

National Aborigines Day Celebrated throughout the State

Last month's *Dawn* reported some of the events in Sydney during observance celebrations for National Aborigines Day, held in July. The pictures and stories here give you an example of how strongly the idea of the Day has been accepted by many towns throughout the State

Kempsey

For the first time Aboriginal people of Kempsey gave white townspeople a chance to share in celebrations for National Aborigines Day. Mrs R. Archibald and Mrs W. Duroux (pictured), assisted by Mrs D. Morrison of the Macleay Aboriginal Welfare Committee, spent several days decorating a show window of the county council.

The *Macleay Argus* said that Aboriginal artifacts—some hundreds of years old—were obtained on loan

from historical societies and private collections.

Aboriginal artists and craftsmen in Taree and Kempsey contributed to the display.

Children at the Burnt Bridge infants school painted posters in which they made their own plea for racial tolerance and understanding.

Taree

The Manning River Times included an article prepared by Mr H. F. S. Roberson, welfare officer of the Aborigines Welfare Board at Taree. Mr Roberson outlined the work of the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee.

He described some of the work of seven organizations and many individuals who work for Aboriginal advancement in the Taree area.

Griffith

Two Aboriginal students at Griffith High School addressed the National Aborigines Day observance at the school. The *Griffith Area News* said it was the first time that Aboriginal pupils at the school had spoken on such an occasion.

