

## AUSTRALIA DAY AT ALAWOONA.

### A GRAND SUCCESS.

Preparations for the celebration of Australia Day had been in hand for some weeks and on Thursday, July 26, the Committee were gratified by the roll up of townspeople and citizens from far and wide. Many travelled from Mindarie, Wanbi, Veitch and Paruna and everyone was bent on making this a record day at Alawoona, and they did it, right loyally. The arrangements were in the hands of a small committee composed of Dr. Lionel Hayward (patron), Mr. C. A. Patterson (president), Messrs. A. Blum, C. Tiller, F. Dart, G. Williams, sen., G. Standley and J. V. Lloyd (vice presidents) and Messrs. Patterson, Blum, Tiller, Dart, Williams, Stanley and Lloyd and Mesdames Lloyd, Mudge, Blum, Dart and Whitehead. The work was supervised by the Advisory Board S.A. Soldiers—F. Mudge (chairman), A. Hay, (hon. sec.), Mrs. E. J. Hay (hon. Treas.) and Mr. Whitehead. The day although unpromising in the early hours turned out beautifully. Sports began about 11 a.m. Events and winners were as follows:—Best Horse over Jump, Mr. C. A. Patterson; Egg and Spoon Race, Mr. Kupke; Necktie Race (Horses), Miss Truman; Gent's Tilting (Horses), J. Reynolds; Ladies' Race, Miss Blum; Throwing Cricket Ball, Mr. Stevens; Thread Needle Race, Miss Williams; All Comers' Trot (Horse), Mr. Patterson's Fairy; Veitch Handicap, Mr. Gibbs; Buggy Pair, Patterson (1), Burnside (2); Single Harness, F. Vowles.

Luncheon and tea were provided in refreshment booths under the supervision of Mesdames Hay, Lloyd, Blum, Dart, Mudge and Whitehead.

Paddy's Market was a new introduction this year and proved to be a great success. Every article was donated, and the results were clear profit to the Fund. Anything unsold was put up by auction and disposed of on the ground and realized well, and in many instances was resold again. The stall was under the management of the Misses V., D. and A. Grahams.

In the evening the Institute was crowded. Mr. R. A. O'Connor, M.P. occupied the chair, with Mr. C. A. Patterson beside him. After a short

Patterson beside him. After a short speech by Mr. O'Connor the Concert opened with band selections by the A.B. Band. Songs were sung by Messrs. C. Duncan, Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Alcock. A recitation by Miss Eileen Hay, "The Regiment's Pet," brought a shower of pennies from the audience, amounting to 15/- odd, and a box of 200 pennies collected by three little girls from Veitch was handed in for the Soldiers' Fund. Mr. Stephens gave a comic recitation.

After the interval Mr. O'Connor unveiled the "Alawoona and District Roll of Honor." Mr. S. Finney spoke of the urgent need of men to reinforce those who had gone and Sergeant Mathews also made an appeal. A 4-act Drama staged by local talent was voted a pronounced success. The hall was then cleared for dancing, during which an interesting voting competition for the best Waltz lady in the room was won by Mrs. Lovegrove.

Receipts were as follows:—Sports, concert and dance £25 7/-. Refreshments, £8 11/-; Paddy's Market, £9 7/6; Tickets, competitions, etc £17 13/6; Donation 11/-; giving a gross total of £61 10/-, and a net return of £53. For this very satisfactory result the Committee desire to thank the public of Alawoona, Veitch, Paruna, Loxton and other districts.

The Alawoona Brass Band rendered some fine selections during the day, which were much appreciated.