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REMARKABLE 80-YR-OLD TREATS ABORIGINES

The Australian Aborigines visiting China have been banqueted in Peking's sumptuous People's Hall by one of the country's most remarkable men.

An account of the gesture is given in a letter by the Aboriginal party's West Australian member, Mr Ken Winder.

Written from Peking Hotel, the letter was received yesterday by chairman Mr Jack Davis of the Aboriginal Advancement Council.

The host was the vice-chairman Kuo Mo-jo of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

Kuo Mo-jo is also president of the nation's Academy of Science, a poet, historian, archaeologist—and 80 years old.

The People's Hall banquet was a far cry from another meal attended by AAC secretary Mr Winder and his nine companions. They went by four-wheel drive vehicles to the grasslands of Inner Mongolia, sat with tribesmen to a meal of four barbecued sheep.