BURRA BEE DEE IS BUSY

The small Station of Burra Bee Dee is undergoing a new look.

If you were to enter any of the residences you would find the women and children scrubbing walls and ceilings in preparation for painting. The Aborigines Welfare Board has supplied enough paint to do the houses inside and out and they should soon be finished.

Recently the Station saw the official opening of a new Church at the New Reserve. This Church was built by Mr. Wakerley, of the United Aborigines Mission, and certainly is a credit to his untiring effort.

The Mission must also be thanked for seeing fit to have the Church at the Reserve and it will now cater for the town folk as well as the Reserve.

The official opening was performed by Mr. Albert Stacey, President of United Aborigines Mission of N.S.W., who before dedicating the Church read a long list of apologies, among which was one from the Superintendent of the Aborigines Welfare Board, whose commitments to other duties would not allow him to attend.

Among the many visitors to attend were Mr. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Howes, of the U.A.M., Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawkins, of Coonabarabran, who are always available to assist the Aborigines of this District, and the Manager and Matron and family of Burra Bee Dee. Thanks must also go to that grand lady, Miss Knight, who, although she has been very ill these last few months, attended to see her ambition realised after so many years of Mission work in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakerley were all smiles in appreciation of the number of people who attended, the Church being filled to capacity.

Willie Ward and Victor Shaw, of Gulargambone, assisted in the musical field and sang duets and solos. Mr. Jim Gray made a special trip from Sydney to be present. The floral decorations were to be wondered at and a special tribute must be paid to Mrs. M. Griffith and her helpers in arranging the flowers.

On behalf of the Aborigines of this district Dawn says, “Thank you, Mr. Wakerley, for a job well done.”

WHERE IS DAPHNE HARRISON?
Can You Help?

Would any Dawn reader knowing the whereabouts of Daphne Barbara Harrison, formerly of Nowra and Griffith, please advise the Superintendent of Aborigines Welfare (Box 30, G.P.O., Sydney), who wishes to contact her regarding her young son.