

Member urges greater district support for worthy causes

The Member for Lismore, Mr. Bruce Duncan, on Saturday criticised district people for devoting more time to self interest instead of worthy community projects.

He was officially opening the annual North Coast Children's Home fete at Lismore recreation grounds.

In the past country people had been able to level this criticism at city folk, he said.

He appealed to district residents to reverse this trend and give more time to worthwhile causes such as supporting the home.

Mr. Duncan said country residents had regarded city folk as basically people of self interest.

City people had their job by day, and sport and other recreation filled much of their time. Often they didn't know their neighbours.

We country people gradually are becoming more and more people of self interest, he said.

Probably the greater affluence of society and more opportunities for leisure were responsible.

Lismore and district owed a debt of gratitude to the North Coast Children's Home committee for providing a family unit for 35 children from broken homes or who had lost their parents.

The family was the best unit but the home provided a wonderful substitute.

There was a true family atmosphere at the home.

The matron, Miss O'Neill,

was concerned with providing much more than food and shelter. The inmates received guidance as from parents and job opportunities.

Children who had been brought up at the home provided wonderful examples, he said.

He hoped the fete was a financial success to ensure the continued smooth running of the home.

Council greetings

Lismore's town clerk, Mr. B. C. Stevens, brought greetings and best wishes from the city council, in the absence of the Mayor, Ald. W. G. Blair.

He said there was no worthier cause than the North Coast Children's Home.

All service clubs in the city supported it in one way or another.

President of the home's management committee, Archdeacon J. V. J. Robinson, thanked all who participated in arranging the fete, particularly the committee's women's auxiliary.

Auxiliary president, Mrs. Robinson, gave the comprehensive vote of thanks.

She paid tribute to the former secretary, the late Mrs. D. Mewing, and her successor, Mrs. J. Patterson. Also new officebearers, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Worrall, who were doing the treasurer's work in place of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hiscocks.

Stalls or tents were run by the five Lismore guilds, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, St. John's, All Saints and St. Luke's, the Mothers' Union and the Young Members' Department, Y.A.F., G.F.S., C.E.M.S., scouts and cubs, Y.A.F., Eureka - Clunes Guild and Fernside women. The Jayettes ran the

ball and toy competition and the Jaycees the tug-of-war.

Also thanked were the Lismore City Pipe Band for performances before the opening, Alex. Mr. Robinson who ran the merry-go-round, Mrs. B. North and helpers for the "white elephant" stall, Albert Park School pupils for demonstrating gymnastics, plant stall organisers, Messrs. Sydney, Brookes, Watson, Mills for tasks, the pop group the San Quintens, Mr. D. Tucker and Miss O'Neill, and Mr. D. Frame who stood in as M.C. at the last minute.

The pop group, the San Quintens gave a bracket of numbers, including a composition by members Paul Da Ra and Graham McMahon. Other members are Burnie Shelton and vocalist Jenny Elliot.

2LM announcer Garry

Kelly compered this program, and two members of the Astranotes Band were judges.

Competition winners

Competition winners were: Dressed doll, Donna Wray, Cromer Street, South Lismore 1, Jenny Thompson, High Street 2; stuffed toy, Dianne Ellis, O'Flynn Street 1, Amanda Patterson, Murray Street, 2.

Four schools competed in the tug-o-war, Albert Park, Lismore Heights, Wyrallah Road and South Lismore Public Schools.

Wyrallah Road team (G. Sadler capt. and R. Alcorn, R. Cupitt, R. Pilling, T. O'Sullivan, C. Boot, P. Richards and B. Lo.) beat Lismore Heights in the final.

Mr. Duncan presented the team with a cup and each member with a medal and booklet.