

DETAILS OF MANDURAMA MEMORIAL

The Memorial Park has an area of eight acres, for the most part gifted by district people ; it includes streets and lanes resumed by the Shire Council ; it has a long frontage to Mandurama Creek, the banks of which have been extensively planted with willows and poplars ; this part of the area is to be developed as a picnic ground.

The main entrance is from Gold Street, less than 100 yards from the centre of the village ; the entrance comprises four brick piers, with iron gates. The two taller piers carry tablets of granite, inscribed in gold lettering ; that on the left honours those who served, that on the right bears the names of The Fallen.

Within the Park three playing areas have been constructed :

1. A childrens' playground, complete with gymnastic combination, slide, see-saw, swing.
2. Tennis courts, enclosed by high cyclone fencing.
3. Oval, with a park-rail fence surrounding ; the fence has been erected and painted by voluntary labour ; the area has been graded.

The Park has its own water supply from the never failing Mandurama Creek ; a shed on the bank of the creek houses a pump and electric motor, with 3-phase wiring ; piping has been laid to various points.

A flag pole has been set up, in height forty feet ; the flag will be flown on all proper occasions. Toilets have been constructed.

The cost of the Memorial to date is about £1,300, of which about £140 was given as a State grant.

The Memorial is by no means complete ; the Committee has plans for the planting of a Garden and the erection of a club house. The garden will be made around the flagpole ; the club house will stand midway between the flagpole and the oval. A longish building has been suggested, with full-length verandahs fronting the garden on the one side, and overlooking the oval and Mandurama Creek on the eastern side. It is desirable that these things be done speedily ; the Committee looks with every confidence for the continued generous support of the district. Our people are not unmindful of their indebtedness to those who fought through the years of war, and especially to those who gave their lives. The garden will greatly beautify the Memorial ; the club house will provide a home and meeting place for Returned Servicemen, and as well will give facilities for the enjoyment of the community, both in sport and in social life. Towards the cost of these things the Committee has about £150 in hand ; there will be a further State grant of £291 on the raising of the balance required.