

Unveiling of the Thomas Mudge Memorial.

All then went to the beautiful memorial to the late Thomas Mudge, the town's chief benefactor. Appropriately enough this is situated near the foreshore and close to the beach, whence came the voices of happy children, whom the late gentleman loved so well and for whom he did so much.

The edifice itself is classical in design. It consists of three sides of a square with an open archway supported on granite pillars. One side bears the inscription "Erected to the memory of the late Thomas Mudge, who died on the 20th. December, 1932." It was announced that the other side of the side of the archway would bear an inscription in memory of

the late Mrs. Thomas Mudge, which is fitting and appropriate.

Mr. Fleming spoke as to the fitness of the memorial to one whom all had loved so much. He referred to the handsome structure which had been designed by a son of Inspector Ayling, who had made a free gift of the pleasing design. Mr. Fleming also referred to the late gentleman's fondness for the little ones. The Memorial was built by subscriptions, a large proportion of which came from the people of the outback districts. For the land whereon the Memorial stands, we have to thank Messrs. W. H. Betts Ltd. Mr. Fleming then announced that he had received a telegram from Father Prendergast, wishing every success to the celebrations.

Mr. J. F. Gardner, as secretary to the Mudge Memorial Committee then spoke. He felt a little diffident, for he had only taken over the office from Mr. C. C. Neale when the gentleman had left the district and Mr. Neale had been instrumental in doing most of the heavy work. There had been tedious delay owing to the difficulty of getting foreshore rights from the Harbours Board, but these had been overcome. Mr. Gardner eulogised the efforts of the people outside the town. To them they owed a great deal, as they stirred us up and we in turn, spurred the Harbours Board people. The Memorial was a credit to the town and the subscribers' money was well spent.

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Mr. C. C. Neale explained his presence, and delight in being allowed to be with them in Streaky Bay again. The Memorial had occupied some time before its completion, but finished it was now and was a fitting tribute, though all too small, to the memory of one who was loved so well. The shock of his death was great indeed, and it could hardly be realised for a very long time.

Mr. J. Alwyn Mudge was then asked to unveil this beautiful Memorial to his late father.

Mr. Alwyn, who was much affected, feelingly on behalf of himself, his brothers and sisters, thanked all those who had made the memorial possible and who had said such kind things about his father. Then, amid a solemn silence he unveiled the Memorial and a most impressive incident was brought to a close.