

Probably the busiest person in the camp was Miss M. Fleming who no doubt had the biggest and hardest job of anyone. Due to her supervision the meals were always served on time, the children always wore freshly laundered clothes, kitchen stores were always adequate and first-aid treatment promptly given. The supervision of the girls' hut left nothing to be desired.

Much of the success of the camp was undoubtedly due to the untiring efforts of Miss Fleming.

Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Smith really excelled themselves as chefs and the tasty food, well prepared in a spotless kitchen, was always very well received.

Mr. Norman Perry, who officiated as handyman, never seemed to go to bed, for he could always be seen round the camp doing something, whether it was 5 o'clock in the morning or 10 at night.

One of the most pleasing features of the camp was that, on this occasion, there were no accidents or cases of illness.

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When the camp was eventually over, and it seemed far too short for everyone, all the children boarded their various trains to return them to their homes in the far outback and, in numerous ways, they expressed their thanks to the Board and to all those people who looked after them at the Camp.

I would like to offer my own sincere thanks to Mr. McCaffery for his unstinted assistance and hours of work freely given.

It must be remembered that this was my first camp and, without the loyal support of both Head Office and the camp staff, I could not have done the job, and if the camp was successful, it was solely due to the staff.

The behaviour of the children left nothing to be desired and just as they look forward to coming back next year, we look forward to having them once again.



A Cootamundra group. Lexie Ellis, Lorraine Turnbull, Tessie Kirby, Olive Mitchell, and Graham and John Buckley

A CAMP VISITOR

Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT



I was very pleased to have the opportunity of visiting the Summer Camp at La Perouse where the Aboriginal Children from the Far West of N.S.W. were visiting Sydney for the first time.

All the Far West areas and many schools from which these children came I had visited several times as Governor of N.S.W. and I was very interested to see the children again and to learn something of their reaction to their first contact with the busy city of Sydney and all the various attractions which they had not previously seen.

I was surprised to find that so many of them remembered my visits and some from Moree reminded me that I had lunch with them in the new Home Science Block at their school, and that I carried a walking stick that was also an umbrella.

The spontaneous and happy laughter of the children as they played was an indication of their enjoyment of the visit and the only thing they did not like was the salt water at the beach, so they told me, as they were not used to this sort of water when they went to swim at home.

I was pleased to see the comfortable camp conditions under which they lived, the Nissen Huts with the modern double decker beds, the dining room and the well-balanced menu. Also the many trips arranged, the Zoological Gardens, Luna Park, etc., all of which the children will visit as guests of the Management.