

'Girls with a purpose' under the spotlight

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MOREE Family Support and Moree Secondary College held the Girls with a Purpose ball last Friday.

Moree Family Support manager, Theresa Oakenfull, was very proud of her graduates.

"Twelve princesses completed the course and were crowned and awarded on Friday night.

"We made sure the night was all about the girls so they were chaperoned and shown what it was like to be treated like a lady," Ms Oakenfull said.

The night was held at The Max Centre with a formal dinner and many speeches.

"Jenny Hayes, Kevin Humphries, Paula Barton and the

Minister for Family and Community Services Pru Goward spoke about women and how far we've come since our grandparents' days," Ms Oakenfull said.

The princesses also had their time in the spotlight and presented a speech about the 20-week course that they underwent.

They spoke about the beauty courses that taught them how to look after their skin and body, the self-defence classes and their personal experiences during the 20 weeks.

"The program was so successful with teaching the girls self-confidence and helped a lot with school attendance that next year we are extending the course to go for longer," she said.

