GIRL FROM COOTAMUNDRA JOINS HARRIET ELLIS IN OFFICE JOB

Margaret Wyman, a Wilcannia girl who completed her schooling while at the Cootamundra Girls' Training Home, has joined the office staff of the Miscellaneous Workers' Union in Sydney.

She is training at the headquarters office in the Trades Hall prior to taking up a responsible appointment with the Wollongong branch of the union.

Margaret, who is 18, is working side by side with Harriet Ellis (18), a former Moree girl, who recently figured in a *Dawn* story following her debut at the Royal Commonwealth Society Queen's Birthday ball in Sydney.

Harriet has been a member of the union's clerical staff for more than a year.

The President of the N.S.W. branch of the union, Mr. Keith C. Blackwell, told *Dawn*: "We were so happy with the progress made by Harriet in her job that when the next vacancy occurred we looked for another aboriginal girl with the same potential talents.

"I am confident that Margaret will, with training, prove equally successful. She has already endeared herself to the rest of the staff and senior office girl, Miss Barbara Slatford, is 'mothering' her. Miss Slatford has taken Margaret into her home and she will stay there until she leaves for the South Coast."

Mr. Blackwell said his union had long held the view that aboriginal girls and boys should be given equal opportunity with white children.



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