

## COOMERA COUNCIL

### PRESENTS HONOUR ROLLS



An interesting ceremony associated with World War No. 2 in the form of the presentation, by the chairman of the Oxenford Shire Council (Cr. W. F. Oxenford) of illuminated and framed Rolls of Honour bearing the 120 names of those who enlisted from the Shire during the World War 1939-1945.

Some time ago the council at the request of local organisations arranged to have three Honour Rolls prepared, one each for Pimpama and Coomera Schools of Arts and the third for hanging in the Coomera Shire Hall. The presentation took place, at the Shire Hall, prior to the monthly meeting of the Coomera Council on Dec 21st, when there were present in addition to

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the Councillors, Messrs S. R. Black a former chairman, R. C. Bird, R. Lane, H. Muntz, A. R. Mayes, R. S. Bignell, C. Stewart, J. Hart, O. Hargraves, C. Lane representing the Upper Coomera School of Arts, Pimpama School of Arts, Coomera Sub-Branch R.S.L. and the Welfare Committee.

The chairman (Cr. Oxenford) welcomed the representatives and said that the council had invited them to attend so that the two Honour Rolls could be handed over for installing in the Coomera and Pimpama Schools of Arts respectively. The council also had one which would be placed on the wall of the Council Office. The Honour Rolls would serve to remind them of those who had given their lives for freedom and to in a small way say thank you to them and those who had returned.

All present stood for a moment in silence in memory of those lads from Coomera Shire who never came back.

Mr S. R. Black said that he was chairman when the Returned Soldiers League asked the council to prepare a Honour Roll and the

THE HONOUR ROLLS WERE PREPARED TO prepare a Honour Roll and the council had no hesitation in acceding to the request. The Honour Rolls would serve to remind all of the boys who went from Coomera at their country's call. They had left the district in full life and some had failed to return. The Honour Rolls when attached to the walls of the Upper Coomera and Pimpama Schools of Arts would perhaps be responsible for a few tears from those who had lost loved ones but they would show that the residents are trying to do something to keep their memories green.

Mr. C. Stewart, chairman of the Farewell and Welfare Committee of Ormeau and Pimpama supported the remarks of the chairman and Mr Black and said the Honour Rolls would be something tangible to remind the people and future generations of those who went from the district to fight for freedom. About 40 went from Ormeau-Pimpama and all were fortunate enough to return.

Mr. O. Hargraves apologised for the absence of the president of the Upper Coomera School of Arts and said that the committee appreciated very much the Council's action in having the Honour Rolls prepared and they would be well placed in the Upper Coomera Hall. The committee intended to instal lights to shine on both of the Honour Rolls and give them greater prominence. A dance was to be held shortly to raise funds with which to pay for placing the additional names on the Memorial at Upper Coomera.

Mr. J. Hart supported the remarks of the previous speakers and said he hoped the Councillors would be present at the unveiling of the Honour Roll on January 14th.

Mr. H. D. Muntz on behalf of Ormeau-Pimpama expressed appreciation of the Honour Roll given to the district by the council and said that they were very fortunate in that all their boys who went away returned but such was not

away returned but such was not the case with the lads from the neighbouring district. All held in reverence the lads who never returned.

On behalf of the Returned Soldiers Mr. C. Lane thanked the council for the gifts of the Honour Rolls which would keep green the memories of those who went away from the Coomera district. The action of the council was greatly appreciated by the whole of the people of the Coomera.

Mr. R. C. Bird said it was a good move on behalf of the council to get the Honour Rolls even if it was belated; some persons had thought the matter had fallen through. As the years go on the Honour Rolls will serve to bring back to memory their old friends who had taken part in the second World War, some of whom had failed to return.


The Chairman of the Council admitted that there had been a good deal of delay but that was caused by a desire not to leave off any names. Their old secretary Mr. Steve Freeman had collected most of the names and his departure from the district had also delayed matters. However they now had the memorials. He was sorry Mr. Freeman could not attend the gathering that morning but they had Mr. Black, who was chairman of the Coomera Shire when the movement was started with them to take part in the handing over.

A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman on the motion of Mr. Black who said that Cr. Oxenford had presided over the gathering in a very dignified manner.

The representatives were then the guests of the chairman at morn

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**council meeting during Cr. Oxenford's temporary absence.**



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