

Memorial Gates

ANZAC AND DEDICATION SERVICES AT HORSLEY

At Horsley Park on Sunday, April 27, at 10 a.m., a unique and important event took place, combining an Anzac Service and Dedication of Memorial Gates. Organised by the local sub-branch of the R.S.S. and A.I.L.A., the function was most impressive, and well attended by ex-servicemen and citizens.

The Anzac Service followed a march from Horsley Public School in which returned soldiers, the school public and children were led by Fairfield Salvation Army Band.

The Anzac service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Turner (Church of England), and opened with the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past," followed by prayers for "The Queen and Nation" and "The Fallen" and the Lord's Prayer.

The "Anzac Dedication" was recited by Mr. J. Biggars (president of the sub-branch), and one minute's silence was observed. The gathering next sang the hymn "Lead Kindly Light."

An inspiring address was delivered by Captain Viccars, Padre Geo. Polain, of Parramatta,



Padre Geo. Polain, of Parramatta, delivered a very fine Anzac address, stressing that we should perpetuate Anzac Day in order to impress the great importance of the historical landing upon future generations. He quoted the appropriate truism: "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

Official opening of the Memorial Gates was performed by Mrs. F. M. Pitt and Mrs. Thomas, both of whom had lost sons in the last war. These ladies also played

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trumpets and the Mayor, Ald. Ryan.

The Dedication Ceremony was impressively performed by Padre Geo. Polain.

Wreaths were laid by the R.S.S. and citizens, and "Lest We Forget" was sung, followed by the benediction, the sounding of "The Last Post" and "Reveille" played by a member of the S.A. Band, and the National Anthem was sung.

Ald. Chamberlain (president of the Gates Committee) who had

The Gates Committee who had worked hard for the project, thanked all who had made this official ceremony possible. Other officers were: Mr. Lowridge (secretary) and Mr. Jenkins (treasurer).

Trees were planted in memory of Hraley men who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Amongst the visitors were the Mayor, Ald. Ryan, Ald. Pilgrim, Messrs. Corby and Thomas (Fairfield R.S.L.), Mr. W. J. Will (Lewerke) and Mrs. Will.

Mr. A. Murphy (secretary) attended to the general arrangements, with the co-operation of other officers and members of the R.S.L.

Afterwards, refreshments were served by the Women's Auxiliary who were sincerely thanked.

The organiser, Mr. Russ Walker expressed the appreciation of the committee to the Salvation Army Band and Captain Viccars.