

because of the difference in the personalities of each case.

Nevertheless, this case illustrates that Judges are prepared to look beyond obvious material benefits in considering what is in a child's best interest. This judge showed a keen awareness of the significance to an aboriginal of remaining in his own culture.

It is also a valuable corrective to the feeling that people in the adoption field may have had since the N.S.W. Case, **Re. K** (1973) N.S.W. L.R. 311, that the law had an undue preference for the middle-class, stable married couple.



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## News from the field

### Queensland CHILD CARE WEEK 1977

Child Care Week 1977 will be held on the week commencing 23rd October, 1977. A meeting of the Committee will be held at "Warilda" on Monday, 7th February, 1977, at which it is hoped that planning for Child Care Week 1977, can begin in earnest.

Office bearers and members of the Child Care Week Committee are:—

Superintendents' and Matrons' Association

Chairman **Reverend C. Schloss**; Vice Chairman **Mr M. Alexander**, Secretary/Treasurer **Miss C. Cooper**; From the City of Brisbane Lions Club **Mr Van De Baan**; From the Department of Children's Services, **Mr A. Sandaver**; From the Superintendents' and Matrons' Association, **Major Davids**

### COMMITTEE ON RESIDENTIAL CARE EDUCATION PROJECTS

This Committee met again on 23rd February; some points to note are:—

- \* all residential care facilities for children in care will be recommended to the Minister for Education for nomination as eligible to receive grants;
- \* guidelines and application forms will be distributed soon;
- \* \$75,000 is available for distribution by 30th June, 1977, and at least a further similar amount by 31st December, 1977;
- \* closing dates will be 29th April and 27th August, 1977;
- \* contact Don Smith, Brigadier Reddie or Brother Ignatius for further information.

### THE CHRISTIAN CENTRE (CHURCHES OF CHRIST), EIDS QLD)

The two cottages operated by the Churches of Christ at Eidsvold for Aboriginal children have been licensed under the Children's Services Act. The Governing Authority is the Churches of Christ Federal Aborigines Mission Board. (Secretary, Mr D.P. Butler, 26 Maradong Street, Mt Lawley, Western Australia) and the person in charge is Mr Lyle Morris. The work has operated for some time.

### ENDEAVOUR TRAINING FARM, RIVERVIEW OPAL JOYCE WILDING HOME, EIGHT MILE PLAINS

These two facilities have now closed and have ceased to operate as Residential Care services for children and young people.

### DEPARTMENTAL STAFF

With the absences in the Department, the Residential Care Section continues to have people acting in all senior positions. The Senior Child Care Officer (Don Smith) is acting as Deputy Director of the Department during Mr McAllister's absence and positions in Residential Care are being filled as follows:—

Senior: **Cheryl Cooper**. Supervisors: Boys facilities, **Ian Schmidt**; Training Centres and Hostels, **Alec Lobban**; Care and Protection facilities, **Shane Ryan**; Care and Control Intake and Court, **Ilyd Loveluck**.

### ASSOCIATE DIPLOMA IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

The second intake into this course at the Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education is underway this semester.