



. . . . For some time I have been intending to drop you a line to congratulate you on the work you are doing.

I have carefully perused every issue of *Dawn* that has reached me and I believe that this publication, if its circulation is effective, must play a major part in the belated efforts of the community to protect and uplift the aborigines.

The pictorial work is excellent and no one can imagine the thrill the subjects must get from the publication of their photographs.

With best wishes,  
R. L. Blake,  
Editor, *The Armidale Express*.



. . . . In extending birthday greetings to *Dawn* we are happy to offer congratulations to such an attractive publication; in our opinion, a gem in a world of publications.

A well edited journal with such a refreshing style and variety of interest, *Dawn* cannot fail to capture the interest of readers far and wide.

We extend to the principals good wishes for the future, and, in doing so, express the hope the publication will continue to convey its messages of goodwill as effectively in the future.

B. W. L. Dunnet,  
*North Western Courier*, Narrabri.



. . . . I would like to add special greetings, on this the first birthday of *Dawn*.

May this publication have many more years of existence, as it is a worthy journal for the uplift of our coloured people, and also of general interest to all readers.

May I also congratulate you on your articles and general lay-out of *Dawn*; it is very creditable, and the printing is in keeping with this fine publication.

Good wishes, and may your journal continue to do the good work it is doing, thus helping the assimilation of the aboriginal people.

H. N. Wilson,  
*Nowra News*, Nowra.

. . . . I want to take this opportunity of congratulating *Dawn* on the celebration of its first birthday.

During my stay and study in Australia that was arranged under the scheme of the Colombo Plan some months ago, I had the opportunity of visiting the Aborigines Welfare Board and meeting some of the prominent officials.

This enabled me to get information about the aboriginal people and visit the camp at La Perouse.

At La Perouse I met the Manager, Mr. Jenks, and the United Aborigines Missionary, Mr. Siggs. I was very pleased to meet them and to visit the aboriginal people in their own homes.

After reading the 1950 Aborigines Welfare Board Report, and visiting the Reserves, I am convinced that Point 5 is not only a principle in theory but also in practice. Point 5 says "The Board has continually stressed that its aim is the ultimate assimilation of aborigines into the general community. The Board hopes to achieve this object by the provision of improved housing, and living conditions, by attention to health and hygiene, the provision of equal education facilities for aboriginal children as for white children, the development of social, sporting and cultural pursuits, and by individual welfare activity.

In conclusion, I thank you very much for giving me the opportunity of joining in *Dawn's* birthday celebration.

May this unique magazine be a stepping-stone in bringing the aboriginal people into the general community, and thus ensuring their prosperity.

M. Soemantri,  
c.o. Ministry of the Interior,  
Republic of Indonesia,  
Djakarta.



Walter, John and Kevin Binge, of Boggabilla, and two of their horses.