

"We hear all about atom bombs, jet planes, and all the extraordinary things that are happening, and sometimes we think, well I don't know, whatever we do we're just ordinary people, how do we carry on our lives in the face of these extraordinary things that are happening, and these great changes that are taking place every day in the world.



"And I think the thing that we have to remember is this. That the greater the amount of development that comes with all these scientific inventions the greater the need for the human touch of women.

"Because with all these amazing things that have happened, we've discovered that great social problems have developed with them. And because science has waved a magic wand, and brought wonderful changes about, it doesn't always follow that science can deal with the problems that come behind those wonderful things.

"And so we find that more than ever in this modern world the touch of humanity is necessary. And we find that it is women who have the greatest human touch.

"And we find that when things go wrong in the world, and when man's inventions brings trouble in their wake, that it's the human and healing hand of the women that has to come along and try and restore the world to order.

"I remember hearing a story that happened in Pakistan and India. They are two of the great countries in South East Asia. They had a division of religions in both countries.

"One country said, 'all the people who are not of this religion must leave our country.'

"And the other country said, 'all the people that are not of the other religion must leave ours'.

"And so the whole country was filled with people moving about from one country to another trying to find a place to live.

"You can imagine the great problems that arose because those people had no homes, no food and no shelter.

"So all the men met together in Parliament.

"They said: 'We must form Committees to solve these social problems. We must pass Acts to deal with this problem and that problem.'

"And do you know what the women did?

"They met together and set up soup kitchens all along the borders. The women had the faculties of getting right down to the base of all the human problems. They recognised straight away the simplest needs.

"Maybe the things they do aren't as spectacular as the things men do. Maybe they can't pass the Laws and can't make the Decrees, but they are the people that see the fundamental needs of other human beings.

"They are the people to whom we look when there is a human need in our midst.

"We have found that since all the changes that followed the invention of the atom bomb that we, the people of Australia, have had to try and start and think about security because we have found that we are the only people in this world who have a whole Continent to ourselves.

"Therefore, it is on our shoulders that falls the responsibility of seeing that this wonderful country that we have goes on to our children.

"When the Australian people realised that they invited lots of people to come from the other side of the world.

"They said, 'will you come in and help us hold this country? Will you come in and help us people this country?'

"When all these people came in we discovered that again there was a human problem.

"Men had done their job. They had passed the Bills, and arranged the mechanics of allowing all these people to come, but there was still the process of assimilating them.



**Pretty little Lorella Edwards made a lovely Christmas Tree at the Cootamundra Girls' Home Juvenile Ball**