

ALCORN MEMORIAL

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Park Beautification

At a meeting of subscribers to the Alcorn Memorial Fund held on Saturday, it was decided that the memorial should take the form of entrance and gates to the Recreation Reserve and the beautification of that area. The decision was an unanimous one.

Mr. C. Hogan occupied the chair and apologised for the absence of Mr. R. J. Moore, who is ill.

The Treasurer (Mr. E. L. Vincent) reported that the amount in hand totalled £116/3/4. Several suggestions had been made by contributors from a distance, including one that a cot should be endowed at the hospital, while either suggestions were to the effect that a drinking fountain be installed in Kyogle.

The chairman said if the memorial was decided upon the fund could be left open for a time.

Discussing suggestions that had been made by Mr. W. Marwick said the family would prefer something which would be of public utility, and in this connection he suggested the beautification of the recreation reserve with suitable entrance gates, from the corner of the bowling green to the railway viaduct. This area had a beautiful natural setting, and was used by the people of the district.

Mr. Vincent moved that the memorial take the form as outlined by Mr Marwick. Mr. J. Reeves seconded.

In supporting the motion Mr. O. C.

In supporting the motion Mr. O. C. Walters (Brisbane) said the memorial could not take a better form. The late Mr. Alcorn lived closely to the beauty of the country, and park beautification always appealed to him most strongly. The area had a beautiful setting, and he had heard frequent comments on it by train passengers as they passed.

Mr. O. C. Green also supported the motion. Mr. Alcorn, he said, had always taken a deep interest in the park, and the planting of trees there followed a trip he had to the tableland where he inspected the parks.

Mr J. Martin also supported the motion. It would be a living memorial to the man who started the beautification scheme.

The motion was carried.

The chairman thought the proposal would have the whole-hearted support of the people, and he felt a further substantial amount would be subscribed. Mr. Walters said town beautification was something everyone was in favor of. The council might be able to subsidise the scheme. Kyogle was a very pretty place, and money could be well spent on the park. It won't be long before tourists come over the road via Mount Lindesay, and the more the town is beautified the greater appeal it will have. Kyogle folk will be very surprised to see the number of people travelling from Brisbane.

The following were appointed as a committee to devise a scheme and present same to another meeting of subscribers: Messrs. O. C. Green, E. N. Larkin, W. Marwick, with the officers *ex-officio*.

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Mr. Martin suggested that something might be done to establish a rose garden in the park. He had recently visited New Farm which was a beautiful sight.

It was decided to keep the fund open until the scheme is finalised.

Mr. Heffernan asked whether the area could be called the Alcorn Park.

The chairman said that would be part of the scheme.

Replying to Mr. Walters the chairman said the matter of the council subsidising the amount would be considered later.

The meeting then closed.