

Nuriootpa Opens Its Swimming Pool

NURIOOTPA.—The opening of the Nuriootpa War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool by the Premier (Mr. Playford) this afternoon marked completion in brick, concrete, and cement of the first unit of the town's community centre. A few months ago cattle grazed on this spot.

ABOUT 240,000 gallons of spring water fills the fan-shaped 165-ft. long pool which conforms to Olympic standards. It is 38 ft. wide at the narrow end and 60 ft. wide at the other. Depth of water is 9 ft. at the narrow end, shallowing to 3 ft. 6 in. at the other.

The building permit limited expenditure to £1,500, and only generous contributions of labor and material made the construction possible.

Tradesmen were engaged at day rates so that voluntary labor could be fitted in, and they worked 18 hours on end when laying the concrete floor of the pool.

Electricity was connected to the area only this week, and until late last night the lights shone on a busy scene.

The electrically powered pump for the new bore was installed by

experts without cost. Brick dressing rooms, the first part of the dressing sheds, were completed only a few days ago.

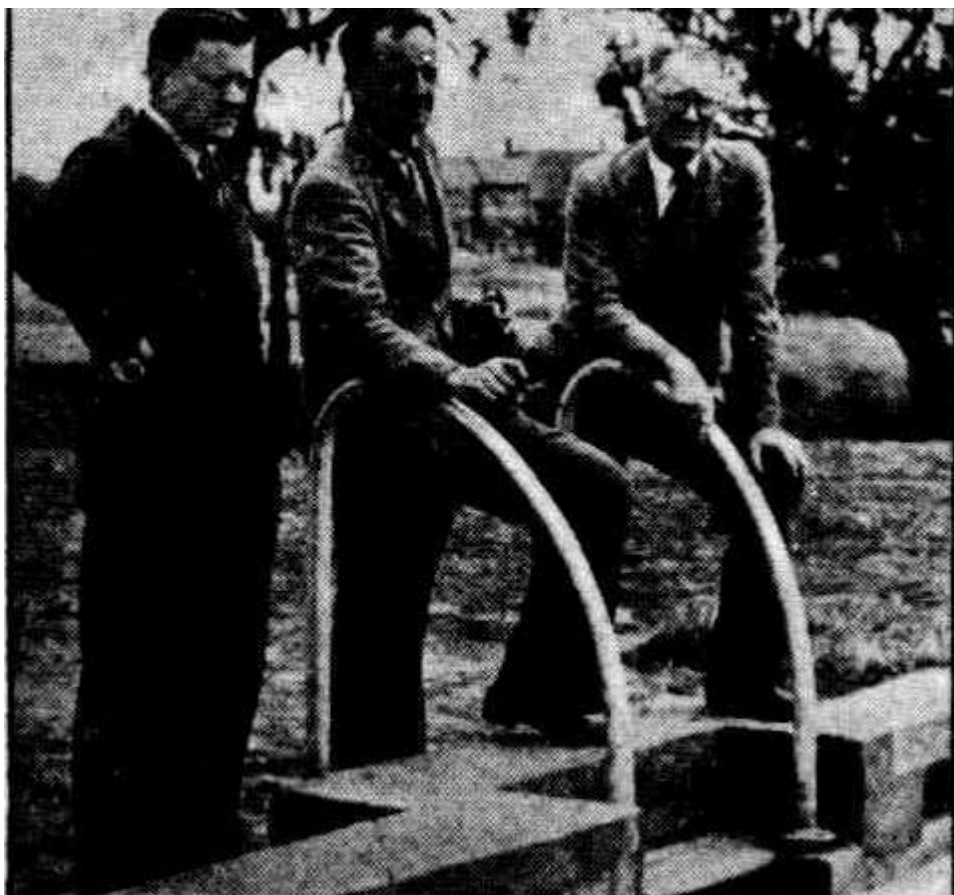
Payment for the pool comes from the War Memorial and Armed Forces Welfare Fund, the executive of which handles the construction of projects planned and co-ordinated by Community Centre Incorporated. Donations to the fund included £1,550 by the Community Hotel.

A kindergarten is the next project to be put in hand.

Members of the Royal Life Saving Society gave demonstrations in the afternoon and evening.

Tomorrow (Sunday) a team of swimmers and divers under the management of Mr. F. J. Bloomfield, who will represent the S.A. Amateur Swimming Association, will give exhibitions in the new pool.





THE Nuriootpa Community Centre has done much to improve the town. Three of the centre's hard-working and enthusiastic committeemen are (from left) Messrs. D. McKie (secretary), Arthur Reusch, and Dr. F. W. Hoopman.