

# GREENETHORPE

## WAR MEMORIAL PORCH OPENED.

The War Memorial porch at Greenethorpe, built on to the Memorial Hall, was officially opened by Lt.-Col. Anderson, V.C., who, in doing so, expressed sympathy with the relatives of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, to whose memory the monument he would unveil would remain for many years as a memory to them, and a reminder of the sacrifice made.

Messrs. John Howse, M.H.R., and Mr. Fred. Cahill, M.L.A., were, due to the Federal and State Houses being in session, unable to be present.

There was a large gathering at the opening, and the President (Mr. F. Gray) said he was pleased to see so many present to do honor to those who had not come back, and to show sympathy with those who lost loved ones.

Mr. Gray was supported by Cr. G. H. Pereira (President of Weddin Shire), who said it gave him much pleasure to be present to do honor to the Greenethorpe men who paid the supreme sacrifice. He also congratulated the committee upon erecting a memorial of the kind, which would be more likely to be a permanent reminder than the usual monument of stone.

The President of the Greenethorpe Branch R.S.L. (Mr. Max McColl) said the occasion was the second one in a quarter of a century, following world wars in which the men of Australia had been called upon to fight, and the women to help. Such happenings in so short a period served to show that the R.S.L. motto "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance" was very much to the point, and very apt. He expressed sympathy, and the sympathy of the branch, to all who had lost relatives, to whose memory the hall and porch had been constructed;—he hoped that fact would always be remembered.

Mr. R. B. Black, a veteran of World War I, spoke very much to the

point when he said that what the world wanted to-day was "memorials to men of peace." It was the second occasion, he continued, that he had been present at the unveiling of a war memorial in Greenethorpe, and he did not want to be at another; Australia had lost enough of her good sons, and did not want to lose any more. Though some nations strained their tolerance they must still be tolerant with the peoples of other countries;—the British nation had always stood up for the underdog.

Mr. A. McKay also spoke, stating it was unfortunate that it took a war to get the porch built on the hall, an addition the committee had been advocating for years.

Following the unveiling by Lt.-Col. Anderson, V.C., two minutes' silence was observed, and the flags which until then had been at the half mast were raised, and the memorial declared opened.

Afternoon tea to the relatives of those who had lost their lives on service, and to the visitors, was served by the ladies of Greenethorpe.

The Honor Roll is made of Queensland maple, and is similar to the 1914-18 Honor Roll, and the two now face each other in the hall. There are 88 names on the Roll, nine of lads who did not come back.

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