



# ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE

## SANTA ARRIVES AT CONDOBOLIN.

There was great excitement at the Condobolin Reserve, on the evening of Monday, 12th December, on the occasion of the Annual Christmas Party and Tree.

Santa arrived about 6 o'clock, and scattered lollies amongst the eager children. After his arrival, the party was held, and both children and adults attacked the eats and drinks with great enthusiasm. Soon it was time for the Christmas tree. Santa distributed a small gift to everyone present, and he had a special surprise for Mrs. Lizzie Goolagong—a big, fresh goanna.

Soon after 8 o'clock, proceedings were concluded, and Santa departed on his way to visit some of the many parties on his programme.

Our thanks go to the Condobolin Apex Rotary Clubs for their generous assistance, and to the A.I.M.

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## News Items from Wallaga Lake.

Seven children from Wallaga Lake were recently confirmed at the Cobargo Catholic Church along with the white children of the district, by Archbishop O'Brien.

Several of the Catholics from the Station were seated in the Church along with the white congregation, and they all looked rightly proud of their children who were very smartly dressed for the occasion.

After the Service Archbishop O'Brien met all the people and expressed his sincere appreciation at the fact of seeing some of the Aboriginal people from Wallaga Lake at the Cobargo Church,

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Bishop Clements of Goulburn and Canberra confirmed five Church of England children at the Wallaga Lake Station Hall, and stated that he was very happy to be present on the Station and to administer the Sacraments to the Aboriginal children,

He said that he was a regular reader of *Dawn*, and congratulated the children on having prepared so well for the occasion.

Those confirmed were: Pamela Thomas, Eleanore Scott, Ivan Thomas, Carl and Lloyd Thomas.

The Wallaga Lake School Choir participated in the Choral and Verse Speaking Festival at the Kings Theatre, Bega, along with all the other schools extending from Milton to Eden.

They sang "Wandering the King's Highway", in which the verses were sung as a duet by Ernie Parsons and Ivan Thomas, "Johnny and Jenny" and "The Keeper".

Many people congratulated the choir on their fine performance; The Director of Education for the Southern Area—Mr. Cowburn and the District Inspector of Schools—Mr. Watt, were particularly pleased that the Aboriginal children had so enthusiastically participated in the presence of such a large audience.

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The Wallaga Lake School Teacher—Mr. Sear—took two teams of children from Wallaga Lake School to Bermagui to play rounders against the children there. Wallaga Lake was defeated in both games, but they are practising hard to play a return match on the Station in order to retrieve the ashes!

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About thirty young people from the Illawarra Presbyterian Fellowship recently visited the Nowra District and were conducted on a short tour by the Aborigines Welfare Officer for the district, Mr. Sephton. They were particularly interested in the new cottages erected by the Board for aboriginal tenants at Bomaderry, the ladies admiring especially the stainless steel sinks and rotary clothes-lines provided.

The party eventually arrived at Wreck Bay where they were shown around by the Manager, Mr. Brown. After meeting a number of the residents and enjoying a meal, the visitors set up their movie projector and proceeded to give their hosts an entertaining film evening. Many expressions of appreciation were heard, and all at Wreck Bay hope that the next visit will not be too far distant.