

OTHER INSIGHTS

A wireless set was purchased in 1935 and in that year there was also a considerable amount of correspondence about letting the "natives" go to the Ipswich and Brisbane Shows. The Superintendent of the mission did not feel very happy about it at all because it meant mixing with other folks, which was not good. This comment was made with particular reference to the "showies" who ran the side shows. The Superintendent had initially made this decision and sought the support of the Chief Protector on this point.

In the same year, Ronny Daylight wanted to go to Stradbroke Island because he had never seen salt water before. It was decided that because he did not have any relatives there that he would not be permitted to go. This again provides some insight into the restrictions as to movement of the residents that were in place.

Also in that year permission was sought for 16 adults and 37 children from the mission to have a free trip to the seaside. There was initially resistance from the Chief Protector on that point; he stated that it was not reasonable to expect his office to meet the cost of transport of natives on holiday when they had funds of their own. Some of them should have been able to meet the cost of the fares. Eventually they went on a day trip to Sandgate but not without several months of hassle.