

TRUNDLE WAR MEMORIAL

The official opening of the Trundle War Memorial School of Arts took place at Trundle on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering, including visitors from all the adjoining towns. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. E. L. Jones, an old resident, and the reading of the list of the fallen, speeches, and musical and sacred items appropriate to the occasion, comprised the programme. Mr. J. B. Macdonald (Dubbo) delivered an eloquent occasional address.

At night a fine concert was given in the new hall by district and metropolitan artists, and Wednesday included a pigeon match and race meeting, with a grand ball at night, in aid of the memorial funds. At the concert Miss Edna Mudge was crowned Queen of Trundle, and it will interest Dubboites to know that her father, Mr. James Mudge, is a native of Gipps-street, Dubbo.

The building, consisting of Memorial Hall and School of Arts, furnished complete, cost £7000, and with the exception of £600, this amount was in hand prior to the opening ceremony. Bank to Trundle week returned £2400, followed by a queen competition, which yielded £1250, and it is expected that as a result of this week's programme, the whole of the money will be in hand.

The building exterior is of an imposing nature, the main front being classical and memorial in character, denoting the purpose of the building. Proportional classical columns form the main entrance to the vestibule, which gives access to a comfortable room reserved for the C.W.A. Off the vestibule are hat and cloak rooms and a spacious staircase, leading to the School of Arts on the first floor. This consists of a large reading room and library, and a room specially reserved for the sole use of returned soldiers. The main hall is 70 x 40 ft., with artistic proscenium dressing rooms, large supper room and necessary equipment. The building is of brick throughout, with reinforced concrete foundations, and was erected by Mr. E. Beale, contractor, of Sydney, from plans and specifications prepared by Mr. J. B. Macdonald, Dubbo.