

52 babies charm the judges at Moree

Fifty-two Moree aboriginal babies were paraded recently before judges at the most successful annual baby show yet staged by the United Churches' Social Club for Aboriginal Women.

The Parish Hall at All Saints Church was crowded with chubby children, dressed in their best for the occasion and watchful parents and friends.

Judges were Matron E. Warr, Mrs. D. McFarlane and Mrs. D. Stevens.

Champion baby was 11 months-old Brent Beale, who also was judged best baby in his class, 7-12 months. Brent won the special trophy donated by Moree Services Club, and is always a credit to his mother, Clare.

Most popular class was the older children, aged two to three years, in which the judges had to make a choice from seventeen entries. The winner was Edward, son of Dawn Madden.

There were almost as many entries in the class for the youngest babies, one to six months, where Harry Brown, the son of Julie, was awarded the prize.

The judges and the prize winners of the Moree baby show pictured together. Back row: Judges, Mrs. D. Stevens, Matron E. Warr, Mrs. D. Macfarlane and front row: Julie Stanley with son Harry, Clare Beale with son Brent (champion), Margaret Johnson with daughter Marie, Carmine Munro with daughter Elizabeth and Dawn Madden with son Edward



Other winners were Marie Wells in the 13-18 months age group and Elizabeth Munro, 19 months to 2 years.

To ease the disappointment of the less successful entrants, each child was given a small present by the Social Club committee. Afternoon tea was served to all.

The judges made comment on the health of all children and the way in which mothers had acted on advice at last year's show.



Champion of the Moree baby show, eleven months old Brent Beale is shown in the arms of his mother, Mrs. Clare Beale, being congratulated by one of the judges, Mrs. D. Macfarlane

A donation of £25 from Moree Services Club helped defray expenses for the afternoon, and prizes were also donated by the Church of England, Presbyterian Guild, Methodist Ladies' Aid and Moree United Churches.

Moree Aboriginal Station residents and Matron Mrs. J. W. Redmond, were particularly proud of the fact that all prize winners are Station residents, which shows that regular attendance at the Station Clinic has proved beneficial.