

COONAMBLE

Councillor Green, representing Coonamble Shire, welcomed the Board and stressed the need for more housing for Aborigines. Mr A. G. Kingsmill, chairman of the Board, told Cr Green that the Board appreciated the problem, and that it existed in many other parts of the State, too. Mr Kingsmill said that he was very interested to hear the opinions of Coonamble Council. He said that the Board would soon appoint a welfare officer to assist Mr H. Kitching, area welfare officer at Dubbo.

Cr Cullen said that improvement of assimilation could only be expected when more houses in the town area were available for Aborigines. Council did not have enough money to build them, but would help in other ways. He said Aborigines made good stationhands, and worked diligently and well. Drought this year made work scarce, but out-of-work Aborigines in Coonamble would receive part of £2,000 made available for unemployment relief.

After meeting with the council representatives, the Board inspected four blocks of land in Coonamble which they propose as sites for some of the six houses to be built there in the next four years.



This house in Limerick Street, Coonamble, was built by the Board in 1963. It is occupied by Mrs Welsh (left); with her are Mrs Hamilton and the two Aboriginal members of the Board, Mr Morgan and Mr Ferguson. Six more houses are planned for Coonamble

Councillor Cullen makes his point to members of the Board at the Coonamble meeting. Left of him is Superintendent Cuneo of the Dubbo police district, who accompanied the Board members to Coonamble

