

Karara Honour Board Unveiled

KARARA: The unveiling of the Karara and district Honour Board was performed on the same day as the Jubilee picnic of the local State school.

The hall was crowded to capacity for the occasion, and the unveiling performed by Major E. Costello, D.S.O., of the original Anzacs.

Mr. W. Angus, representing the Warwick branch of the R.S.L., and acting on behalf of members of Inglewood and Leyburn, was also present.

These men, with the chairman (Mr. J. A. Costello, of Rosenthal Shire Council) passed through a guard of honour composed of the children who were present, numbering well over 80.

The function opened with the national anthem, after which Major Costello was asked to unveil the honour board.

This board consists of a marble tablet mounted on a silky oak foundation, suitably inscribed with the names of the 1914-18 service personnel on the left and those of the Second World War on the right. Of the latter three promising young men had made the supreme sacrifice.

In his address, Major Costello spoke of the response made in World War I by men of this district and other parts, who valiantly went out, not to fight for territory or dominion but for the ideals of freedom and the overthrow of tyranny. Men of 1939-45 did the same thing. There was no holding back and no lack of zeal to offer themselves for service then either, and he was sure if the same call came there would be the same free and willing response by the lads of today.

Major Costello urged a greater appreciation of our great ally America, whose weight of equipment as well as of men and women had been a mighty factor for victory.

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Major Costello parted the flags that covered the honour board, and Mr. Angus placed the R.S.L. poppy wreath below it.

Mr. T. J. Cullen was asked to read the names of those inscribed.

A new Australian, formerly of Latvia, acted as bugler, and sounded "The Last Post," after which the company with bowed heads observed a minutes' silence.

Mr. Angus spoke of the purpose of war memorials, which, whether costing thousands of pounds in edifices or monuments, or just honour boards, were meant to acknowledge the people's debt to their defenders, to however, these men and women, and to remind those of today and the future that freedom can only be won by service and sacrifice.

He would not say that even those who had fallen were lost uselessly. They had willingly acted as a screen for all they loved and held as dearest and best, and in doing so had gained something immeasurably beyond our present comprehension.