



# Big Day at MOREE as Kids Enjoy Playground Equipment

Playground equipment worth more than £100 was presented to Moree Aborigines' Station by the Chairman of the Sun Toy Fund, Mr. F. H. Palmer, on May 10.

The sturdily built equipment was handed over by Mr. Palmer to the Chairman of the Aborigines Welfare Board, Mr. A. G. Kingsmill.

Mr. Palmer, in making the presentation, said:—

“Today we participate in a unique function, unique because it represents perhaps the biggest charitable effort of its kind in N.S.W.—and probably Australia—to help the aboriginal children in a collective and practical manner.

“The Sun Newspaper Toy Fund is proud and happy to tell you that this contribution of playground equipment is only a small part of what we have done for the aboriginal kiddies.

“Similar presentations are being made to stations from the far south coast to the Queensland border.

“Expenditure has exceeded £1,000 and we don't begrudge one penny of it because over the years youngsters will benefit in a happy and carefree way.

“We initially made an open offer to the Welfare Board and then we were guided by their recommendations.

“Moree was selected for the official handing-over ceremony because of the big number of children—about 300—under guidance at your local station.

“At the same time the Sun Toy Fund has no distinction to make of race and creed, as emphasised by today's special gesture to the aboriginal children of the State.

“You will thus appreciate that it is not only at Christmas, when we distribute thousands of toys all over the State, that the fund is active. Actually its work never stops, as instanced by today's pleasing function.

“My committee is imbued with the idea that the plight of thousands of youngsters can be immeasurably improved by also giving them something of an educational and recreational nature as well as just toys.

“Our aim is to make the lives of these children happy—and there are thousands of needy ones in hospitals, orphanages, institutions and places like aboriginal reserves,” Mr. Palmer said.

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