

It's not fair dinkum mate

REBECCA Hossack, former cultural attaché at the Australian High Commission, is furious about the negative way Aborigines are treated. Last night she held a private view of aboriginal art at her gallery in Conway Street, Bloomsbury, with a demonstration of snake dancing by tribal people from islands north of Darwin.

While we waited her Aussie friend Jill Duchess of Hamilton turned up on a bus from Stanmore with an Aborigine cricket team, which had just been playing an Essex team.

"It's a disgrace the way we treat Aborigine sportsmen," says Rebecca. "When I was at Australia House, white cricketers were given the full diplomatic treatment, but these people just go back to their digs without any special parties.

"Aborigine tennis players such as Goolagong and Aussie Rules football players are given special encouragement, but Aborigine cricketers are second class citizens."