

## Open Centennial Park

On the official platform outside the handsome entrance to the Park were Messrs. H. I. Sheard (president, Centenary Committee), H. B. Crosby and R. J. Rudall, Ms.P., John Dallwitz (Angaston District Council Chairman), Mr. E. T. Odgers (District Centenary secretary and Council Clerk), J. Drinkwater (former Nuriootpa teacher), W. Coulthard and G. W. Chinner.

Mr. Sheard said they had gathered for the opening of Nuriootpa Centennial Park, which represented a marvellous piece of civic work; the consummation of union, service and ideals. There was, however, still much to be done, but they had there the opportunity of creating one of the most beautiful recreation grounds in Australia, and making Nuriootpa the brightest flower in Barossa garden. He asked Mr. Rudall to hand over to Mr. Dallwitz the deeds of the Park, to be kept in trust by Angaston District Council for Nuriootpa district residents.

Mr. Rudall said he felt an honour had been conferred on him. In 1850, William Jacob had laid out Nuriootpa for William Coulthard, a family that subsequently had meant so much for the town. There had followed settlers from Great Britain and parts of Europe now embraced in Germany. In making their homes in this new land, the latter settlers in particular had found here a freedom and liberty denied them in their own country. He then asked Mr. Dallwitz to accept the deeds of a park which, if developed would materially enhance the happiness and enjoyment of citizens.

Mr. Dallwitz said that as chairman of the District Council it gave him very great pleasure to receive and take charge of the Deed of their Centennial Park, to be held in trust by the Council, within whose jurisdiction their town was situated. By vesting the property with the District Council they had selected the modern method of endowing the land in perpetuity with the local body responsible for governing their town and its environs.

They would have their own Park Committee in whom the direct management would be vested, and he sincerely trusted they would never have cause to regret having acquired that piece of land, which had already taken shape for a beautiful park. They had done wonders since taking possession of the land a few months ago, and he knew he need not remind them that there was still a lot for them to do, and continue to do, for a number of years.

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It would in the first place be necessary to look after the plantation, because if they did not all work the expense and trouble they had gone to would be for naught. He had not yet heard of a park committee with unlimited funds, and he was sure that with such an enthusiastic lot of people as they had in their town, it should be possible to get a lot of the necessary work done by voluntary labour.

On the east they had the Light's Passers, on the north west the Moppaites, on the south the Sandscrubbers or Vine Valers, and on the direct west were the Siegersdorfers. Possibly a live committee could be raised in each of these centres to take charge of a certain plot and look after it for the first few years.

He could not miss the opportunity of eulogistically referring to the wonderful transformation of their business places, private homes and the main street. It was a credit to Nuriootpa people to have beautified their town in such a fitting manner for the memorable occasion. He understood as was characteristic of Nuriootpa—that the ladies had again been to the fore and played a major part in the decorating. He wished specially to congratulate them. From his own observations he was convinced that Nuriootpa had a band of women workers of which any town might justly be proud. He trusted that their final day's function would be as eminently successful as the past two, and invited them one and all to the Centenary Celebrations to begin at Angaston on the following day, concluding with a big afternoon's sport in the Angaston Park on Saturday. (Applause).

### Honour Mr. A. Reusch.

Mr. John Drinkwater, on behalf of Nuriootpa citizens, then made a surprise presentation to Mr. A. Reusch who, while shunning the limelight, had, he said, done a wonderful amount of work in the Park's interests and for the celebrations. The big gathering applauded and accorded musical honours; Mr. Reusch briefly responding.

### Honour Tablet unveiled.

Before unveiling an honour tablet at the Park entrance, Mr. H. B. Crosby said his pleasure was tinged with personal regret, because of the proposed re-allocation of electoral boundaries which would divide the district into three parts. This meant his political severance with a district in which he had made so many friends. He said the name of Coulthard was an honoured one, and Mr. Wm. Coulthard was worthily following in the footsteps of his forebears. He referred to the Me-

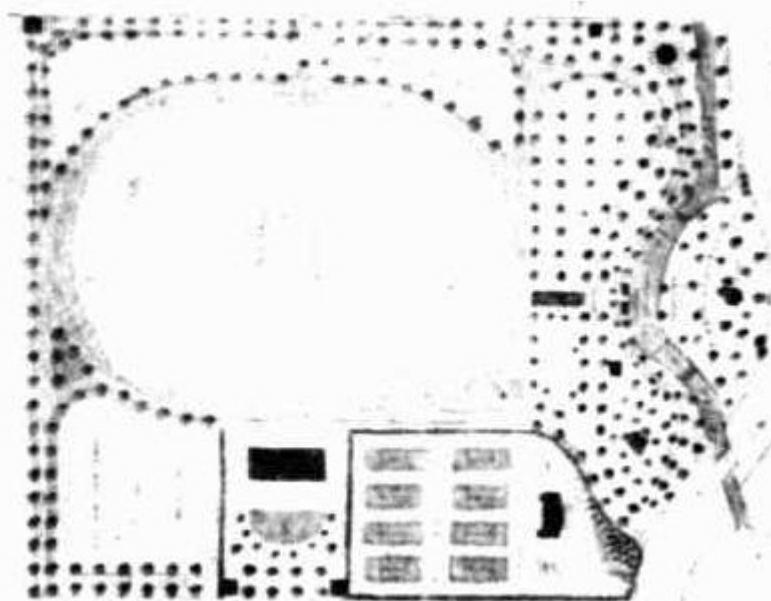
his forebears. He referred to the Memorial Hall, the new Church, the High School and other instances of Mr. W. Coulthard's generosity; there were others unrecorded, unsung and unhonoured. Mr. Coulthard's generosity had materially helped to make this Park possible. He hoped the tablet would for all time be an inspiration to those who would follow. Amid applause he unveiled the tablet on which is embossed, "Nuriootpa Centennial Park,

opened by W. Coulthard, Esq., November 4, 1936. A Memorial to the Pioneers." There was sustained applause when Mr. Coulthard severed the ribbon across the gateway and declared the park open; a pair of inscribed scissors having been handed to him by Mr. G. W. Chinner.

