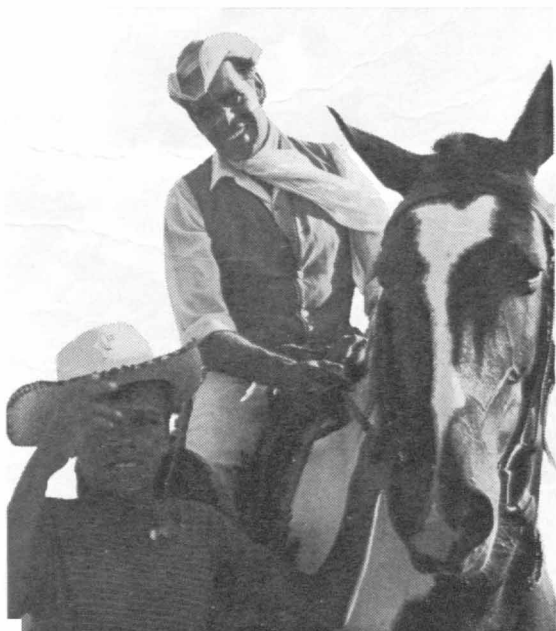


MANY FAMILIAR FACES AT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER CAMP

Steve Dodd (on horse) had eager followers after giving a riding display at Smoky Dawson's Ingleside wild-west ranch. Steve (see Dawn, June 1966) works for Smoky between acting engagements, and has spent most of his life riding stockhorses and rodeo work



Many of the children at last year's Aborigines Welfare Board summer camp must have talked their parents into letting them come again, because, of the 96 faces at this year's camp, many were familiar.

The Board's most recent summer camp, held from Sunday 8 January to Sunday 22 January, was the eighteenth held in Sydney since their inception in 1950.

Main purpose of the camp is to give Aboriginal children from the far-west of the State good medical and dental examination, and to see that they have a great time while in Sydney.

Childrens' accommodation, meals, transport, and all other expenses are paid by the Welfare Board. Entertainment is provided by many organizations, clubs, and church groups, as well as by the Board.

Parents are asked to pay \$6 for the two-weeks holiday, but in many cases the Board accepts children for the camp even though their parents cannot pay.

This year's camp was located at the Methodist Youth Centre, Elanora Heights, and run by Miss Flemming, a Board welfare officer in Sydney.

Forty-nine boys and 47 girls, aged from 9 to 13 years, came from 25 country centres in western New South Wales.

The kids were kept entertained each day, and their programme was full. On their first Monday night they were taken for a tour of the city—a thrill (for country kids) equal to seeing the sea for the first time. And during the days they saw quite a bit of the sea, too.

On other nights they saw films—screened by the Commonwealth Bank, British Motor Corporation, and British Petroleum—heard a safety lecture by the Police Department, and were entertained in other ways by the Bible Society, the Catholic Youth Organization and by Pittwater Branch of Rotary.

Picnics

The Rotary picnic at The Basin, as in other years, was a great favourite with the kids. They went by chartered ferry from Newport to The Basin, and spent the rest of the day swimming, playing games, and stuffing themselves with the beaut food provided by the Rotary club. All this and speed-boat rides, too.

They went to another all-day picnic at Clifton Gardens, which was arranged by the Womens Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union.