

Numurkah Fire Brigade.

UNVEILING OF HONOR ROLL.

On Thursday night, at the fire-station, members of the Numurkah Fire-brigade attended in force to witness the unveiling of an honor roll to perpetuate the memory of members and ex-members who have volunteered to assist the Empire in its hour of need.

The proceedings took the form of a social, refreshments being partaken of, songs rendered by Messrs W. T. Bayley, Jack Coxon, W. Bennett, E. Sullivan, T. Jackson, and V. Crawford.

Chief-Officer Marshall (of the Country Fire brigades Board) presided, and in asking the company to open by singing the National Anthem, gave a fine patriotic address, during which he exhorted those present not to forget the boys at the front. (Mr Marshall has three sons, and all are at the front. One was amongst the first to land at Gallipoli, and is still in the trenches).

After the very tasty refreshments had been thoroughly sampled,

Mr Marshall expressed his pleasure at being present to unveil the honor board. By procuring the board the members had honored those firemen who had volunteered, and in doing so had also honored themselves. He was proud of the loyalty of the firemen throughout the State, and every man who has been through a fire-brigade was entitled to have his name on honor-boards. Such boards were lasting records of the loyalty, grit and patriotism of those whose names appeared thereon, and firemen had shown that they understood their duty to their king and country. He was proud of the response made by firemen to the Empire's call, and was also proud of the fact that the first to volunteer on the outbreak of war was a fireman from Kangaroo Flat. The first V.C. winner (Jacka) was a fireman—a member of the Wedderburn Brigade, of which his (Jacka's) brother was captain. He had pleasure in unveiling the honor board, and in doing so asked members to salute "I know," said Mr Marshall, "it is against rules to salute without the uniform, but hang the rules, our boys are doing their duty and are entitled to be saluted by everybody for whom they are fighting." (All present stood at attention and saluted, and then with bowed heads showed their sympathy for the fallen).

The secretary (Mr J. Adams) then read out the names on the board, as follows:—
Ex-members: G. Pollock, A. Guthrie, J. Coonerty, B. Farrands, W. Block, R.

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The following toasts were then honored: "Country Fire-brigades Board and Officers," by Mr T. Draper, response by Chief-officer Marshall, who gave some sound advice to young members, and spoke in an interesting and amusing manner of his first experiences of brigade work. "Newly-elected Officers," by Mr H. Segrave, response by Capt. Bayley, Lieut. Johnson, App-officer McPherson, and Secretary Adams. "Donors of Trophies," by Mr M. A. Killeen, response by Messrs A. Broad and A. Darling (the latter promised another trophy). "Comrade at the front," by Mr A. McPherson, response by Mr T. Jackson. "Press" by Mr A. Broad. "Our Guest, Chief-officer Lieut.-Col. Marshall," by Capt. Bayley, reply by Mr Marshall, who again referred to the part Australians were taking in the present war. "I have three sons at the front," said Mr Marshall, "and they have not had more than two days' leave at one time. Is it fair?" (Voices: No.) Then don't forget it when recording your vote on Thursday."

Mr Marshall then presented a long-service medal to Fireman P. Ellis, and in doing so referred in appreciative terms to Mr Ellis's work as a fireman for 12 years. Fireman Ellis briefly replied.

Trophies were then presented to the following winners:—Fireman Jack Coxon, App-officer A. McPherson (2), Lieut. Johnson, Fireman B. Farrands, and Fireman F. Hawker.

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