

**ROSEDALE-TOTTENHAM,**

**HONOR BOARD UNVEILED.**

BY MAYOR OF BUNDEBERG.

**A LARGE ATTENDANCE.**  
The Rosedale district is one of the districts which have contributed both in men and money for the help of the nation in this war, and yesterday a fitting tribute was paid to those who are honourably wearing the King's uniform, and fighting in foreign clime. Their names are fittingly inscribed on a marble honor board composed of marble, the first of its kind in these parts. This idea of the people of the district is an excellent one, ensuring the permanency of the outward tokens of the appreciation so manifest. The Rosedale-Tottenham Patriotic League, working in conjunction with the Rosedale Red Cross Society, worked hard and ungrudgingly to make yesterday's unveiling ceremony a successful one, and their efforts were rewarded to the full. Favoured with delightful weather the residents of the district and from neighbouring centres, visited Rosedale in large numbers and by the appointment of hour of unveiling there was in attendance one of the largest gatherings ever seen in the pretty little township. Councillor J. T. Guerin, and Mr. T. B. Leonard, president and secretary respectively of the Patriotic League and Madam Mrs. Shearer Guerin and Leonard, president, secretary and treasurer respectively of the Red Cross Society and Mrs. Bennett and other sterling helpers, worked wholeheartedly both prior to and during the day, and their invaluable assistance backed up by a band of willing workers, was an object of pleasure to all present.

The honour board is composed of a marble slab mounted on silver oak, and is inscribed as follows:—

- ROSEDALE AND TOTTENHAM**  
**ROLL OF HONOUR.**  
T. Lloyd-Jones (K), E. Lloyd-Jones, W. Lloyd-Jones, T. Hutchins, (K), D. N. Hitchens, J. E. Webb, W. J. Willis, G. V. Willis, W. B. Willis, J. H. Willis, H. N. Ashby, P. J. Bulow, W. Bulow, J. T. F. Guerin, W. J. Harris, A. M. Rothmann, A. A. Pagliano, J. Watson, M. D. Colch, M. A. Scholtz, G. Lewis, A. E. Dabestain, J. G. Hales, C. Scott, J. L. Shearer.

The board is placed on the wall of the railway station, under the main platform, and the station was made to look a fitting appearance by the selective use of patriotic flags and bunting, tastily arranged by Mr. Shearer, station master, and his capable assistant, Miss Shearer, and also Mrs. Shearer, who, as mentioned above is President of the Red Cross Society.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Bundaberg, (Ald. R. Ruddell).

Cr. J. T. Guerin, President of the Patriotic League, said it was his pleasing duty to introduce Alderman Ruddell, and at the same time to extend to him and the Mayor and the other visitors a hearty welcome on behalf of the residents of the district. There were many reasons why they were pleased to have the Mayor with them. The district was closely associated with Bundaberg, commercially and socially and in no better manner than in matters connected with the patriotic movement. The local committee of which he (Mr. Guerin) was the nominal head, had been successful in raising several hundred pounds and that was only

been successful in raising several hundred pounds and that was only possible by the fine manner in which the people responded. All the money so contributed found its way into patriotic channels through the Bundaberg patriotic society. Then the Rosedale Red Cross Society had done good work as a sub-branch of Bundaberg. The Mayor was the highest civic authority, and they welcomed him and the Mayor in that capacity, and also as private citizens. It was also pleasing to find representatives of other local centres assisting them, for it was right and fitting that in doing anything to assist their Australian soldiers that they should know no such things as boundaries. When it came to assisting their soldiers he hoped they were all Australians. (Hear, Hear). Concluding, Councillor Guerin said they were present to do honour to district boys at the front and he reminded them of Mr. Lloyd George's words in reference to the British soldiers: "Nothing that we can do will ever requite those men for what they have suffered. They deserve our best. If we do less than our best, we shall have failed in our duty. They led the highest duty towards their representatives, a duty he hoped the Australian Government would not shrink from fulfilling. (Hear, hear). The government of the country would be charged with the care of those men when they returned and must make the fullest and most complete effort to do justice towards them.

In calling on the Mayor to speak, Cr. Guerin asked those assembled to remain quiet for one minute after the unveiling as a mark of respect to their souls dead.

Ald. Ruddell returned thanks to the Patriotic League for their kind invitation to him to unveil the honor board, and said he regarded the ceremony as a solemn one. He complimented the district on its loyalty, on giving their young men who placed their country's needs before their own. Their sons had gone forth to do battle against the common foe, for liberty to enjoy their own privileges in their own way. When war first broke out, they thought it would be over in a few months. Now it was in the fourth year, it was not over yet, and would not be for some time. They hoped duty would come out victorious in conjunction with her Allies. Continuing, the Mayor said the response of 20 men from the Rosedale district was very creditable for a farming district, where young men were required for tilling the soil. Two of them, unfortunately, would not return. He was afraid they were not out of it yet, though he hoped and trusted the day was dawning, when they would again have peace, and their boys would return home. Provision was made for them on their return. The Federal Government certainly had granted \$250,000 for that purpose, but it was only a small amount. He had been pleased to learn from Mr. Dunn that in this connection they had already sent a handsome sum from the district.

Ald. Ruddell then drew aside the Australian flag covering the honor board and the gathering remained silent for a moment.

