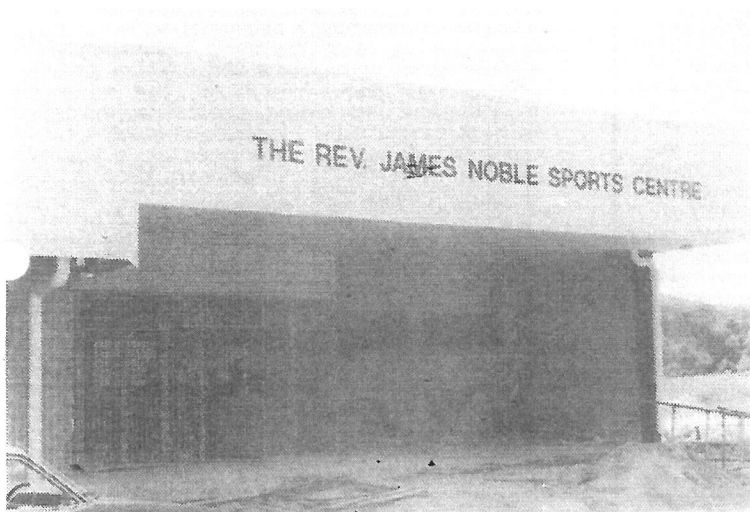


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THE REV. JAMES NOBLE SPORTS COMPLEX OPENS



The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Honourable Mr Clyde Holding, arrived at Yarrabah at approximately 10.50 a.m. on Tuesday the 12th of March, after a confused helicopter landing in a swamp pad. After being taken to the Council Office, a half hour special meeting took place in the chambers. Later he was escorted by council members to the Sports Complex, followed by a number of newspaper and television media workers.

The opening ceremony for the opening of the complex was begun with a prayer by Canon Arthur Malcom who was a guest speaker. After the prayer, Father Wayne Connolly made a reading from the bible, and Mrs Dorita Wilson read a poem she had written using parts of the story of the Rev. James Noble, titled "A tall firm gentleman".

Canon Malcom then started the story of James Noble. He described how he vaguely remembered James Noble when he, as a boy, saw him and his wife. He told of how he was a well known runner and figure among many people, and

even today he is remembered not only in Yarrabah, but in other missions which he went out and helped establish. These include Lockhart, Edward and Forrest River Missions. Canon Malcom also said that his children were born out of Yarrabah but they all came back to the place their father loved and was buried in. (The story of James Noble can be read in Volume 5 of the Yarrabah News, though it may be a slightly less detailed version.) After Canon Malcom told the story he then dedicated the building to the Rev. James Noble.

Council Chairman, Mr Roy Gray then made his speech to the official guests and residents in attendance. After the Chairman's speech the Minister, Mr Clyde Holding made his speech before declaring the complex open.

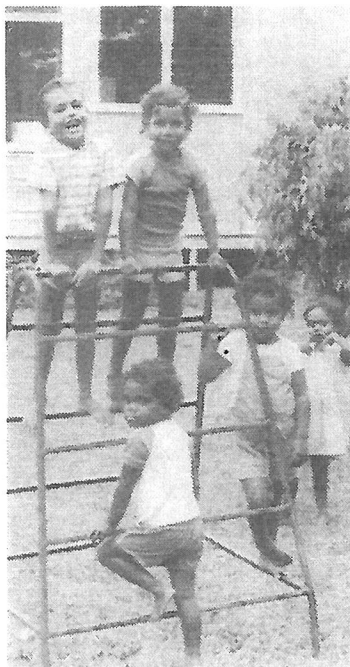
After all the speeches were made, the Yarrabah Christian Group sang a few songs in order to provide further entertainment. This was followed by a song that was made up by Mr Barry Cedric, and it mentioned football and basketball, the Minister, Mr John Gayler, and

other Members of Parliament. The song proved to be entertaining to many people, including the ones involved.

A feast was then held in honour of the opening and the official guests. Other important and recognised figures in attendance were Mr John Gayler (Member for Leichhardt), Mr Keith De Lacy (Member for Cairns), Mr Charles Perkins, Mr Bob Scott, Mr Mick Miller and many others.

The opening ceremony and function was concluded at about 3 p.m.

CHILD'S PLAY



Climbing to the top is child's play for these children, seen having fun on the playground equipment at the kindergarten.

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