there are 26,000 other members who are with you as you enter your new home.”

Mrs. Barber thanked those who had co-operated, and given assistance and encouragement to the women, and she hoped the mothers at Purfleet would bring their children to the centre where they would receive attention and advice.

Officials of the Mid-North Coast executive, as well as presidents of the many branches present also congratulated Purfleet Branch.

Tracing the history of the Gillawarra Gift Shop, Mr. Cowan said that it was in 1958 that a shop was first mooted in the Tarre Chamber of Commerce. Earlier this year the Chamber invited Mr. Onus to address it, and six members were then appointed to establish the shop.

This shop was established for two main reasons:

- To foster a business which would materially assist the aborigine people of Purfleet.
- To help foster the tourist industry of the town and district.

Mr. Onus in replying to the official welcome, said that Australia had something to sell, but some people had the idea that Australia “could be sold without doing something about it.” People overseas know very little about Australia, but the aborigine can produce something of their culture and colouration which would allow us to say “This is Australia.”

Amongst other things mentioned by Mr. Onus was the fact that whether we are New Australians, white Australians or of aboriginal extraction, we are all Australians and have to work for the betterment and future of this great land—all together.

Other speakers were Mr. E. Arthur-Mason, Aborigines Welfare Officer, Mr. Jordon, M.L.A., and Mr. Alan Cowan, who has worked so tirelessly for the whole function, and the Gift Shop.

Section of the crowd which turned out (despite heavy rain) for the opening of Purfleet C.W.A. Baby Health Centre-Rest Rooms and Gillawarra Gift Shop. The striking design for the Gift Shop was designed and sign-written by Mr. Jim Nesbitt of Taree.