

## **MEMORIAL CLOCK**

### **Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony**

#### **WITNESSED BY LARGE CROWD**

An interesting as well as impressive ceremony took place at the Uralla Memorial Institute last Sunday afternoon, the occasion being the dedication and unveiling of a memorial clock.

The clock was a gift from the Uralla branch of the ZTM Women's Radio Club as a memorial to those men and women of Uralla and district who had made the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-45 world war.

The clock, which is two-faced, can be seen for a considerable distance along Bridge-street, and weighs two and a half hundredweight, is now another adjunct to the town of Uralla. It is electrically controlled from a master clock situated just inside the entrance to the Institute. It has been guaranteed not to vary more than 30 seconds in the month. The clock stands on a piece of polished granite donated by Mr. Vic Melvaine, of the Uralla Granite Quarries. The electricity for the running of the clock has been supplied free of charge by the Uralla Shire Council. The women of the Radio Club are to be commended for their kindly thought in the provision of a memorial which not only serves to remind us of those who have gone on, but will provide what is really required in the town—a public time-piece.

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Miss Eadith Marshall, of Tamworth, who supervised the broadcasting arrangements of the ceremony, said the day was not only one of sorrow for some people, it was also one of pride, for they had to realise that Anzac Day was being commemorated in all the cities, towns and hamlets of Australia. Miss Marshall also paid a high tribute to the Boys' Band and the members of the Junior Red Cross for their part played in that day's proceedings.

Cr. W. J. King, president of Uralla Shire Council, who presided, said he could not find words to thank the ladies of Uralla for what they had done. He also thanked the women for the honour afforded him in that portion of the day's proceedings. The first thing to do was to dedicate the clock, which task the ladies had allotted to him.

Cr. King said: "On behalf of the Uralla branch of the 2TM Women's Radio Club, I do here and now dedicate this clock to the memory of the sacrifice made by the men and women of the town and district in the 1939-45 war."

To those men and women who had returned from that conflict, Cr. King said they would extend their congratulations, and to the bereaved relatives of those who did not come back he would like to say a word of comfort. May their souls through the intimate grace of God rest in peace. On behalf of the citizens of the town and district he had pleasure in accepting the gift.

## WOULD REMIND CITIZENS OF SACRIFICE

Rev. E. T. Ormerod, a vice-president of the Returned Servicemen's League, thanked the members of the Women's Radio Club for such a splendid memorial. It was fitting that such a memorial should be unveiled upon Anzac Day. As the citizens looked at the clock it would

citizens looked at the clock it would remind them of the sacrifices made by members of the fighting services. Monuments were invariably erected to the dead, and when we looked back on them we were apt to feel we had failed them. He said people should try and recapture the spirit of the fighting services, and so strive to work for the good of all, and if necessary be prepared to give all. We paid tribute to those men and women who made the supreme sacrifice, but cared little about those who were still suffering, and those who were in the hospitals. He had just returned from a military hospital at Concord where there were 1500 patients, and that was only one of many hospitals. It was the people's duty to look to the future and endeavour to create a better fellowship among all classes, and so make the world a better place.

Mr. H. H. Holloway, president of the Memorial Institute, said it was a privilege and an honour to accept the gift of the clock. It was just 21 years ago since the institute had been established as a memorial to the men who had served in the 1914-1918 war.

The duty of unveiling the clock was allotted to Mrs. A. E. Byrne, presi-

dent of the Women's Radio Club.

Mrs. Byrne said it was a happy day for those women of Uralla, for the unveiling of the clock would fulfill an ideal they had had for over two years. Just at the conclusion of the war a move was mooted to erect a memorial hall in Uralla, and if that had transpired it was intended to place a clock in it, and £100 had been put aside towards that purpose. However, the hall had not yet materialised, and so it was decided to put another £100 with the previous amount and so place a clock on the Memorial Institute, which was considered a most appropriate place.

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Mrs. Byrne thanked the people for their hearty support and co-operation over the past nine years. During that period the Women's Radio Club had raised over £3000, which money had been devoted to various charities and other organisations.

It was her pleasing duty to unveil the clock. Mrs. Byrne then pressed a button, and two arms holding flags covering the clock opened out.

The singing of the National Anthem brought proceedings to a close.