

High School War Memorial Unveiling Next Sat. Afternoon

Murwillumbah High School memorial to the school's old boys who fought in World War II., and especially those who died, will be officially unveiled and dedicated next Saturday afternoon.

Several hundred people are expected to attend the ceremony, for which final arrangements were made last night by the High School Parents and Citizens' Association.

The memorial is made up of several parts.

On an inside wall of the school will be set a bronze tablet containing the names of those old boys who lost their lives in 'the war'.

Beneath it will be placed a table, to which will be chained a book containing the names of all old boys who served in the war. The book, which cost about £20, contains 500 pages and one name will be inscribed on each page. Four hundred or more of the pages will contain a name each, and each morning it will be made the duty of one of the school prefects to turn a page of the book.

Another part of the memorial is a public address system and a film projector, which have been already installed in the school.

In addition, an avenue of trees, named the "Avenue of Remembrance," has been planted at the school. The avenue consists of 29 trees, all jacarandas, one for each former pupil who was killed or died on active service. On a post just inside the school gate a plate will be erected giving the name of each man, and the number of his tree.

The trees have been planted some time and all are flourishing, some being in the vicinity of 5ft. in height.

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The ceremony next Saturday will be in two parts—first, indoors, when the loudspeaker and film projector will be handed over to the Department of Education and the honor roll and book unveiled.

Afterwards, one of the parents or other relative of each old boy who paid the supreme sacrifice will affix a plaque to the particular tree which has been dedicated in his memory.

The association at its meeting last night approved a programme for the ceremony drafted by a sub-committee appointed earlier for the purpose. The report was presented to the meeting by the president (Mr Jim Young).

The Minister for Education (Mr Heffron) will be represented by

Mr S. T. Stephens, M.L.A., and the Director of Education by the District Inspector of Schools (Mr Ebert). Col. E. P. Foster will represent all the services. The visitors will be welcomed by the Deputy-President of Tweed Shire Council (Mr A. Buckley).

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Mr Stephens will then unveil the honor board and book.

The association received letters indicating that most of the parents of the old boys who were killed or died on active service would attend to attach plaques to the trees in the Avenue of Remembrance. This will be preceded by the dedication of the trees. While the plaques are being affixed a detachment of High School Cadets will form a guard of honor for the relatives. One Cadet will stand at each tree and come to the "Present" while the plaque is being affixed.

Mr F. Gracie suggested endeavoring to have the outdoor ceremony filmed, the film to be kept in the school library, and it was agreed that Mr Keith Staunton, of Murwillumbah, be approached with this object in view.

Mr Young said that Mr George Skinner had indicated that when the tree in memory of his late son was sufficiently grown not to require a guard he would have a seat placed around it.

The meeting agreed that members attend at the High School next Friday night to prepare the assembly hall for the indoor ceremony.

After the meeting a number of films was screened on the school projector, which many of the members had not previously seen.

There was an attendance of 18 at the meeting, including the honorary secretary (Mr D. B. Pollock).