

New Hall at Waroona

The foundation stone of the new Waroona District Memorial Hall at Waroona was laid by the member for the district, Mr Rees (McLarty, M.L.A., in the presence of a very large attendance of people on Saturday, October 15. The new hall should fill a long felt want in the town, as the present hall has long since outlived its usefulness.

Prior to the actual ceremony of laying the foundation stone, the committee entertained several prominent residents at luncheon at the Farmers' Arms Hotel, the catering arrangements being carried out in the best style that Mr and Mrs McNeil are famous for.

Laying the Stone.

Mr Syd O'Hara, Chairman of the Drakesbrook Road Board, said he was pleased that a start was at last being made with the building of the hall. It was time the district had a new hall. He regretted that the Road Board office were not included in the new hall.

Mr P. Fitzpatrick asked the people of the whole district to support the new hall. He expressed pleasure that they had at last fallen into line with the various centres in having a memorial hall. They could never forget the brave men who gave their lives and the sacrifices made during the great war.

Mr Jas Hair, in supporting the remarks of the previous speakers, said he was pleased that Waroona was at last to have a memorial hall. The names of the brave men who had made the extreme sacrifice in the great war would be inscribed on a marble tablet in the hall. He was

a marble tablet in the hall. He was glad Waroona had at last fallen into line with adjacent districts with regard to this memorial hall.

Mr Powell, of Messrs Powell, Cameron and Chisholm, architects for the building, gave dimensions of the new building. He, too, expressed his pleasure of assisting with the building of the Memorial Hall at Waroona. He asked Mr McLarty to accept a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, with which to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone.

Mr McLarty, said he felt great pleasure in being with them that day, and he regarded it an honour to be asked to lay the foundation stone of the new Memorial Hall. He would not have been surprised if the committee connected with the building had asked some one more important than himself to perform the ceremony. Mr McLarty said that it was certainly time Waroona had a new hall. He was particularly pleased that it was to be a memorial hall. He appealed to the rising generation to look after it. Memorials were not only built for the generation that put them up to remind them of the great deeds and sacrifices made during the great war, but they were also erected in order that future generations should know what sacrifices had been made for them. He congratulated the committee and all responsible for starting the new hall. With the Chairman of the Drakesbrook Road Board, Mr O'Hara, he regretted that that the Road Board could not be provided for in the new hall. He gave them a message from the Premier (Sir James Mitchell), who had an engagement elsewhere, of congratulation on the erection of

congratulation on the erection of the new hall, and to watch Waroona grow. He concluded by expressing the hope that with the new hall people would meet under more pleasant circumstances, and hoped that a good community spirit would grow up in the district. It was pleased to see the pioneers of the district mingling with the new settlers.

Mr George Walmsley, Chairman of the Hall Building Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr McLarty for his presence and interest he had taken in the movement for the erection of the new hall. He also thanked all others who had in any way assisted.—Mr C. H. Henning, President of the Waroona sub-branch of the R.S.L., seconded the vote of thanks.

A collection was afterwards taken up for the building fund, a good sum being collected.