Brewarrina People Form Association

Residents of the recently completed Aboriginal housing project built by the Welfare Board at Brewarrina have formed the West Brewarrina Progress Association. At a well-attended meeting early in June a committee was formed to meet each month to discuss matters of interest to the West Brewarrina community.

Committee members are Messrs L. Doole (president), B. Trapman (secretary), B. Pittman (treasurer), K. Williams, and Mesdames K. Williams, H. Clarke, C. Hunter and P. Williams.

Fund-raising functions organized by the committee have been fruitful. Mr. Bruce Wilson, welfare officer at Brewarrina, said that the recent social get-together of Walgett Reserve and Brewarrina people was a great success.

Walgett sent three football teams and a small band of supporters to Brewarrina. The matches were keenly contested, and the subsequent barbeque and dance provided fine entertainment for the visitors and the hosts.

Barbeque

Bruce Wilson reckons it was a good thing the barbeque started after the football games, otherwise most of the under 4 stone 7 pound team would have gone well over the weight limit.

It must have been quite a do. A sheep and 80 lb of sausages were eaten and 500 bottles of soft drink emptied; the tuck shop sold out of chocolates, chips and the like midway through the first football game. Luckily, the manager of a local store interrupted his bowling match to replenish the supply for the spectators and players.

The dance in the town’s Fitness Hall drew a very large crowd. The makeshift band of two guitarists from Walgett and a drummer from Brewarrina kept the dancers satisfied. The youngsters twisted and shook, and the oldies thrived on waltzes and quicksteps.

Many people were too shy to join in the dancing, but it is hoped they will gain more confidence for future dances planned as a result of the unqualified success of this first social event planned by the West Brewarrina committee.

The day’s profits will be used to buy football jumpers for the proposed West Brewarrina football team, provide posts for a new basketball court, and for a childrens’ Christmas party later this year.

Pen Friends, Please

Sue Hoskins, 18, and her sisters Mary-Lou, 16, and Elizabeth, 14, would like pen-pals. Sue wrote to Dawn about Joey Donovan’s success in boxing, and he’ll never find a cousin more proud of him than is Sue. Write to the three Hoskins sisters c/o Post Office, Warrell Creek, 2492.

Annette Coe, 16, would like to correspond with other teenage girls and older boys. She likes playing hockey and basketball; in summer she likes to swim. Write to Annette c/o Post Office, Condobolin, 2877.

Elizabeth Rose Williams, 17, (pictured) lives with her parents in one of the new cottages built in Brewarrina by the Welfare Board. She gives her mum a lot of help with household chores and is a very capable girl. Elizabeth’s sporting interests are basketball and football—she follows the Brewarrina team, especially the juniors, of which her brother is a member. Elizabeth would be pleased if you wrote to her c/o Post Office, Brewarrina.