The Ettalong Auxiliary of the Gosford District Hospital is within a few dollars of its $1,090 object for the purchase of a humidicrib for the hospital's nursery.

The raising of such a considerable sum of money in only six months is a splendid achievement for the small band of hard working women which forms the Ettalong Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary hopes to present its cheque for the purchase of the humidicrib some time this month.

A large contribution to the fund was made by the recent doll competition which was finalised last Saturday. The winning ticket, purchased by Mrs. Carroll of 78 Karingi St., Ettalong, was drawn by Senior Constable Max Salisbury of Woy Woy Police at a public drawing outside Woolworths Food Fair in Woy Woy at 11 a.m. last Saturday.

The two delightful dolls which have been on show in the district's shopping centres over the past weeks were dressed by Mrs. Edna McAllery of Rothwell Street, Woy Woy.

Mrs. McAllery, who is famed for her beautiful needlework, has been responsible for contributing some $1600 to local charities in recent years.

The president of the Ettalong Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. F. Hoare, said on Monday that the public response to the doll competition had been wonderful.

Mrs. Hoare also gave high praise to the continuous and untiring work of her members.

The Auxiliary has already contributed many essential items of equipment to Gosford District Hospital and the addition of a second humidicrib to the nursery will fill yet another need.