

***Herald* (Melbourne), 15 March 1937, p. 3, Aboriginal Princess as Parklands Cricketer**

Descendants of Kings and Queens — including at least one Princess in her own light — played cricket and other games in Fitzroy Gardens this afternoon. The Princess is known as Jessie Niven, but she is the 23-year-old granddaughter of the one-time mighty King Barak, of the Yarra Yarra tribe of aborigines.

With about 50 other people of aboriginal descent, Jessie this afternoon attended the annual picnic organised by the Australian Aborigines' League.

King Barak, it is safe to assume, would not have recognised Jessie as a kinsman. She is a smartly dressed young woman, sophisticated and up to the minute in her ideas.

The organisation of the picnic was supervised by Mr William Cooper, 70-year-old "father" of Melbourne aborigines. He recalled that when he was a youthful member of the Moira tribe, which camped along the Murray, 500 male members of the tribe were once gathered together on a sunny afternoon similar to today.

But only remnants of the tribes are left today. The former powerful Conda tribe, from the western districts of this State, were represented this afternoon by several smartly-dressed young women.

Doug Nicholls, Fitzroy League footballer, also was at the picnic.