

153 CHILDREN

Enrolled for Moree Play Centre

A total of 83 children a day attended a National Fitness Council play centre at the Moree Aboriginal Station in January.

Altogether 153 children enrolled for the centre, all of them between the ages of 5 and 15 years.

This year's attendance was far greater than that in 1963, when the daily average was 50.

The play centre's programme included games, swimming, visits to local industry, picnics and the theatre.

Highlight of the centre was a "civic day" when the children did jobs at the fire station, the ambulance station and at the hospital in Moree.

The centre which lasted for three weeks was free to all children.

Cost was met equally by the National Fitness Council and the Aborigines Welfare Board. Local people and organisations also helped with donations.

Brian Saunders and Heather Hammond were the champion swimmers of the centre.

Results of the swimming, which was held at the Olympic Pool, were:

Boys—Intermediate, Lyall Munro; Junior, Roy Dennison; Minor, Jim Barlow.

Girls—Intermediate, Irene Haines; Junior, Linda Sampson; Minor, Barbara Hammond.

The winning house was "Untouchables".

Brian Saunders and Aubrey Cain swam a dead heat in the under water novelty race, and Gordon Smith won the non-swimmers' wading race.

Four of the children in the lifesaving classes took the examination for the Bronze medallion.

A glistening wagon was the result of the Moree children's hard work in their ambulance station. Those pictured left to right, are Keith Munro, Pauline Stanley, Gladys Cutmore, Noel Brown, Linda Sampson, Jenny Cutmore, Elizabeth Haines, Barbara Haines and Maudie Haines

