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Visit to Sea Hatcheries

Barramundi is a favourite dish and fish of many Yarrabah residents, and as far as catching them around here goes, some of us have to set nets in just the right places or else rely on pure luck, as they are very elusive.

But at Sea Hatcheries, barramundi are used only for experiments and breeding — as we found out . . .

We also found out there are many different types of barramundi such as the Pygmy Barramundi from Weipa.

There was myself (Editor), Chairman Bryce Barlow, Councillor Roy Gray, and Sea Hatcheries trainee from Yarrabah, Paul Neal.

Mr Mike Heaseman described how well they are doing, in terms of feeding and production of Barramundi through breeding. He told us other things such as when they spawn — which is in two seasons — and that there are between ½ million and 30 million eggs laid in one spawning. The Barramundi changes from a male to female during spawning seasons. It was also found that the cost of feeding Barramundi is more expensive when they are small and less expensive when they are bigger. The smaller ones eat 20 times a day, but the larger ones eat once a day.

Mike then explained the technical side of barramundi farming, but the most important thing to them was that they have improved on every aspect and are confident of going into commercial barramundi farming.

After all this, a yarn and a cup of coffee were enjoyed.

BOXING NEWS

Yarrabah boxers, Danny Murgha and Barry Cedric will leave Yarrabah on June the 28th, to fly to New Zealand as part of the best touring boxing side in Queensland. Bert Harris will not take part in the tour because he cannot heep his weight and commitments to Rugby League.

They will fly to Brisbane on the 28th and fly to New Zealand on the same day. Their fare of \$365.00 return will be paid by the Aboriginal Development Commission.

Both boxers will have 3 fights. The first will be on Monday the 2nd of July, the 2nd will be on the following Wednesday and the third and final fight will be on the following Friday. On the Saturday they will go to watch a football match, before returning to Australia. They will get back to Yarrabah on Thursday.

The reason both Yarrabah boxers are going is to see which Queensland boxers will be chosen to compete in the Commonwealth Games.

Both Danny and Barry are confident of doing well in New Zealand, but the only fear is keeping fit. If they don't keep fit then they won't be able to perform well.

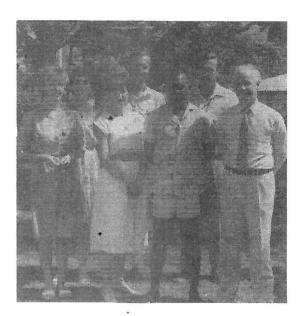
Barry said, "We hope that Yarrabah can support us and donate to the Yarrabah Boxing Club."

PUBLIC SERVANTS

Mr Calvin Hastie and Miss Kayleen Jackson are now public servants, after doing a N.E.S.A. Scheme with the Department of Community Services. They both worked in the Liaison Section for 2 years and were passed as public servants on the 1st of April.

So congratulations to them and best wishes for the future. $\dot{\ }$

VISIT BY DIRECTOR



On Thursday the 2nd of May the Yarrabah Pre-School was visited by the State Director of Pre-Schools, Mr John Tainton.

Mr Tainton was met at the Pre-school by Miss Judy Keckendorf, the teacher at the Pre-school, Mr Peter Rigney, Principal of the Yarrabah Secondary and Primary Schools, Mr Alan Wattridge, D.C.S. Executive Officer, and the Chairman of the Yarrabah Council, Mr Bryce Barlow. With Mr Tainton were two lady companions.

They discussed the possibilities of building a new kindergarten block for the Yarrabah Kindergarten students, but he said construction would not commence for 12 months. He said the level of the present one is too low and the best idea is to build one higher off the ground. This would stop rain water getting into the building during the wet season.

One other job he said that could be done after they have finished doing the kindergarten would be some maintenance to the existing Pre-school section.

The parents of the kids and the kids who attend Preschool and Kindy can feel pleased knowing they are going to receive such facilities from the Director.

HEALTH TEAM NEWS HEALTH TEAM TALK AT SCHOOL

This month Maisie and Violet prepared a talk on nutrition. Both health workers explained about the different food groups, including: fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy food, bread and cereals.

They also explained about "wild food" having all the natural goodness which supplemented other food from the 4 food groups. They even encouraged the children to grow their own fruit, vegetables and other foods. In this way families don't have to spend as much money.

Now the Health Team are planning for their next monthly talk with the school children.