



Mr. A. McLeod and Mr. Jimmy Little senior, accompanied by Miss Margaret Williams, all of Nowra, play a gum-leaf duet during the National Aborigines' Day ceremonies in Martin Place, Sydney. The Chief Secretary, Mr. C. A. Kelly, is seated on the right of the picture. (By courtesy, Sydney Morning Herald)

"The Government's programme to provide homes for aborigines has been expanded and its operating to the limits of finance available and the ability to build them.

"Acting on their own volition, of course, a number of aborigines have become tenants of Housing Commission homes.

"Developments in education and housing help to show a widening interest by aborigines in New South Wales to work to their rightful place as citizens in the general community.

"Adult aborigines in this State have the right to vote at Federal and State elections and for their representative on the Aborigines' Welfare Board but unfortunately do not exercise their franchise to the fullest. We are trying to change that so that aborigines may become aware of and appreciate the full functions of the democracy in which we live.

"New South Wales has created one of the finest welfare systems for aborigines in Australia and I must pay tribute to the tireless work of the members of the Board, and to the efficiency and consideration which has marked the work of the staff, both in administration and in the field.

"The welfare staff has been increased 40 per cent. and new offices have been opened at Armidale and Bourke. The additional staff includes lady officers. By this means the valuable work done by the Board's officers direct with aborigines in their own areas has been expanded greatly."

Does anyone recognise this couple who were married at Tingha 25 years ago?

