

Tamborine Mountain Memorial

OPENING OF TENNIS COURTS

Saturday, 27th August, 1949, went down in the history of Tamborine Mountain as the day when the first part of the Memorial Centre was officially opened.

More than 200 people stood in the usual Tamborine Mountain weather and witnessed the opening of the two memorial courts by Cllr. J. M. Sharp, chairman of the Beaudesert Shire Council.

Before introducing Cllr. Sharp to the gathering, the President of the Tamborine Mountain Memorial Centre Committee (Mr. J. H. Humby) said that it was indeed a pleasure to see so many people at the function and that it at least showed that people were interested in the project, namely, a memorial to those who fell in the two World Wars.

In outlining the history of the Memorial Centre Committee, Mr. Humby stated that for two years the Committee had been trying very hard to raise the necessary funds to place the Centre on a sound financial footing. With almost £1000 in hand it appeared quite likely that no money would have to be borrowed to complete the project at an estimated cost of £1700. However, if it had not been for the wonderful co-operation received from the Tamborine Mountain Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary and the Tamborine Mountain Sub-Branch R.S.S.A.I.L.A. such success would not have been possible. Everyone was striving for the one end.

The project was being undertaken on the grounds now owned by the Tamborine Mountain Sub-Branch R.S.S.A.I.L.A. and was: Two memorial tennis court and a bowling green and club house, went on the speaker.

Unfortunately, owing to the recent strike little had been done about the greens, but the logs were at the mill and everything was in readiness to go ahead. But many months of hard work would be necessary to raise the extra money needed in order that we do not have to borrow money to complete our project.

In the completion of the tennis courts, said the president, the Tamborine Mountain Tennis Club had played a wonderful part. Due almost solely to their unceasing efforts, the courts had been completed at small cost to the Centre as quite a con-

courts had been completed at small cost to the Centre as quite a considerable amount of work had been done voluntarily.

In introducing Cllr. Sharp, Mr. Humby said that Cllr. Sharp really needed no introduction as everyone knew him as the man who had piloted the now extinct Tamborine Shire Council through many hard years.

Cllr. Sharp, in reply, thanked the president for his welcome, and stated that it was always a pleasure to come to Tamborine Mountain. "It is indeed a wonderful effort on the part of the Mountain people to endeavour to bring such a fine idea as a Memorial Centre into being, especially as it is for the entertainment and enjoyment of everyone," said Cllr. Sharp.

He also took the opportunity of thanking the Mountain people for voting so solidly for him at the recent Beaudesert Shire Council elections and hoped that he could serve them to the best possible advantage.

"I have the greatest of pleasure in officially declaring these memor-

ial tennis courts open," said Cllr. Sharp.

In moving a vote of thanks to Cllr. Sharp, Mr. A. M. Hastley (hon. treasurer Memorial Centre) thanked Cllr. Sharp for coming to officiate at the function especially as the calls on his time were now many and varied. He stated that this function was the first public function to which Cllr. Sharp had been invited in this part of the shire since becoming chairman of the shire and it was indeed a pleasure to have him here. He also thanked the Shire Council for their part in placing the grader at our disposal for levelling the grounds for the courts. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

Concluding the official opening ceremony, the Memorial Centre president notified all intending tennis players to report to Mr. W. F. Geissmann Esq. who had charge of the tennis arrangements for the afternoon.

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A very dainty afternoon tea was available to all at small cost. This was, as usual, organised by the hard working ladies of the Women's Auxiliary, who also set tea for the official party.

A produce and home-made dainties stall was conducted by the Women's Auxiliary, likewise a soft drink and ice cream stall, both stalls returning good profits.

As usual, the chocolate wheel attracted many people. The R.S.L. Sub-branch was responsible for the running of the wheel.

Guessing the length of the ribbon was won by Mr. W. B. Wilson, who guessed the correct measurement—4ft. 3ins.

In all the afternoon was a financial success—almost £30 being placed to the credit of the Tamborine Mountain Memorial Centre.

The thanks of the Memorial Centre Committee are extended to those ladies and gentlemen who on the morning of the function arrived to erect stalls etc. (even though they did erect the stalls in the wrong place). Also to those good people who in any way worked to make the afternoon the success it has been. Special thanks go the lone warrior (Mr. H. A. Binstead) who alone cleaned up everything on Sunday morning. Many thanks to Mr. W. B. Wilson, too, who loaned his grounds for the erection of the afternoon tea tent.