

New Guest House At Tuross

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"The Pines" Officially Opened

Of importance not only to Tuross Head but to the whole of the Moruya district was the opening of "The Pines" private hotel which took place at a little ceremony in the course of a house warming party given by Mr and Mrs A. McFeat to nearly two hundred guests last Saturday night.

Mr and Mrs McFeat are to be commended on the courage and enterprise they have shown in undertaking such a venture in a virgin field, as far as Tuross Head is concerned, at a time when building and other costs are so high.

The location is superb with views of the sea and foreshore and up and down the coast from all windows.

The building itself consists of two wings, joined by a centre portion containing the entrance hall, with the lounge on one side and a large dining room on the other. In front of this centre portion is a large verandah, separated from the lounge and dining room only by glass windows and doors.

The dining room is 20 feet by 40 and is suitable for use as a ball room at night. The wing on this end contains the kitchen and staff rooms.

The wing beyond the dining room contains the bedrooms, baths, showers and septic sewage. The bathrooms and showers can be reached directly from the exterior, enabling

anybody who has been to the beach to clean themselves of sand, etc., before entering the rest of the house.

The whole has been furnished tastefully and in the modern manner and there is accommodation at present for 30 guests, although this could be added to as demand warranted.

Each bedroom is in a different colour with inner spring mattresses and built-in furniture. Lighting in the dining room and lounge is fluorescent and hot and cold water is in the bathrooms.

In time the semi-Grecian architecture of the building will be set off by a large garden extending across the four lots on which it has been erected.

A special plane on Saturday brought down a party of guests and these stayed over until Sunday.

On Saturday night 60 guests were entertained to cocktails and dinner and given the opportunity of sampling the cuisine to be served guests in the future.

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Mr H. R. McWilliam, who introduced the speakers, said that it was a red-letter day for Tuross Head. The McFeats were very courageous and enterprising and he was sure they would be well rewarded. The people of Tuross were right behind them and wished them every success.

He then asked Mr Best of the N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau, to present the key of the front door to Mr McFeat. Mr Best said that the tourist business had many facets of which this was one. For it to succeed and the locality to prosper as a result everybody must be behind it as he knew everybody in Tuross would be behind this effort of Mr and Mrs McFeat.

Mr McFeat thanked everybody for coming along and said he and Mrs McFeat and daughter Diana were very happy to be able to welcome them and extend them hospitality.

Mr Jeff Hardy, at Mr McFeat's request, spoke on behalf of the men who had worked on the construction.

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Mr B. C. Wales, publicity manager of Butler's Airways, said that all who had been privileged to come down for the week-end would go back to Sydney as ambassadors of "The Pines." He had no doubt the venture would achieve the success it deserved and he looked forward to the day when Butlers would be running special planes filled with guests for Mr and Mrs McFeat.

Cr. D. Thomson said he was sure that all the guests who came to "The Pines" in the future would go away more than satisfied, not only with the beautiful location but with the premises themselves. Mr and Mrs McFeat would be responsible for bringing a lot more people to Tuross.

Following the opening ceremony dancing to the music of the Starmakers was enjoyed by those present.