

The Aborigines Act says that the Council will:

- advise the Minister on things he asks them about.
- advise him about all other matters concerning Aborigines.

Under this last heading the Council may decide to:

- advise about the leasing, use and disposal of reserves.
- make suggestions if it is found that Council members have any financial problems caused by attending to Council business.
- suggest what new steps need to be taken to improve the health, education, and housing conditions of Aborigines.
- recommend the setting-up of Aboriginal community councils or reserve councils if the people feel this is necessary.
- constructively criticize present measures.
- suggest where social workers, home management training schemes, health education classes, etc., are needed.
- from time to time, suggest ways in which the Act could be improved or adjusted to meet changing conditions.

Because a lot of things are still in the melting pot, a strong Aboriginal voice to advise the Minister is essential. The Aborigines Advisory Council members will become the new leaders of the Aboriginal people in this State.



Mr and Mrs Keith Russell, of Bourke, were married during Aborigine Week last year. The bride was formerly Miss Judith Broughton. The ceremony was held at the United Fellowship Church, Bourke

Pastor Bill Reid, Mr Clive Williams, and Mr John Ferguson were photographed at a ceremony conducted at the Bourke Cenotaph in July last year. The ceremony was part of the National Aborigines Day celebrations held in Bourke

