

KOORLONG HONOR ROLL.

On Thursday afternoon last the Honor Roll presented to the Koorlong people by Cr. Gooch was unveiled at the Koorlong Hall.

The Shire President, Cr. E. T. Henderson, occupied the chair and there was a good attendance of people present, including Mrs. E. T. Henderson, Cr. and Mrs. Gooch, Cr. and Mrs. L. W. Lilley, Cr. and Mrs. H. F. Paul, Cr. and Mrs. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rowe.

The proceedings were opened by singing the National Anthem, after which the school children sang "For England."

The President said they were present that afternoon to pay a tribute to the young men who had enlisted from the district. All of them were young men, full of life, with all its hopes and ambitions before them, but when the clash came, they offered their services to do what they could to help the Empire. They helped to make up Mildura's share. This district has been up right from the commencement. They sailed with the first contingent, took part in the landing at Gallipoli, and helped to put the name of Australia on a pinnacle of fame from which it can never be dethroned. They could never do enough to recognise what these men had done, and he hoped the Commonwealth would see they were adequately rewarded on their return. There were amongst the names on the list, who would not return to them Ptes. F. and E. R. C. Adams, W. Morphett and H. W. Rowe.

Mr and Mrs Adams had had a double share of sorrow and trouble in the long-drawn out hope that one of their boys would return. Every heart in Mildura went out to them in sympathy, and he trusted the Great Healer

pathy, and he trusted the Great Healer would heal their hearts. Cr. Gooch was to be commended for his thoughtfulness in placing these names on the Honor Roll that all might know of their gallantry. He hoped that when at last peace came the world might never know the clash of arms again.

Mrs. Adams then at the request of the President unveiled the Honor Roll which contained the following names:—

Adams, F. J.
Adams, E. R. C.
Rowe, E. H.
McDonald, D. C.
Allen, W. S.
Rowe, H. W.
Pearse, S.
Allen, A. W.
Allen, A. T.
Skelton, W.
Freeman, W. E. C.
Kinchin, T. S.
Walker, W.
O'Connor, A.
Stevens, G.
Barnett, H. W.
Barnett, H. H.
Morphett, W.
Allen, H. A.
Stewart, R.
Diggle, L. J.
Beverley, G. P.
Beverley, Ron.
Minter, F.
Adams, E. M. R., Nurse

Miss Lily Gooch then presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Adams.

After the children had again sung, Cr. Paul said this gathering directed our thoughts to what the British Army had done and was doing even now. The recent years gave us a wider conception of what the army was. Thousands of Australian's left this country and rallied to the flag, and among them were those on this Honor Roll. Who would say the Australians were not equal to the best

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 Australians were not equal to the best
 trained troops in the world. These
 men heard the call and answered it.
 Some will never return, but the King
 of Kings would say to them "Well
 done, thou good and faithful servant."
 It was a thoughtful act on the part of
 Cr. Gooch, and in thanking him, he
 did so in the name not only of the
 parents, but also the residents of
 Koorlong. It would be a reminder
 to all who saw it, that these men had
 done their duty and he hoped they
 would return safely.

Mr. J. R. Aaams thanked Cr. Gooch
 for his thoughtful act. It would keep
 their boys' memory green. He thank-
 ed them on behalf of the Koorlong
 residents for his kindly words regard-
 ing his two sons.

Cr. Gooch said the council were
 waiting till the war ended when
 something would be done, but at the
 end of four years he thought it was
 time that an Honor Roll was got for
 at least the Koorlong Riding, and he
 had had the present one prepared.
 He was glad there were so many pre-
 sent. It was not only to honor those
 whose names were on the roll. It
 was because they recognised that it
 was taking place all over the world,
 and they were honoring all who had
 joined the army. Had these men not
 gone what would have been the result.
 We should have been German's serfs.
 These men were dying for us today.
 He would sooner be in a grave on a
 foreign shore to-day, than be one of
 those in this community who have
 not offered their services. Loyalty
 was to be honored, for it meant to be
 true to that which we held dear.
 Those who had fallen were fine boys
 and he sympathised deeply with
 those who had lost their gallant boys,
 but every soldier took his life in his
 hands. They were typical of the
 British race, and it was a pity that we

British race, and it was a pity that we
 were not able to send more of them
 Laws were made to govern, that the
 weak should not suffer and allow the
 strong to triumph. He hoped the
 war would be soon over, and the
 lads back with us again. We should
 see that they were not losers by go-
 ing and offering their lives.

Those present were entertained at
 afternoon tea by Mrs. Gooch, and all
 the children present were given a bag
 of sweets.

A vote of thanks to the Shire Pre-
 sident for going out was carried by ac-
 clamation. In replying the President
 said he felt it an honor to take part
 in any function to recognise our debt
 to the soldiers.

The singing of "God Save our Men"
 concluded the proceedings.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Gooch for

providing afternoon tea was carried
 by acclamation.