



ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The children, of Cootamundra Girls' and Kinchela boys' Homes, acknowledge with many thanks, the gift by Miss E. Langhorn, of 14 Hale Road, Mosman, of decorations for their Christmas Trees. The decorations are the work of Miss Langhorn's own hands and indeed added lustre and brilliance to the trees.

It is intended to keep the decorations for future festive occasions.

Such interest in the Children's Homes is much appreciated.

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ANOTHER SMOKE SIGNAL FROM LA PEROUSE.

During the month of November, a committee of the aboriginal residents ran four dances in the La Perouse Recreation Hall, to raise funds for the Christmas party for the children. Mr. H. W. Jeffery played no small part in the organisation of the dances.

The Apex Club, of Randwick, also assisted to a very large extent by supplying the band and the supper for the first dance. For the other three dances, the supper was provided from funds which were specially raised. Ten pounds was raised from the sale of a large boomerang, and the following is a result of the people's effort for the four dances:—

	£	s.	d.
Total takings ..	73	12	10
Total expenses ..	27	17	10
Cash in hand ..	45	15	0

A very active committee was organised for the Christmas party in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. E. Foster, Mrs. M. Stewart, Mrs. L. Cooley, and the three Miss Fosters. Mrs. Foster was the Secretary.

Dawn congratulates La Perouse on their splendid effort. It only goes to show what can be done.



A December Thriller!

COOTAMUNDRA GIRLS RECEIVE PLEASANT SURPRISE.

On behalf of the girls at Cootamundra Home, *Dawn* extends thanks to Miss Brenda Geldard, granddaughter of the Secretary, Mr. Mullins, for her handsome gift of a dolls' house which arrived unexpectedly on 21st November. The House occupies a place of honour on the Home verandah and the children look forward to spending many happy hours with it. It is quite a large house, standing nearly 4 feet high, and the four rooms, hall and staircase, have been newly carpeted and decorated in modern pastel shades. We understand that grandpa built it for Brenda and that gives it added value.

If any readers of *Dawn* have any items of furniture—dolls' size, of course—they will be very acceptable. They can be forwarded to—

The Matron,
Girls' Training Home,
Cootamundra.

and will be suitably acknowledged.