

Native Unveils Memorial to His Mother's Tribe

Today linked hands with the past at Victor Harbor yesterday when 73-year-old Mansell Tripp, full-blooded aboriginal, of Goolwa, unveiled a memorial cairn to his mother's tribe.

A plaque on the cairn, which is near the mouth of the Inman River, reads:—"This cairn commemorates one of the last camping grounds of the Ramindjeri, an Encounter Bay tribe of Narrinjeri aborigines. Erected 1945."

Mr. Tripp, who brought his grandsons with him, said that he had been born near the site. He is one of the few surviving links with the once powerful tribe, which lived in the sandhills of Encounter Bay.

The memorial has been erected by the District Council of Encounter Bay, assisted by the historical memorials committee of the Royal Geographical Society.

The site has been named the "Kent Reserve," after an officer who accompanied Captain Collett Barker on his trip to Mount Lofty summit, and later to the Murray Mouth, where Barker was speared by natives.

About 100 attended the unveiling yesterday, including the Surveyor-General (Mr. Hambidge), Dr. A. Grenfell Price, the Clerk of the House of Assembly (Mr. Parker) and the chairman of the Encounter Bay Council (Mr. Battye).