

Pioneers' Memorial Clare

UNVEILING OF BRONZE
PLAQUE AND DEEDS OF
PROPERTY TO BE HANDED TO
MAYOR OF CLARE.

ON Wednesday next, Nov. 12, at 3 o'clock, an event of outstanding historical importance will take place around the famous big gum tree, near the Clare Bowling Green.

A bronze plaque in memory of Explorer Edward John Eyre, the first white man known to have been in these areas in 1839; John Maynard, the first settler at Clare, who had the first hut on the site of the present bowling greens; Edward Burton Gleeson, Founder of Clare, who was brought here from Adelaide in a bullock dray by John Maynard; and to Explorers Burke & Wills, the funeral party camping near the tree in 1862, when on their way to Adelaide and Melbourne.

The ceremony of unveiling will be at 3 o'clock, and Mrs. John Christison is handing over the Deeds of the property, plus the bronze plaque, improvements such as fence and entrance gate, valued at well over £100, the estimated value of the whole being approximately £400.





THE famous giant gum Tree around which Clare's First Pioneers camped. It must have been 100 years old when they arrived 106 years ago.

This is a magnificent gesture by Mrs. Christison, and the Clare Bowling Clubs and Clare Croquet Clubs have consented to Mrs. Christison's request to have afternoon tea at the bowling and croquet club house at 3.30.

Numerous invitations to the Clare Corporation, Clare District Council, and other local organisations have been formally sent out by Mr. E. H. Tilbrook, who was asked by Mrs. Christison to convene the function.

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A committee of 20 ladies met in the Mayor's Parlor on Monday night to arrange afternoon tea. There were 10 apologies. Those present were the Mayoress (Mrs. J. R. Michael), Mrs. J. L. Bond, Mrs. E. H. Tilbrook, Miss Eva Tilbrook, Mrs. Johnston, Miss E. Richardson, Mrs. W. P. McBride, Mrs. P. Kilmartin, Mrs. T. E. Clark, Mrs. H. McDonald, Jr., Mrs. G. Bailey, Misses B. Quinlan, M. Kilmartin, L. Roberts, M. Knappstein, J. Cross, M. Dyer, B. Miller.

The details of the function were detailed by Mr. E. H. Tilbrook, and the Mayoress was elected convenor with a sub-committee consisting of Miss Eva Tilbrook (President Croquet Club); Mrs. H. McDonald (for Clare Lawn Tennis Club); Mrs. E. H. Tilbrook, Mrs. J. L. Bond and Miss. E. Richardson.

It is expected about 250 people will attend, and it was decided 1/- be charged adults for afternoon tea. Scholars from the local schools will attend, and Mr. A. H. Campbell advises 60 of the lower grades will attend from the High School.

This is a public function and any resident of Clare and District, or surrounding towns, is invited to be present to support Mrs. Christison's fine gesture of citizenship.

Ladies are particularly reminded to bring a basket, especially sandwiches and cake. The time of the ceremony is 3 o'clock sharp. A collection to defray the expenses and provide upkeep for the ground and memorial to the pioneers will be taken up, and afternoon tea is 1/- for adults and 6d. for children.