fostered in this way.

Harry Penrith, captain of the Kinchela Boys' Home and a pupil at Kempsey High School has brought honour to the Home in many ways. He has recently represented Kempsey High School senior rugby football team as an inside centre in matches at Tamworth, Grafton and Kempsey. The Kempsey High School team has now reached the final of the University Shield games and will now play Gosford High School, the present holders of the Shield. In the semi-final game against Tamworth High School, Kempsey were victors by the score of three to nil. The three points scored were the result of a brilliant try by Harry early in the game. Mr. White, the Manager of the Boys' Home, has received a communication from the Kempsey High School coach and sports master concerning the impression of a lady in whose home he was billeted on his recent trip to Grafton and part of the letter is quoted hereunder:—

"Quite unsolicited, the Headmaster of Grafton High School told me that the lady billeting Harry had told him how impressed she was with Harry, and that if her two sons were such gentlemen while visiting other schools, she would be very proud."

Mr. Saunders, the Surf Life Saving Instructor attached to the South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club, is upset at having lost most of his team when Stanley Harradene, Raymond Franks, Charles Pender, William Hughes, and David Perry, left Kinchela Home for employment. New members from the Home are, however, to be recruited to the team and he has high hopes of success for the next surfing season.

Six boys, Neville Doyle, George and Gerald Ellis, Roy Reid, Stanley Bowden, and John Armstrong, have joined the Kinchela branch of the Junior Farmer's Club of N.S.W. Each has his own vegetable garden and all attended the Junior Farmer's social evening recently held in Kinchela.

During the past month, the Kinchela Boys' Home have received twelve new boys into the Home. The boys have settled down very quickly and love their new environment. Ten of the boys have been transferred from Bomaderry Childrens' Home and their names are:—John Carroll, Douglas Carroll, Ian Harrison, Harold Harrison, Brian Brown, William Holten, Trevor Ward, Edward Pender, Morris Pender, and Henry McGrady. The other two newcomers are John Dixon and Mervyn Penrith.

The staff and boys of Kinchela are very sad in the knowledge of the loss of the Rev. G. Williams, the Home Chaplain, who left last month to return to England. Mr. Williams of late has been in very ill health, but in spite of this and the severe pain associated with his illness, he continued to attend regularly at Kinchela to give services, help and guidance to all lads. Many ex-Kinchela boys will grieve at the loss of such a fine christian gentleman and hope that one day he will return to Kinchela.



Six boys have recently left Kinchela to take up employment in different parts of the State. The lads were William Hughes to Tilba Tilba, South Coast; Desmond Priestley to Wallaga Lakes, South Coast; David Perry to Moree; Charles Pender to Sydney Stanley Harradene to Werris Creek; and Raymond Franks to Brewarrina.

The Kinchela Boys' Choir has recently given concerts to the people at Kinchela and has been very well received by large audiences. The Choir's success is largely due to Mr. C. Forster, the headmaster of the school, who trains the Choir and gives much of his spare time to such training. It will be remembered that last year the Choir won their section of choir singing in the Kempsey Eisteddfod.

Two boys from the Kinchela Home have gained selection to the Smithtown Rugby-League Team (under 18 years) and have played in matches at Smithtown, Wauchope and Port Macquarie. The lads concerned are Norman Perry and Harry Penrith, both aged 16 years. Club officials have been very impressed by the form shown by both youngsters. Norman plays as a front-row forward and Harry as an inside centre.

