Mr. Kelly jokes with some of the children during his special visit to the camp.

The boys were quick to get in for their share of the soft drink.

EIGHTY outback children from 21 districts had the time of their lives at the Aborigines Welfare Board's 14-day summer camp at La Perouse in January.

The children came from Boggabilla, Moree, Mungindi, Narrabri, Walgett, Collarenebri, Coonamble, Gulgambone, Pilliga, Coonabarabran, Armidale, Tingha, Wellington, Dubbo, Warren, Brewarrina, Murrin Bridge, Wilcannia, Bourke, Griffith and Balranald.

Floods held up the Boggabilla children for two days but they reached camp in time for all the major enjoyments.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. C. A. Kelly, and his wife visited the camp on January 16th. They were accompanied by Aborigines Welfare Board members, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill (Chairman), Professor Elkin, Mr. E. Wright, M.L.C., Mr. C. Leon and Mr. M. Sawtell; the Superintendent, Mr. H. J. Green, and secretary, Mr. J. Giblett.

Dr. Henson of the Health Department represented Board member Dr. Donnellan while Mr. J. McCaughn represented Mr. J. Goodsell, Chairman of the Public Service Board.

Mr. Kelly commented on the attractive children in camp and said that a finer assembly of youngsters would be hard to find.

The Minister quickly made friends with them all when he donated prizes for sports and afterwards turned on soft drinks and ice creams for the entire camp.

Other visitors included Mr. Keith Smith of the A.B.C. and representatives of television stations and newspapers who covered practically every aspect of the camp life.

Outside entertainment began with a visit to Her Majesty's Theatre for the pantomime, "Snow White".

T.V. sets provided by Inglis Electrix were popular and offset rainy days at the start of the camp. The children were entranced with the viewing, particularly when they saw themselves at Taronga Park Zoo.