Relays of ladies attended magnificently to the catering during the afternoon. On duty at 3 p.m., were Mrs. C. Robin, Mrs. A. Reusch, Mrs. M. Below, Mrs. W. Chesterfield, and Misses G. Kretschmer, N. Zerna, M. Zerna and S. Below. At 4 p.m., Mrs. W. Rhodes, Mrs. F. W. Hoopmann, Mrs. A. Schiller, Mrs. Kingston, and Misses S. Pfeiffer, E. Pfeiffer, Lottie Gersch, B. Schiller and D. Habich. At 3.30: Misses M. Glaetzer and Frieda Juncken, Mrs. J. Maywald, Mrs. L. Fiebig, Misses J. Lange, C. Francis, M. Dunkley, A. Schulz and V. Fiebig. At 4.30: Misses E. and L. Scholz, Mrs. Gersch, Mrs. E. Tamke, Misses Phil. Winkler, E. Kretschmer, L. Kretschmer and P. Warnest. At 5 p.m., Mrs. Boer, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. H. Lange, Mrs. T. Knispel, Misses G. Gerlach, V. Geier, M. Crook, H. Schiller and F. Maywald.

#### Tennis Club Ladies Catered

Various booths were conducted in the interests of the Park, whilst proceeds of the Tennis Club ladies' afternoon tea is to be devoted to erection of a clubhouse in the park. Messrs. Brandenburg conducted the fruit stall, Misses Melva Fiebig, M. Dunkley and L. Milne, ice cream; Mr. H. Gabel, darts; whilst assisting at various other booths were Messrs. I. Hosking, A. Milway, J. Linke, P. Heidrich, P. J. Pettigrew, G. Knispel, H. Lindner, W. Strauss, Brown, H. B. Scholz and A. L. Siegele. Nuriootpa Band, conducted by Mr. O. J. Krieg, rendered selections during the afternoon and gave a quickstep display under drum-major Bert Boehm. Mr. A. B. Gersch was in charge at the gates, his assistants being Messrs. C. Fiebig, L. Schular, N. Below and B. Pfeiffer. The traffic



**Plan of the Nuriootpa Centennial Park**

was under direction of Messrs. F. Andrews, C. Cartwright, and H. W. Mingy. Speeches and sports results were amplified per Reusch's Radio Service unit. In charge of the sports were Messrs. A. B. Ninnies (chairman), S. Turnbull, J. Moore, J. V. Maywald, T. Oster, H. Sage, G. Heath, C. Schubert, M. Maywald, H. Krieg, F. Maywald, R. Schiller, E. Famke, H. Gabel and W. Pollard; Judges: Messrs. A. G. Kretschmer, A. J. Chapman, B. R. Hasting; Starter: Mr. W. Giles; Handicappers: Messrs. W. Pollard, B. Doering and A. E. Lange; Recording Stewards: Messrs. D. Winton and H. Wegener; Hon. Sec., A. Schiller.

Sports results: 7-mile cycle road race, D. Wishart 1 (also fastest time, 18 mins. 10 secs.); E. Schutz 2, R. Thiele. Sheffield handicap: G. Heath, C. Allen, K. Riedel; 75 yards ladies' race, Lola Kretschmer, Hazel Kaesler; 100 yards, under 18, M. Krieg, E. Hearl, M. Hatch; Wheelbarrow race, B. and N. Lehmann, H. Starke and A. Obst; Over 50, W. Giles, A. Lange; Over 40, G. C. Kaesler, A. E. Lange; Cigarette race, V. Devlin and Miss M. Linke, M. Gerlach and Miss I. Kretschmer; Tyre race, R. Schiller, I. Schiller, K. Hatch; Tyro Sprint, C. Allen, R. Rump, D. Meson; Relay race, R. Allen's team; 440 yards, R. Allen, R. Roenfeldt; Distance stepping, Miss prizes, which were donated by Messrs. Miss M. Linke tie; Gents' distance stepping, A. G. Zerna.

Dr. F. W. Hoopmann presented the prizes, which were donated by Messrs. H. B. Crosby, C. F. Leditschke, T. Oster, C. J. Johnson, R. Rudall, Tarac Co., H. Gabel, M. Roesler, W. Coul-

thard, H. Schwartz, Dr. Hoopmann, R. W. Lindner, A. E. Boer, H. W. Lyons, G. Heath, A. E. Cartwright, A. L. Siegle, C. J. Habich, W. Linke, A. R. Summerton, B. A. Kalleske, Ted Geyer, A. G. Zerna, D. S. Keightley, H. L. Sheard and W. Appelt. During the afternoon the Swan Reach natives gave an exhibition: boomerang throwing by Jerry Mason and Will Cook; and spear throwing by Fred Murray and Jim James. Mr. Alf. Scholz with an estimate of 107½ lbs. won the sheep (108½ lbs.) donated by Mr. H. B. Scholz; Mr. Alb. Scholz having charge of the event which realised £4/7/-.