

Crookwell Memorial Opening Sunday

One of the best tributes to World War 2 fallen yet provided on the Southern Highlands will be officially opened at Crookwell on Sunday.

It is the new Crookwell Shire Memorial Centre which has been erected on the site of the old School of Arts.

Distinguished soldier, Colonel A. T. Paul, will dedicate the bronze plaque bearing the names of Crookwell's fallen at an official ceremony on Sunday.

The official opening will climax many months of hard work by citizens on the Crookwell War Memorial Committee and the Shire Council.

The War Memorial Centre will become the focal point of most community activities in the district. It includes modern stage settings, a new library and spacious hall accommodation.

Sunday's official opening activities will commence at 2.30 p.m. with selections played by the Crookwell Brass Band in front of the new centre.

At 2.55 p.m. a guard of honour of servicemen will form up outside the centre and at 3 p.m. the official ceremony will commence with the playing of the National Anthem.

Former Crookwell councillor, Mr. Aubrey Seaman, who has played a large part in the provision of the memorial, will address the crowd at the opening.

War Memorial Committee secretary, Cr. J. E. Clifton, will then welcome visitors and the next-of-kin of the fallen who will be guests of honour at the function.

Federal and State representatives, Mr. Arthur Fuller, M.H.R., and L. J. Tully M.L.A., will speak prior to the dedication of the memorial plaque by Colonel Paul in the centre's vestibule.

After the dedication, Mr. Angus McIntosh will move a vote of thanks to Colonel Paul and make an appeal to citizens for funds to meet costs of providing the centre.

Afternoon tea will be served in the new centre's supper room by the War Memorial Committee and Crookwell Red Cross ladies to the invited guests and next-of-kin of the fallen.