

A Quiet Day at Moree

From a STAFF REPORTER.

MOREE, Tuesday.—The Sydney University students reached Moree today then spent the day quietly surveying aborigines' living conditions.

They were assisted by Mr Robert Brown, a former Moree alderman.

Residents mostly ignored them.

However, many were annoyed because they claimed there was strong evidence that Moree was gradually assimilating its aboriginal population.

The Rev. E. Ryan, who supervises the Methodist Church Hall, where the students are staying, endorsed the view that aborigines were being assimilated.

Moree has a population of about 9,000, including about 1,000 aborigines.

The aborigines live in two main areas—in a reserve on the western side of Moree and in a "shanty town" on the eastern side.

The students are considering demonstrating tomorrow against what they say is discrimination against aborigines at Moree Municipal Council facilities, including the municipal baths and the Memorial Hall.

The manager of Moree municipal baths, Mr Don Ford, told the students he did not discriminate against aborigines.

Inspector T. Steer, in charge of Moree police, warned the students they must abide by the law.

The students will leave Moree on Thursday, visiting Warwick, Lismore, Kempsey and Taree areas before returning to Sydney.

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