Location of Workshop

All sessions will be held in the Diocesan Conference Centre on the banks of the Clarence River in Grafton, in the land of the Bandjalang and the Gumbaingiri. The centre is by itself in a beautiful location where meetings can be held outdoors under the trees. Recreation facilities will be available on the riverbank, and a boat cruise and barbeque is planned. Occupancy will be two persons per room. All meals will be in the centre's dining room.

Transportation

It is a short distance by taxi from the railway station to the Diocesan Centre. Those using East-West Airlines (from Sydney) or North Coast Airlines (from Brisbane) may receive a fare discount when purchasing ticket by using a form available from the university office.

Fees

Subsidized participants \$12.

Other participants \$50, plus cost of meals at the centre (\$30.25) and outside accommodations.

(Hotels from \$3-\$9 (single), motels from \$6.50-\$9 (single).

Planning Committee

Ted Fields, Aboriginal Field Officer, Credit Union League.

Ray Kelly, Aboriginal Research Officer, National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Bob Walford, Field Officer, Aboriginal Tutorial Scheme, Armidale and President Armidale Aboriginal Association.

Terry Widders, Secretary, Commission on Aboriginal Development, Australian Council of Churches.

Lilla Watson, University Student, Brisbane.

Frank Wigham (Workshop Director), Department of University Extension, University of New England, Grafton.

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A VISIT FROM ENNGONIA

Monday, 27th August, was one of the most exciting days in the lives of twenty-seven children aged between 8 and 14 from the far northwestern town of Enngonia, 60 miles north of Bourke.

Townspeople drove the children 62 miles to Bourke and put them on the train. The children were off to the city, the snow and the sea.

For the next 8 days they went to places they had previously only dreamed of visiting and some they didn't know existed.

The trip was backed by the Paulian Association's Aboriginal Affairs committee, who had helped raise funds for the trip, and sparked off by Mrs Shirley Smith, field officer for the Aboriginal Medical Service.

Supervised by Enngonia schoolteachers Robert and Cathy Manwarring, the party arrived in Sydney at 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday 28th August. Members of the Paulian Association and helpers met them and drove the children to Rose Bay Convent where they had breakfast before going to Taronga Park Zoo by ferry.

"This was the highlight of the trip", said one of the helpers. "At first some of the children were a bit apprehensive about the ferry ride. They thought it might sink. It was the first time many had been on a boat. But they enjoyed the ferry once they were out on the Harbour".

Over the next 10 days they saw Smiggin Holes and Perisher Valley in the snow country; Wallaga Lake, Bermagui and speedboats on the South Coast; Canberra, Wollongong, Port Kembla, the steelworks; and Sydney, the Harbour and the Zoo.

Then it was back to Enngonia and school.

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