

# War Memorial Hall for Emu Vale

Tenders will be called this month for the erection of the Emu Vale Soldiers' Memorial Hall, to be erected on the site of the former Emu Vale hall, purchased by the Buffalo Lodge and removed into Warwick in December.

Estimated total cost of the hall will be approximately £4000, and when completed it will be one of the most modern and largest in the district.

It will perpetuate the memory of those from the Emu Vale district who gave their lives in the service of their country in World Wars I and II. Those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-45 war were Privates Pat Alyward (mentioned in despatches) and Ray Stock.

It was decided at a public meeting in 1945 that the memorial by the Emu Vale district would consist of a hall instead of the customary stone tablet. A committee was formed with Messrs W. J. Jones as chairman, R. Carr as secretary, and P. Bolger as treasurer and a fund opened for donations in money and materials.

The response was most gratifying, and today assets to the value of about £3000 are in hand. This includes stump blocks, rough-sawn and dressed timber, roofing iron, and practically all the hardware items required. By having these materials in hand, the committee hopes that tenders will be called for labour only.

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Unfortunately the committee was unable to obtain a building permit three years ago, otherwise the cost of the proposed memorial building would be well below the £3000 mark.

The memorial hall has been designed by a Sydney architectural consultant, Mr. Spenser E. Wooten, free of cost to the committee. It provides for a wooden building 81ft. x 48ft. with a vestibule 24ft. x 14ft. The dance floor area will be 68ft. x 36ft., with orchestral alcove on the eastern side. The supper room measures 68ft. x 13ft., to which is attached a soda fountain and kitchen. Stage dimensions are 13ft. x 36ft.

Other features of the building include a ladies' powder room with all modern conveniences, a cloakroom similarly outfitted, and full septic facilities.

Lighting will be multi-purpose, including fluorescent and normal shaded globes.

The committee is representative of all sections of the community, with Mr. P. Bolger as chairman, Mr. R. Carr as secretary, and Mr. D. J. Washbourne as treasurer.

The committee is promoting an energetic programme of functions in the district to raise funds for the memorial building. This includes a monster sports programme to be held next month.