

BOGGABILLA . . . A Cheerful Station

Unemployment

at a

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DURING the year, a trend has developed amongst the Station residents to secure position with property owners and to live out on such Stations. This trend is slowly but definitely gathering momentum. Some families have already left the Station and are working on properties.

Buildings on the Station are all of weatherboard construction and are very old. However, several residents have made additional rooms, including bath-rooms, and have painted rooms at their own cost. A supply of paint has now been received to paint all cottages on the Station. When this is applied the cottages will look more cheerful and have a lot more individuality.

The health of the residents generally, has been very good. No epidemics or other infectious diseases have occurred during the year. There have been some cases of pneumonia and bronchitis which have all been successfully treated in hospital. All minor ailments, cuts, bruises, etc., have been treated successfully on the Station.

The employment position throughout the year was good. Unemployment was at a minimum. In fact, it could be said there was none. The chief agency of



Sometimes when rain swells the McIntyre River, the station is entirely cut off by water and rowing boats come into use

employment which absorbed 75 per cent. of able-bodied men, was ring-barking. Shearing, which is much more profitable, was indulged in by the experts from the Station. Others were engaged as station and farm hands. Those engaged in this work were permanently employed.

The Station now has a beautiful boxing ring and all accessories. This ring was built by the handymen with the financial backing of the "Boggabilla Aboriginal Station Social Club." This Club has been very busy during the year in organising no less than four boxing tournaments, Christmas functions, children's sports, and dozens of other social functions. The school children also did their share in putting on a very good concert.

There were sixty-two children enrolled at school. The Headmaster and teacher are very pleased with the progress of their pupils. A greater emphasis has been placed by the teachers on personal hygiene, speech training, moral training and, in short, training for good citizenship. As a result, the pupils are cleaner, enunciation has improved, and above all, their manners and obedience is a credit to them. The school children are now able to conduct their own meeting and have formed a Gould League of Bird Lovers and also a "School Management Committee". The children are taking more interest in their school and, through this zeal, the Headmaster hopes to gain more support from the parents. To this end a Parents and Citizens' Association has been formed.

Christmas was enjoyed by young and old with enthusiasm. To augment the Board's donation for the children's party, the management organised a boxing tournament and a dance and the proceeds were used for the party. A huge, tastefully decorated "tree" was obtained. Each child received a present and, in addition, cakes, lollies, fruit, icecream and tea. Assistance was given in this respect by citizens of Boggabilla. The children were treated to two Christmas functions while the other residents were entertained with dances and socials. The festivities ended with a grand New Year's Eve Dance.



This is Boggabilla Women's Football team! In their last match of the season they defeated Goondiwindi 13 to nil. Left to right :- (Standing) Mary Hippi, Lavina Duroux, Hannah Haines, Pauline Hench, Norma Binge, Ursula Haines, Pearl Mackie, Constance George. (Sitting) Valerie Binge, Alice Weribone, Doris Armstrong, Ivy Binge, Gloria Haines and the referee, Mr. Appleby