

UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL AT KINCHELA

In the Kinchela Hall, on Anzac night, a large crowd attended the impressive ceremony of the unveiling of the Kinchela memorial to those who had served in World War II, and to those who are at present in the Korean campaign.

The chairman, Mr. L. Ward, who is also president of the Kinchela Hall committee, in extending a welcome to the visitors, explained the purpose of the function, and then called on Mr. Ben Avis, representing the Macleay Sub-branch of the R.S.L.

Mr. Avis commended the idea of the Honour Roll and stated it was a credit to the committee. He went on to explain the meaning of Anzac Day, referring particularly to the glorious courage shown by the British Army and Navy, along with the A.I.F. and N.Z. Forces at the landing on Gallipoli.

Mr. Avis also expressed pleasure in seeing so many children present at the unveiling, and reminded all of the R.S.L. motto "Price of Liberty is Vigilance."

Speaking on behalf of the Lower Macleay Sub-branch of the R.S.L., Mr. Jim Barber spoke of life, as he saw it, with the Navy in World War II, and related incidents which should make everyone look up to the word "Anzac."

Mr. Barber also spoke in glowing terms of the work of the Army, not leaving out reference to the hardships of wars.

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Mr. Radford Gamack, M.L.A., in unveiling the memorial, said he felt extremely honoured to be asked to participate in such an important ceremony.

After reading out the names of 39 ex-servicemen, and eight ex-servicewomen, who took part in World War II, and the three men who took part in the Korean campaign, he expressed sympathy with those related to N. Everson, R. Ward and R. Robinson who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Rev. Miller, of South West Rocks, said that the memorial was one of the best he had ever seen, and expressed the hope that no other board would ever be needed. The only way to do away with wars was to be at peace with one another.

The vote of thanks to Mr. Gamack was moved by Mr. Ward, and by Mr. Hestelow, supported by Mrs. Clarrie Ball, to the visiting speakers.

Mr. Arthur Slack replied on behalf of the visitors, and said that while the campaign which made the name of Anzac may have failed, the spirit of Anzac still remained.

Cr. Conn (President of the Macleay Shire Council) said

Macleay Shire Council) said that the list of names on the memorial showed the creditable part played by the small

district, and expressed the opinion that the real need for the prevention of wars was for a closer allegiance to christianity.

Apologies were received from Rev. Lancaster, Rev. Fr. Morris, Mr. L. C. Jordan, M.L.A., Messrs. J. H. Brown (President of Macleay R.S.L.), Clyde Walker, Charles Partridge and Jack Stewart.

The Chairman thanked the ladies for the excellent supper, Mrs. Henshaw for officiating at the piano, and Mr. Bert Slocombe for his work towards erecting the Honour Roll.

The money for the Honour Roll was received partly from the "Win the War League" (which functioned during World War II), and from contributions made by residents of Kinchela district, and collected by Messrs. H. Partridge and Reg. Booth.

Four beautiful wreaths of the stage were placed there by Kinchela P. and C. Association, Kinchela C. of E. Women's Guild, F. E. Ward and family, and the McCabe family.