Councillor Guerin read a telegram of apology from Councillor Clifford, who was absent through mistaking the train arrangements.

Nov. J. H. Waters, of Gladstone, in an excellent speech said the district was to be congratulated on the loyalty of its sons, who had shown their loyalty by volunteering for King and country. Not only were the boys to be congratulated, because

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there was not the slightest doubt that the hard part was for the parents, who followed God's own example and gave that which was dearer than life itself—their sons, and gave them willingly to fight for the cause of humanity. Proceeding, Mr. Waters, in referring to the course of the war, gave the following quotation from "Life" (America):—"The Kaiser has given to the Hohenzollern Museum in Berlin, the gold pen with which he signed the mobilisation order of July, 1914. This is a good gift, as far as it goes; but it ought to go further. Years from now when civilized peoples have recovered from their cold disgust at all things Prussian sufficiently to travel to Berlin, and when they enter the Hohenzollern Museum with loathing in their hearts, they will wonder, as they see the gold pen which signed the order that started the Hunnish war against Decency, Democracy and Right, where the other trophies are. They will look for a section of the torpedo that sank the Lusitania; for a strap of the paper from the broken treaty between Germany and Belgium; for the first cannon to hurl a shell into St. Elizabeth's Cathedral; for the bullet that murdered Edith Cavell and Captain Fryatt; for the steering wheel of the first German submarine to sink a hospital ship; for a piece of the first Zeppelin bomb that fell on an English orphan asylum; for a status of the first Belgian to be deported into slavery by the Prussians; and for the uniform of the first German soldier to outrage a woman on enemy soil. The Kaiser doesn't think he has done his duty by the Hohenzollern Museum, in giving it the gold pen. The museum needs these other things, and much else besides, to be representative of Hohenzollernism." There were 300,000 Australians at the front asking "Why?" for all these outrages against decency and civilization. As they looked at the honor board they saw that two of their boys had paid the great sacrifice. They had died to save their women and girls from the horrors that Belgians, Armenians, and Serbian women suffered. Sometimes when sending boys to fight for the Old Country they thought that they were doing that country a good turn. So they were, but let them remember that Australia's fighting line was over in Europe. If Germany were victorious the flag (about the station), would be hauled down, and the German ensign planted in their stead. Please God, that would not be while they had men of the calibre of those who had gone to the front. In concluding Mr. Waters said the war could not go on for ever and he hoped it would yield a world peace that would make another war well nigh impossible. (Applause).

Mr. W. Dunn, representing the Bundaberg Patriotic committee, expressed keen appreciation of the invitation to attend, and he could assure them that Rosedale was closely associated with the minds of the Bundaberg Patriotic committee. Referring to recruiting, Mr. Dunn said it must be plain to them that something was coming in the near future, and they should hasten it along as soon as possible. Although a hard thing to say, he believed, many of their brave boys would have been in the lead of the firing if they had had assistance at the right time. Proceeding, Mr. Dunn said the Bundaberg Patriotic Committee was the only committee outside Bundaberg that conducted its own fund, and some 110 men had

outside Bundaberg that conducted its own fund, and some 110 married women who were on the list raised over £50 a week, the highest being £70. Although they were anxious, they were only able to carry on through the assistance of such branches as Rosedale. In patriotic matters Bundaberg had a record second to none. (Applause). They had only to see, and they would not see in vain. (Applause).

Mrs. Shearer, president of the Red Cross Society, said that for Rosedale the day was one of its proudest, for they were trying to do honour to the boys who left behind all that they loved. By helping the Red Cross they were helping the boys, and the Rosedale people showed that they thought so. The branch was started 18 months ago, and they had 50 members on the roll, which meant almost every lady in the district. A large number of garments and knitted work and £135 in cash were sent to Bundaberg, and several cases of delicacies were sent to the boys. They could not sit down and pat themselves on the back, however, for the same generous response would be required until the last soldier returned. Mrs. Shearer concluded by thanking the Mayor and Mayoress, and the visitors for helping them to honour the boys who were doing their duty so nobly. (Applause).

Mr. Shearer, as treasurer of the Patriotic Committee, added a few words of appreciation, expressing pleasure at the largeness of the gathering.

Hearty cheers were then given for the boys at the front, and for the nurses, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor and party at the instance of Mr. J. G. Hales.

Subsequently the Mayoral party, consisting of Alderman and Mrs. Ruddell, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunn, proceeded to the spacious hall where with other visitors they were entertained to an excellent luncheon thoughtfully provided by the committee, and served by the enthusiastic lady helpers. The hall was tastefully decorated throughout with flags, flowers and greenery. The 10 or so small tables daintily laid out accommodated the most of the people at afternoon tea, which was provided gratis, and the thoughtfulness and hospitality of those concerned were again much appreciated.

Among those who attended during the day were: Councilors J. T. Webster, J. G. Hales, J. Guise and J. H. Stephenson, and Mr. R. H. Adams, representing the Meriam Vale Shire Council, and Messrs. J. Chapman and J. J. Young of Meriam Vale.

To the words of the residents of the

district, who, in addition to sending so many men to the front, have contributed something if a £2000 to the patriotic funds, congratulations are due on the success of yesterday's function, which was highly successful in every respect.