

HONOR ROLL AS DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL.

Public Meeting at Lyndoch last Week

A public meeting at Lyndoch on Thursday evening of last week was called to discuss the advisability of providing a District War Memorial and of the form that any such memorial should take.

The Chairman (Cr. J.K. Barritt) apologised for the absence of the Barossa District Council Chairman (Cr. G.K.G. Warren). Those present included Mesdames T.A. Hunt-Cooke, E.N. Evans, L. N. Ward, H. J. Schlenk, Messrs. L. N. Ward, G. B. A. Parsons, E. N. Evans, G. C. Randall, G.F. Foster, C. Burge, L.F. Lynch, H.J. Schlenk, A.H. Tucker, A.C. Hodder, F. H. Klauber, W. Fewster and T.J. Sellars. Apologies were submitted for the absence of Crs. F.A. Menzel and D.P. Gordon, and Mr. M.C. Fiebig.

The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting which had been called by the District Council of Barossa at the request of the Welcome Home Committee, and read a copy of the relevant portion of the correspondence from the Committee, which included inter alia, the statement that it was the wish of the members that the credit balance of £14 14/- funds in hand be used as a nucleus of a fund for a public memorial in Lyndoch.

It was explained that there were two points for consideration by the meeting: 1. Is it advisable to have a District War Memorial? 2. If yes, what form shall the Memorial take?

FORM OF MEMORIAL

Discussion with reference to the form of the memorial followed and those present expressed their views.

Mr. Evans said that as a member of the Institute Com-

mittee he would like to see some improvements made to the front of the Institute Hall, as a memorial.

Mr. Foster suggested that it would be a good idea to have a memorial gateway erected at the Lyndoch Recreation Ground.

Mr. Klauber said he was not opposing the two previous suggestions but was of the opinion that an Honour Roll was necessary in the first place.

Mr. Evans said that the names of those who served could be incorporated as an honour roll in either of the two suggestions.

Mr. Lynch said that there was a monument as a memorial for the Boer War and another for World War I in the front of the Institute and something similar should be erected for World War II. A Memorial Balcony in front of the Institute would be fitting.

Mr. Schlenk said that in his opinion any memorial should be apart from the hall and that if any hall improvements were necessary it should come from the public following an appeal for assistance from the Institute Committee. He asked for an expression of opinion from those at the meeting who had served in the past war.

Mr. Schlenk stated that tourists would be passing through Lyndoch in increasing numbers when restrictions on travel were finally removed and that a nice entrance to the Recreation Park would attract attention.

POOR ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ward referred to the poor attendance at the meeting and stated that if the attendance at the meeting to erect a memorial in honour of those who had served their country was an indication of the public's appre-

erved their country was an indication of the public's appreciation it was a disgrace to the district.

Mrs. Evans moved "That an honour roll be subscribed for and erected in the Institute Hall,

subject to the approval of the Institute Committee".

Mr. Evans suggested that it might be advisable to form a Committee to raise money before deciding on the form of memorial, as it would be awkward to decide on a costly memorial and not be able to raise sufficient funds to pay for it.

Mrs. Evans' motion was put to the meeting and carried by a majority of one.

Mr. Hunt-Cooke moved "that eligibility for inclusion on the honour roll be confined to those who signed on for general service, both called-up and volunteer, and had had six months full time service."

Following a fairly heated discussion the motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mrs. Schlenk moved "that every one who had received an invitation to a Welcome Home at Lyndoch should be included on the proposed Honour Roll".

This was seconded Mrs. Ward and carried.