

# Currumbin Honors Its Fighting Men

**A glowing tribute to the valor and efficiency of Australian Navy, Army and Air Force personnel was paid by Mr R. E. Court, president of Currumbin and District R.S.L. Sub-Branch, at the unveiling of an honor roll at Currumbin Memorial Hall on Sunday last.**

He described the men of the RAAF as being virile, brave beyond measure, intellectual and intelligent and the cream of Australia's manhood.

Between 250 and 300 people attended the function, coming from all parts of the South Coast and Brisbane.

Mr Court, who was chairman, welcomed the official visitors, who included the Deputy-Mayor, Ald E. M. Budd, and members of Coolangatta Town Council, Cr J. Schuster, representing Nerang Shire Council, Messrs E. V. Rosenberg, senior vice-president of the South-Eastern Division, C. A. Milne and E. "Skip" Rees, RSS and AILA, H. G. Winders, president of Tweed Heads and Coolangatta sub-branch, and Mr and Mrs S. W. Winders, representing the patriotic organisations of Coolangatta.

The honor roll, which occupies a prominent position on the wall of the hall, has on it the names of 112 service personnel, including six women, who enlisted from the Currumbin, Currumbin Creek, Tugun and Palm Beach districts in the 1939-1945 war.

Following Mr Court's address, those present observed a minute's silence in respect for fallen comrades and at the conclusion of the unveiling the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bugler Ford. The hymn "Abide With Me" was sung.

Responses to the chairman's welcome were made by Ald Budd, who congratulated the sub-branch on its decision to honor the men and women of the district, the number of enlistments being a credit to such a comparatively small area.

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Cr Schuster referred to the high sense of duty which actuated those who had served and the admiration of the people for the way in which that service had been rendered.

Speaking on behalf of the RSSAILA, Mr Rosenberg said his league encouraged the installation of honor rolls and similar forms of remembrance, as

they served to keep in mind the service and sacrifice of those who had served Australia.

Mr Milne supported Mr Rosenberg in his plea for the effective rehabilitation of servicemen.

Mr S. W. Winders said future generations would look with pride at the names of their fathers and grandfathers on the board and this would be an inspiration to them to emulate the spirit of sacrifice of these men, if not in actual warfare then in the civil life of the community in which they lived.

Mr Winders said his committee intended, with the permission of the Coolangatta Town Council, to assist the Currumbin sub-branch in improving its memorial hall and park to make them a fitting memorial in honor of those who fought and those who died.

Mr L. Mitchell, a grandson of Mr and Mrs Peter Mitchell senr, two of Currumbin's oldest citizens, then unveiled an honor board erected by the sub-branch in appreciation of the work of the Currumbin Patriotic Guild, an enthusiastic body which cared for the comfort of the men and women of the forces during the

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Response was made by Mrs W. Ewers, president of the Guild.

Associated with the function were Messrs L. E. Wort, secretary, D. Hall, treasurer, L. Ellis and M. J. Spillman, ushers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, those present were entertained at a light luncheon by the members of the sub-branch Women's Auxiliary.

It was stated during proceedings that the Memorial Hall had been handed over to the sub-branch by the hall committee with a credit balance and it was intended to repair and improve the building to make it in keeping with the progress of the district.

Visiting League officials expressed themselves as well satisfied with the work of both the local sub-branches and the efficient manner in which they were functioning.