

Dear Kids,

Well, you wanderers from Weilmoringle, what did you think of the big city?

I hope that after your wonderful holiday you went back to school with fresh ideas, and a new determination to learn all you can.

We had a look at you when you went to the Botanical Gardens for lunch that day. What a giggly lot you were, too, when we tried to aim a camera at you. It was nearly as bad as trying to rope in a bunch of puppies to have their photographs taken.

Who IS that girl in our big group picture who insisted on hanging her head? Never mind. It was lots of fun, wasn't it?

Many of you made good friends with the children with whom you were staying. We hope that you won't forget these friends, and that you will write to them sometimes, and tell them how you are faring. No doubt some of you will return to Sydney some day, perhaps to work. There are opportunities for you in Sydney, and in your own country areas, as long as you do everything you can to improve yourselves at school.

Now let's see. Who are all you people who came from Weilmoringle?

Five of our young visitors from Weilmoringle rest on the lawns of the Botanical Gardens

We'll try to get you all right—Perhaps we had better put Essina Shillingsworth first, because at 14, she was the oldest of your group. Then there were Gwen West, Frieda King, Valerie Orcher, Brenda Dixon, Dawn Howlett, Kathy Howlett, Edith Morris, Lorretta Carroll, Gloria Winters, Gwen Elwood, Lois Mackay, Sonny Orcher, Roy Barker, Eddie Barker, Alan Hooper, Peter Orcher, Denis Francis, Denis Johnson, Malcolm Shillingsworth and Pat Dixon.

We are sure you all appreciate the action of the Balgowlah Lions Club in inviting you down for this wonderful holiday.

We hope that the success of this Lions Club venture will encourage other such organisations to bring country children to the city.

Perhaps some of you other children who read this page will be able to visit the city one day soon. I hope so.

Cheerio for now kids,

See you next month.





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