A former Armidale girl, Muriel Briggs (17), made her debut at the Ball of Progress staged by the social committee of the Royal New South Wales Institution for Deaf and Blind Children at the Trocadero ballroom on August 8.

The ball marked the centenary of the institution’s work in this State.

Muriel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Briggs of Armidale, was one of 11 girls presented to the Governor, Lt.-General Sir Eric Woodward, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Lady Woodward.

Matron of Honour was Mrs. Russell Nash, a daughter of a former State Governor, Sir John Northcott.

Muriel, who has been in Sydney for the past 20 months, is at present employed on the secretarial staff of the Water Conservation Commission.

Members of the social committee of the Deaf and Blind Children’s institute who were impressed by Muriel’s natural charm and dignity invited her to make her debut at the ball.

A committee member, Mrs. Ron McDonald, of Castlecrag, made her beautiful ball gown of white delustred satin cut on simple, classic lines with scooped neckline and short tailored sleeves.

The bell skirt was slightly shorter in front and a feature was a hand made rose in the same material at the centre back waistline. The rose was made by a friend, Mrs. Les Penman.

Muriel was partnered by Mr. Tony Jay of Penrith, an industrial chemistry student at the University of N.S.W.

Glamour deb from Armidale, Muriel Briggs

Muriel and her University student escort, Tony Jay
Muriel Briggs curtsies prettily as she is presented to the State Governor, Sir Eric Woodward, by Matron of Honor, Mrs. Russell Nash