

# AUSTRALIA WIDE WRITING COMPETITION

## NATIONAL ABORIGINES DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

The second annual Writing Quest conducted by the New South Wales Committee of the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee attracted entries from many parts of Australia.

The subject chosen for the Essay section of the competition was "My Ambition".

This section was divided into four age groups, up to 10 years, 10 to 12, 12 to 14, 14 to 18, and 18 years and over.

The winning entries, chosen by the Editor of *Dawn*, Mr. E. Colin Davis, indicate a good imagination on the part of the entrants, and were generally well assembled.

A competition such as this does much to stimulate the interest and education of our Aboriginal people and it is extremely disappointing that it receives such little support from our educational authorities.

The prize winning entries are published herewith :—

### 14 to 18 YEARS

#### 1ST PRIZE

##### MY AMBITION

When I grow up I am going to be a pilot. I am going to Darwin for the training. Then when I am ready for the job I will join the R.A.A.F. I am working and studying very hard to get to that job because I like to do it. My father is not a pilot but he is the one who works on the Cora, taking cargoes all over the Gulf.

I wish to get my own plane too, so that I can travel to the Missionary when it's time for my holidays. I am nearly sixteen now, but I hope to stay at school and learn more so that I may do this big job.

When I leave school I am going to send a letter to Mr. Giese to see if he can find a way for this job. He has asked us if we want a job there he will try and find a school where we can learn about these jobs. When I am ready and have learnt about how to be a pilot I will fly the big planes all over the world, taking my passengers to different parts of the continents. I will also learn about the wireless and how to land and take off. So when the war is on I will fight with a jet plane.

I wish to do my work well and not be a man who goes around fighting people.

David Dennis,  
15 yrs.,  
C.M.S., Roper River Mission.

#### 2ND PRIZE

##### MY AMBITION

When I grow up I'm going to be a Minister for this place here, telling my own colour of the wonderful stories taken from the Holy Bible.

First of all before I become a Minister, I have to go to Sydney for my training as a Minister.

Perhaps I'll go there for four or five years to learn the things which are written in the Holy Bible for our learning.

I'll have to learn what's in the Holy Bible thoroughly and also the texts which are found in it.

I will go to a higher school, and maybe to a University which is in Sydney.

Not only that, I'll go to a Bible Institute for several years or more if it is possible.

When I finish in the Bible Institute I'll then go to the Bishop and he'll hold a service which he will then make me a Minister.

When I'll be a real Minister I'll then leave Sydney, and come back here to my place where I'll tell my own people of the wonderful words which are taken from the Holy Bible.

Ross Samuel,  
17 yrs.,  
C.M.S. Mission,  
Roper River,  
Via Katherine, N.T.

#### 3RD PRIZE

##### MY AMBITION

When I grow up I would like to be a police tracker. I am going to Darwin to do my training there. When I've done my training, I'll be ready for the job, and after troubles up in the North of Australia.

I might do something brave on my duty and be made the head policeman. When any man makes trouble I'll grab him and put him in prison. All these things will come at the end, because I have to do lots of studying and training.

I'll stand at the road and direct the trucks and people in right positions.

First I must pray about this job if God wants me to do it.