

NATIONAL ABORIGINES' DAY

Aborigines' Day (14 July) extended from a week before to a few days after the Day. Some of the functions held in Sydney were:

- "Kirinari" Aboriginal Students Hostel officially opened by the State Governor, Sir Roden Cutler, on 7 July;
- Premiere of the film "One Man's Road"—the life story of Clive Williams—on 14 July;

- Football and basketball matches between girls and boys from Moree Aboriginal School and Cromer (Sydney) School;

- Special programme, "The Aboriginal and the City", on Sunday 15 July, at the Lyceum Theatre; and

- Special programme of music and Aboriginal speakers at Salvation Army Congress Hall, on Sunday 15 July.

Girls Win N.A.D.O.C. Essay Competition

Girls won senior and junior sections in this year's N.A.D.O.C. essay competition, which had more entrants and higher standard than in previous years.

Mr R. H. Cooper, commissioner of the Rural Bank of N.S.W., which donated the prizes, made the awards at the National Aborigines' Day conference at Sydney Town Hall on 14 July.

The senior section was won by Frances Robinson, of Peak Hill, and the junior section by Gwen Callen, of Griffith. Both girls and their mothers came to Sydney to receive their prizes—five-day chaperoned tours of the Snowy Mountains. Chaperone will be Mrs Dorothy Williams, of Green Valley, Sydney.

Airlines of New South Wales will provide free return air travel to Sydney (where the tours commence) from the airport nearest the homes of the two winners.

Essay judge, Mr A. T. Duncan, tutor in Aboriginal adult education, Sydney University, said overall standards were higher this year and numbers considerably increased.

Senior Section (under 18 years)

Topic for the senior essay was: "Education, employment, housing, land rights, etc., have been considered for Aboriginal advancement. Which do you consider the most important and why?"

Seventeen-year-old Frances chose education as being the most important, stating in her essay that all forms of advancement stemmed from

education, and for everyone to advance they must first be educated.

Peak Hill Rotary Club paid train fares to Sydney for Frances and her mother to attend the Town Hall conference.

Frances, of 25 Whitton Park Road, Peak Hill, is a fifth form student at Peak Hill High School. She has been a prefect for the past two years, and represents her school in basketball and softball.

Five consolation prizes of \$4.20 each were awarded in the senior section to:

- Colleen Lane, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Lane, Darlington Point, N.S.W.
- Lillian Willis, Palm Island, via Townsville, Queensland.
- Ruth Penrith, Bridge Road, Brungle, via Gundagai, N.S.W.

Seventeen-year-old Frances Robinson (pictured right) of Peak Hill won the senior section of N.A.D.O.C.'s essay competition. Frances is in fifth form at Peak Hill High School, where she has been a prefect for the past two years. With her are Pauline Naden (left) and Janet Robinson

