

The First Camps

Boys were selected from the East Perth area on the criteria that they would not otherwise receive a holiday.

Thirty kids attended and they camped on Coogee Beach near the Munitions Dump - six tents with five kids each.

Strict discipline was kept on camp including a competition for neatness of tent and completion of chores.

Donations were sought from everyone involved with UWA including donations in kind such as polony from Watsons and tents from the WA Government Railways.

Kids paid a shilling to go on camps and brought their own pillows, rug, cutlery, tin plate and mug.

The camps lapsed during the war because it became very hard to get donations.