

BOWEYA HONOR ROLL

Unveiling Ceremony.

Two hundred and fifty people assembled at Boweya State school on Thursday to take part in the ceremony of unveiling the honor roll of the school. The chair was occupied by Cr. Walker (president of Benalla Shire Council), who apologised for the absence of Mr. Cook, M.H.R., who was detained in Melbourne on Parliamentary business.

Proceedings opened with the National Anthem, led by the Thoonia band. The company then sang "O God, our help in ages past," and two little children of the school—Ethel Hoysted and Maisie Montgomery—recited "Vitia Lampada" very nicely.

The chairman then delivered a short address to the children. He pointed out the lessons to be learnt from the loyalty, self-sacrifice, and courage of the boys who had gone to the great war, many of whom had never returned to their sunny Australia. Their chief virtue was loyalty, not alone to their native land, but to those things that made life in it worth living.

Lieut.-Col. Thwaites, Benalla, said it was remarkable that Australian boys, who had never known war, should have had their own opinion of the justice of their cause, and backed it with so much courage and resolution. We saw with pride the enormous proportion of our young men who flocked to the enlisting booths. The A.I.F. was ultimately recognised as one of the greatest fighting forces of the war. They showed devotion to duty, stamina, loyalty to their comrades, initiative and power to deal with difficult situations rapidly. It was necessary, for the benefit of the younger generation, that their names and the qualities that distinguished them should be placed on record. If we are to keep Australia a free nation, it will only be by keeping alive within us those qualities which had been handed down in our blood from our forefathers. We would never hold this great empty continent if we did not do so. We had to-day the privileges of a great nation; but we had also the responsibilities. To know these duties and to lift to as high performance as possible the discharge of them was the task set before us.

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Dr. Thwaites then called upon Miss Powley to unveil the honor roll, which that lady did, and Dr. Thwaites read aloud the names as follows:—

*G. A. Rely	W. Hartwig
*A. Kelly	W. Schafer
S. Kelly	W. Jack
J. H. Powley	A. E. Hamilton
*C. Powley	H. Montgomery
L. Powley	*W. Ladson
E. R. Amery	*A. Breakell
*A. Amery	E. Cooper
*W. F. Robertson	W. Burke
L. J. Robertson	W. Mayland
E. Welsh	H. Flynn
W. Fair	A. Kelly
C. Ellis	H. Johnston
S. Burke	

*Made the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. Frank Ferris then played "The Last Post" very correctly, with expression of its solemn and piercing music, the audience standing.

Addresses were delivered by Hon. J. Bowser, M.L.A., Major Mitchell, Mr. M. W. Robertson (who was ten years head master of the school, and was accompanied by Mrs. Robertson), and Colonel Martin (who was in uniform, and specially addressed the children).

The band then led the singing of "Abide with Me," which was followed by a recitation, "For the Fallen," by the two little girls before mentioned.

The Hon. J. Bowser then handed over, on behalf of the Defence department, a machine gun to the trustees, Messrs. J. Powley, H. Hoysted, and P. B. Amery. The gun had been used on one of the enemy aeroplanes.

The programme closed with votes of thanks to the speakers and the band.

A committee of ladies then provided substantial and welcome afternoon tea, and at its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to them.

The unveiling of the honor board was arranged by a committee—Mesdames H. Hoysted, J. Powley, J. Egan, and P. B. Amery, with Mr. J. D. Leary as hon. secretary; and the school children were in charge of the head teacher, Mr. Argall,