

# Stuart Town News

## Memorial Gates Officially Opened by Col. N. D. Barton.

**JUNE 11, 1951**, the public holiday in honour of the King's Birthday, will be a day long remembered at Stuart Town. It marked the official opening by Colonel N. D. Barton of the Memorial Gates at the new Recreation Ground. The entrance gates had been erected as a memorial to local servicemen killed in World Wars I. and II.

Colonel Barton, President of the Wellington R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., Cr. A. Knowles (Wellington Shire President), Cr. J. Reynolds, Cr. A. Stanford, and Mr. W. Johanson were the guests of honour.

Lovely bouquets of violets were presented to Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Johanson by little Ann Sloane.

Mr. Bert Devenish, President of the Memorial Trustees Committee, presided at this impressive ceremony, and the guests-of-honour, before a line-up of ex-servicemen and a big crowd, paid splendid tributes to the fallen, and congratulated the citizens of Stuart Town on this expression of their gratitude and remembrance of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice.

After wreaths had been placed at the base of each column by Mr. Gordon Edwards (World War I) and Mr. A. Moore (World War II), Colonel Barton unveiled the Memorial Tablets, then cut the ribbons on the Gates. This was followed by two minutes' silence and all present joined in singing the National Anthem.

### SPORTS AFTERNOON.

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The sports were attended by a big crowd. Gatekeepers were Messrs Jim Barker, Arthur Dixon, Maurice Glawson and Ted Dixon.

Proceedings opened with a one-hour Rugby Union match between the visiting Northbridge team and Stuart Town. It was a very even game and resulted in a win for Northbridge by 3 points to nil. Peter Stanford acted as referee.

#### THE PROGRAMME.

The sports programme resulted as follows:

100 yds. Men's Hdcp.: John Cohen and Leo Duff (dead-heat) 1st.

Boys, 16 and under, 75 yds. Div. 1: John Cohen 1, Keith Sloane 2; Div. 2: Keith Mul-

doon 1, David Cohen 2.

Girls, 16 and under, 75 yds. 1st Div.: Edna Mills 1, Lynette Grimes 2; 2nd Div.: Lorraine Grimes 1, Delma Sparkes 2.

High jump: Brian Bell (Northbridge) 1, Trevor Grimes 2.

Hop, step and jump: Brian Bell 1, H. Jones 2.

Footballers' race: Brian Bell 1, Max Hannelly 2.

Stepping-the-distance (ladies) —Mrs. Jack Lawson; men, Merv Davis.

Nail-driving (ladies): Mrs. E. Lee, 5 strokes.

Old buffers' race: Cec Davis 1, Bert Devenish 2.

One of the most interesting features of the programme was the men's tug-o'-war, when the "odds-on favourites" (Mr. J. Bliss's team from Wellington) were "outclassed" by Mr. B. Devenish's team of 'small boys' from Stuart Town.

During the tug-o'-war, the novelty football kick, not one succeeded in putting the ball through the motor tyre fastened on the goal posts, so the competitors donated the prize to the Memorial Fund.

#### GATE TAKINGS £45.

Gate takings were approximately £45 and the refreshment stalls realised about

approximately £45 and the refreshment stalls realised about £28. A marathon task was set the ladies who conducted these stalls, but they responded cheerfully under the leadership of Mrs. W. Cohen and Mrs. H. Lang.

#### £50 INSURANCE COLLECTED.

The Van at night proved most successful, despite light rain, which yielded 24 points. This enabled the committee to collect £50 insurance.

Theobald's Orchestra provided a session of bright music. Ticket office duties were carried out by Mr. B. Dutfield, while Mr. A. Mills and Mr. Jim Barker were doorkeepers.

The ladies provided a dainty supper to about 180 guests. A Monte Carlo waltz, the prizes for which were a crystal rose bowl and a smokers' stand, was won by Mr. Max Hannelly and Miss Rene Foxall.

A competition for a ham was won by Mr. J. Barrett, of Eucharreena, while a trophy was won by Mr. J. Bliss, of Wellington.