

## VAL'S THRIVING ON THE NAVY LIFE

Two years ago Valma Close, formerly of Woodenbong Aboriginal Reserve, joined the Navy and was sent for basic training to Flinders Naval Depot on Western Port Bay, in Victoria.

Val, now 22, was photographed in Brisbane recently by the *Courier Mail*. By comparing this picture (right) with the other taken when she left two years ago for Victoria, you can see that she is thriving on the Navy life.

Val was one of four W.R.A.N.S. who worked on the Navy's recent Brisbane exhibit which

projected a modern image of the service and the type of life recruits can hope to enjoy.

"I love the life," said Val. "The uniforms are very attractive and as my parents gave me a strict upbringing the discipline is no worry."

She obtained her Intermediate Certificate at school, and passed her examination as a typist at a Sydney coaching school before joining the Navy.

After the Brisbane exhibit Val returned to her normal and pleasant work as a driver.

