

## Testing the local brew



The Jaques brothers coffee plantation near Mareeba has been a busy place during the past week.

Last Wednesday a group of 23 coffee growers from Kona in Hawaii inspected the farm — one of the most automated coffee farms in the world — and were very impressed with what they saw.

Yesterday, the Minister for Environment, Valuation and Administrative Services, Mr Martin Tenni, and members of his parliamentary committee, visited the estate where they were shown all

aspects of the local coffee production and later sampled a cup of Jaques Bros. special brew.

Pictured, from left, are Mr Sandy McPhie, the Member for Toowoomba North; Mr Bill Newton, the Member for Caboolture; Mr Earle Bailey, the Member for Toowong; Mr Gordon Simpson, the Member for Coorook; Mr Nat Jaques, Mr Tenni and Mr Dick Jaques.

Mr Tenni and his committee are in the Far North to hold discussions with industry representatives and local government and to look at Far Northern problems.

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## Tenni and group tour Tableland



The Minister for the Environment and Evaluation and Administrative Services and the member for Barron River, Mr. Martin Tenni made a tour of the Tableland area last Monday along with several parliamentary colleagues to study the industries and conditions of Far North Queensland.

At a meal at Dunlop's Hotel in Mareeba, Mr. Tenni talked with from left, Dick and Nat Jaques (of Jaques Coffee), Earl Bailey (Member for Toowong and National Party backbencher) and Don Hastie (Chairman of the Tobacco Board).

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## Tableland coffee for Yungaburra Arts

Tableland Coffee from the Jaques Brothers Coffee Plantations at Paddy's Green near Mareeba, will be just one of the beverages and foods available for visitors to Yungaburra on October 5 on the occasion of the second Yungaburra Arts Festival.

Those exhibiting their paintings and handicrafts have not been left out either, as Jaques Brothers have made a very generous donation of \$100 for an Art Award.

At a meeting of the executive held last week it was decided that an approach should be made to the Army in Townsville for a regimental band to take part in the Festival, following the great success of the now disbanded Townsville Army band two years ago.

Approaches will also be made to the Fun in the Sun Committee in Cairns for a possible joint approach.

An application for support has already been made to the Queensland State Minister for Sport and Culture, Mr. McKechnie, and the committee has been notified that it will receive a grant of \$250.

An approach is being made to the Australian Arts Council for a grant, similar to the one applied for 2 years ago which was withdrawn as it arrived after the Festival.

Discussions on methods of raising funds led to a letter to the Eacham Shire Council, which it is gathered, should receive a favourable answer.

On the local level, an Easter Egg Raffle is being arranged and tickets will be on sale at the Yungaburra Post Office.

The next General Meeting of the Yungaburra Arts Festival Committee will be held at the Community Centre on March 12 at 7.30 p.m. and all interested persons are invited to attend.