

Johnston Memorial Park Gates Opened At Balhannah

Three presentation gates leading on to the oval reserve at Johnston Memorial Park, Balhannah, were officially opened by leading citizens of the district yesterday. A ceremony was held at each gate in the presence of the president of the Johnston Memorial Park committee (Mr. E. W. Mattner).

The southern gates, the first to be opened, are the gift of Mr. H. Norman Wicks, president of the first oval committee, who declared them open. The opening of the gates at the eastern entrance was performed by Mr. E. Johnston. These gates were erected in memory of Mr. Francis Lampe, the first president of the Onkaparinga Football Club, and they were given by Mrs. Lampe. At the main entrance, the central gates were opened by Mrs. J. C. Grasby on behalf of her husband, who presented them.

After the ceremonies, Mr. Leo O'Leary, a committee member, made a presentation to Mr. W. Hampel, who has done much work in connection with the memorial park.

The centenary of the settlement of the Balhannah district will be celebrated next year. The Johnston Memorial Park committee hopes to have the oval improved and opened by Mr. W. G. Johnston, a son of one of the founders of the firm of J. & A. G.

Johnston, Limited, Oakbank. It is also hoped to establish a children's playground in memory of the late A. H. Spoehr, of Balhannah.

The committee in charge of the arrangements yesterday comprised Messrs. Mattner, W. Hampel (secretary), H. H. Spoehr, R. W. Pike, L. O'Leary, J. Davies, W. O'Connell, L. Mattner, H. N. Wicks, C. W. R. James, and A. Monaghan. Mrs. A. G. Middleton was convener of the refreshments and afternoon tea.

A fancy dress parade preceded the opening ceremony, and a sports carnival was held during the afternoon. Results:—

Parade

Best decorated perambulator—Barbara Morris, Valmai Spoehr; T. Williams (special). Most humorous costume—Mona Pearson, P. Mattner; G. Hicks (special). Most original costume—C. Kelway, D. James. Best dressed boy—G. Beckwith. Best dressed girl—B. Lawson, L. Hampel; K. Pearson (special). Most original group—N. Rose, V. and J. Spoehr, L. Pearson, W. and R. Mattner.

Sports

100 yards—M. Dalwood, R. Appleton. 220 yards—R. Appleton, M. Plummer. Bowling at stump—H. Usher. Kicking football—B. Bernias. Sheaf tossing—A. H. Bruggeman. Stepping distance—H. Grasby and W. Johnston (equal). Bicycle, flag and barrel—L. Spoehr, L. Pearson. Cotton winding (women)—Mrs. J. Hill. Thread the needle (women)—Mrs. D. Slade. 50 yards (single women)—Miss N. Leschke; (married women)—Mrs. L. Pearson.





NEW GATES AT BALHANNAH.—Three presentation gates were opened at the Balhannah Recreation Ground yesterday. Mrs. J. C. Grasby, who opened the central gate on behalf of her husband, photographed with (from left) Messrs. E. W. Mattner, H. N. Wicks, L. O'Leary, and W. Hampel, who also took part in the ceremony.