

Unveiling of Yangan's Honour Board

YANGAN: The unveiling of the Yangan-Swanfels Honour Board took place in the Yangan School of Arts, before a large crowd of people among whom were many Diggers of both world wars and mothers of the Diggers, wives and friends.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Board consists of polished oak with the names of 62 servicemen and women personnel.

Mr D. K. Smith (chairman of the War Memorial Auxiliary) briefly outlined the activities of the committee. He paid a tribute to the former chairman (Mr H. E. Carey), and thanked the public and various institutions for their generous help. The balance in hand was to be handed over to the trustees of the Honour Board of World War I, so that this could be reconditioned and brought into uniformity with the new Board.

These Boards are hung one on either side of the school of arts assembly room, the only public building in Yangan.

The Rev Canon Hoog said the Board would be a fitting remembrance to those who took part in the great struggle for freedom. It tenored people not to forget the boys, especially those who suffered physical disabilities, and to remember and honour the past and to appreciate the blessings of the past from which we inherited our freedom and liberties. We should offer comfort to those mothers, wives and children and remember the cobbers of old and to offer our prayers for them.

The Rev Canon said he was pleased to see that the old Honour Board was to be renovated and offered his congratulations.

The Rev. Ayling mentioned the loss of mates in the Kokoda Trail campaign, and gave many anecdotes of that period. He hoped that the sacrifice would not be in vain and that a new world would be the outcome, that the fighting, bitterness and strife would not again prevail. People should take as their text, "Show Remembrance and Unity" and make this their ideal and their daily prayer.

Mr H. E. Carey, before unveiling the Board, declared it was a great privilege and honour to be asked to perform so high and solemn a duty and to honour the boys who went to the defence of democracy and the Australian way of living. The number of names showed that the response of the district had been above the average.

Mr Carey gave a short resume of the functions held to assist the boys, both on their departure and homecoming, and also the holding of Church services and United Prayer meetings to pray

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Mr Carey then released the flag and uncovered the Honour Board. All present stood in solemn reverence with bowed heads as Mr Carey said that God grant that they might never have to unveil another.

"Advance Australia Fair" was then sung.

The trusteeship of the Honour Board was then handed over to the Chairman of the Yangan and Emu Vale sub-branch of the R.S.L. (Mr Ken Hawes).

Mr Hawes in accepting guardianship said that the names of those on the board would be always remembered and the Board would be held in sacred trust.

Mr G. Guy hung a wreath of remembrance on behalf of the young Diggers.

The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.