These children were among the crowd of about 250 which attended the opening ceremony. (Photos courtesy Northern Star, Lismore)

RESIDENTS HELPED BUILD NEW CHURCH AT BOX RIDGE

The greater part of the new United Aborigines Missionary Church at Box Ridge Aboriginal Reserve was erected by voluntary labour of the Reserve’s residents. The church was opened on 30 July by Mr Harry Wilson, oldest full-blood Aborigine on the Reserve, at a function which attracted 250 people from local and distant towns.

Mr Wilson was handed the key of the front door by the builder, Mr George Smith, who was assisted in the work by Messrs Cyril Smith and C. K. Coolwell.