

Wallaga Lake's Active Progress Association

Early in the year the Wallaga Lake Station Progress Association decided to start a gymnasium class, but before doing so, thought showers, serviced with hot water were a necessity.

£250 was the price quoted for the job and the residents, through their Progress Association, set out to attain this amount.

The matter got to the ears of the Bega Apex Club and they, with the assistance of other Apex Clubs raised the sum of £133.

The Aborigines Welfare Board intimated they would meet half of the remaining £117 needed if the Progress Association could find the rest.

The Station accepted this as more or less a challenge and in a very short space of time the necessary £58 10s. was found and as a result the station will shortly be using its new showers.

The building is completed and is of concrete with four shower recesses with a hot water boiler capable of providing many gallons of hot water. The building is built on to the Recreation Hall.

The adult population numbers only seventy so that raising so much money in such a short space of time was a mighty effort and the residents are to be congratulated on their response and co-operation.

The Progress Association, through *Dawn*, would like to thank those Apex Clubs for their donations as well as the Aborigines Welfare Board for, without this money, the showers would still be a long way off.

Having successfully dealt with the shower project it was decided the next important job was to provide the young people with a tennis court and a basket ball court.

Once again, the Stations thanks go out to the Eurobodalla Shire Council for they have already been out and graded off the site for the courts.

The residents are now raising money to purchase the materials needed for this job.

The Fancy Dress Ball

The Wallaga Lake Progress Association recently held a Fancy Dress Ball on the Station to commemorate National Aborigines' Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brauer, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Flower and a lady friend were invited to act as judges. These good folk added to the prizes to such an extent that every one in fancy dress received a prize.

They selected a pretty little Indian maid as the best dressed and acting most true to part. She wore a hessian rig-out dyed purple and had long jet black plaits.

(What the judges and visitors did not know was that the pretty little Indian maid was young Arthur Morgan from Cobargo.)

Second prize went to young Errol Stevens for his monkey suit. His people made up an old fur coat and covered a Gas Respirator for his head gear. He looked and acted his part very well.

Third prize went to Jeff Tungai. He was dressed as a clown.

A gypsy, Donald Duck, Willie the Wolf, a Fairy Queen, a fairy and other costumes were among the other excellent costumes.

It was a jolly good night with a bumper crowd, and everybody enjoyed himself, particularly the white visitors.

Our thanks go out to the judges for the manner in which they carried out a difficult task and also for the extra prizes they awarded.

Other Doings at The Lake

To Mr. and Mrs. Les Darcy, a daughter, Margaret Joyce.

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To Mr. and Mrs. R. (Sago) McKenzie, a son, Hector Andrew.

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To Mr. and Mrs. A. Andy, a daughter, Lyla Fay.

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On Friday, 25th July, 1958, Mr. Reginald S. Russell and Miss Iris Joyce Hoskins were married in the Station Recreation Hall.

Iris made a beautiful bride in her gown of net and lace. Her bridesmaid, Miss Barbara Stewart, made a pretty picture. Her gown was of pink taffeta.

The best man, Mr. R. (Sago) McKenzie carried out his job in fine style and the bride's father, Mr. E. (Old Ned) Hoskins gave her away.

Rev. K. Wilson of Cobargo performed the ceremony.

The bride's mother decorated the Hall and must have made an extra special job of it, for it looked beautiful.

After the ceremony, a dance was held and just before supper, the bridal couple cut the cake.

The cake was two tiered and was made by the Station school teacher's wife, Mrs. K. Davie. It was beautifully made and tasted as good as it looked.

Our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Russell.