Elaine Ardler, a girl from Wreck Bay, has been awarded a scholarship by the Wollondilly Group of the Country Women’s Association of N.S.W. Elaine (14), attends Nowra High School and was chosen with the help of the headmaster and Matron Brown of Wreck Bay.

The scholarship of £30 will buy Elaine’s uniforms and books, and pay school fees, thus enabling her to study for the Intermediate. The C.W.A. Group has promised that they will continue to help Elaine if she desires to go on and sit for her Leaving Certificate.

Our picture (by courtesy of Nowra Studios), shows a smiling Elaine at the presentation ceremony, with (left to right) Mrs. F. Brown, Wollondilly Group representative; Mrs. D. Cayford, President; Mrs. V. Whatmuff, Group Hon. Secretary and Mrs. J. P. Brown, Group Hon. Treasurer.

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The president of the Lismore Aborigines’ Advancement League, Mr. D. W. Harrison, said he hoped this was only the first of many steps that could be taken to improve conditions for aborigines.

He said Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were facing untold difficulties.

“They will feel new and they will feel strange. I hope Goonellabah people will understand this and offer to give help where they can.”

Prayers were offered by Rev. Morgan (Anglican Church) Major L. Gilbert ( Salvation Army) and Mr. G. Chaffer (a council member). Rev. K. Sweeting of the Methodist Church read Psalm 127.

The work leader, Mr. K. Ismay, thanked the people of Lismore for the “wonderful way they helped us and the outstanding generosity they showed.” He thanked the Apex Club, represented by the president, Mr. R. Boland, for laying the foundations of the home.

Mr. Hazell said the A.C.Y.C. was grateful also for the fellowship members of the clergy had offered, without discrimination of colour or creed.