

## Eungai Memorial Hall.

### SUCCESSFUL OPENING.

Eungai District Soldiers' Memorial Hall was opened on Wednesday last in the presence of about 300 people, including numerous visitors from the Macleay and Nambucca.

The building is a spacious and handsome one, with a splendid dancing floor 60 x 30 feet. There is a supper room at the rear, a roomy stage, dressing rooms upstairs, and a verandah in front.

In the absence of Mr. Vincent, M.L.A., the opening ceremony was performed by Capt. R. T. Tarrant, who was received by a group of returned men, who formed a guard of honor under command of Lieut. C. R. Jarvis.

Mr. C. L. Bice, Chairman of the Hall Trustees, thanked the residents for their efforts towards the erection of the hall, and stated that the building cost £800, of which over £400 had been paid off. Some of the timber and fittings had been donated.

The Rev. E. H. Shaw introduced Capt. Tarrant, and gave a brief resume of his five-and-a-half years' service with the A.I.F. in Gallipoli, France and Egypt, as well as his service with the Military Mission in Russia. Mr. Shaw congratulated Eungai people on their hall and hoped the pleasant memories of that day would last them through life.

Mr. Williamson, of Macksville, congratulated Eungai people on the fulfilment of a high and noble duty. It was very necessary that these memorials be erected. Eungai soldiers had contributed largely to the glorious record of the Australian forces. His heart went out to the parents of the fallen, and to those who bore the

fallen, and to those who bore the scars of battle. In regard to Empire defence, it was a case of "United we stand; divided we fall."

Lieut. Jarvis, on behalf of the returned soldiers, returned thanks to the people of Eungai for erecting the hall.

Capt. Tarrant said he took the honor accorded him on this occasion as an honor to the Diggers. Eungai had a very high enlistment percentage and a lot of casualties. The proud record of their boys must be some comfort to the bereaved parents. This hall was an example of what could be done by co-operation, which also had enabled the A.I.F. to achieve their great victories. He thanked the children for their attendance and their singing; it was very necessary that the children should know of the deeds of the A.I.F., who fought to preserve their liberties. He then formally declared the hall open.

The school children, under control of the teacher, Mr. Young, sang a

verse or two of "Advance, Australia Fair," and the National Anthem. Cheers were given for Capt. Tarrant, the Chairman and the speakers.

The crowd then filed into the hall, and Miss L. Knauer sang "Advance, Australia Fair" in fine voice. Mrs. Harris Walker playing the accompaniment.

A large crowd attended the sports, at which we noticed many busy workers, including Messrs C. Bice, O. Whalen (hon. secretary), C. Jarvis, J. Byrnes, W. Young, W. and G. Byrnes, D. Sanders, H. Miles, G. Batchelor, G. Jones, E. Channells, J. Channells, and G. Walker.

The ladies served excellent lunch on and afternoon tea; and amongst the

and afternoon tea ; and amongst the workers we noted Mesdames W Young, E Channells, J. Channells, E Sanders, Woods, G. Jones, S. Byrnes, S Anderson, B Channells, T Byrnes, G. Walker, Misses Bice and Wood.

Mrs. G. S. Jones donated a beautiful, crocheted supper cloth, and Miss Ivy Jones donated a pair of knitted socks, both articles realising well.

The sporting events resulted as follows :—

Stepping 100 yards, Geo. Partridge.

Ladies' stepping 100 yards, Miss Stella Whalen.

High jump, Vic. Thompson.

Guessing height of pole, W. Alexander, 26 feet 6 inches.

Flag race, W. Thompson 1, S. McIlwain and R. Price 2.

Tilting the ring, S. McIlwain 1, J. Byrnes 2.

Bending race, W. Thompson 1, S. McIlwain 2.

Woodchop, first heat : W. Cheers, 23 secs., 1 ; M. McCarthy, 5 secs., 2. Second heat : Scaysbrook, 26 secs., 1 ; S. Cook, 18 secs., 2. Third heat : G. Sutton, 25 seconds, 1 ; E. McIlwain, 24 secs., 2. Final : G. Sutton 1, E. McIlwain 2, Scaysbrook 3.

Mr. Batchelor was handicapper and starter, and Messrs G. Jones and C. Bice judges.

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A very happy dance was held at night, about £50 being taken at the door. Mr. F. Jones and Mr. A. Sanders were M.C., and excellent music was supplied by Miss B. Partridge, Mrs. T. Sul, and Mr. L. McKay. The new floor proved delightful for dancing purposes, having been specially prepared.

During the evening songs were contributed by Miss A. McIlwain, Mr. L. McKay, Miss D. Hedges, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Jarvis, Miss Cooper.

Mr. Jarvis, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Dalton, Mr. Cash, and Miss Ramsay ; Miss B. Partridge contributed a pianoforte solo, and Mr. J. Jones a violin solo.

Total takings for the day and night were about £147. The committee deserve great credit for their energetic efforts.