Nanima garden awards

The annual garden competition for residents of Nanima Aboriginal Reserve has been won by Mr and Mrs Bill Riley (cottage 9), with Mrs M. Lane (cottage 8), second, and Mr and Mrs C. May (cottage 17), third.

The annual competition was begun by the Wellington Quota Club in 1964, and has created intense interest among the Nanima people.

Mr J. B. Cahill, supervisor of Nanima Reserve, told Dawn that the competition’s impact on the community in general could be gauged by the generous coverage given by the Wellington Times.

The Times pictures show how much effort has been made in transforming previously bare ground into a place of well established lawns and colourful flowers.

The competition was judged by local horticulturist Dr J. Martin. The winners, Mr and Mrs Riley, came equal third in 1967; this year’s runner-up, Mrs Lane, came second in 1967.

Mr Cahill said that all cottages on the Reserve were awarded consolation prizes of potted trees and shrubs for their gardens.