

Stansbury Memorial Unveiled

Despite the cold, wintry weather last Saturday, about 150 people turned out to see the Memorial Plaques on the new gates to the Recreation Grounds at Stansbury unveiled. The ceremony was performed by the Minister for Lands, the Hon. C. S. Hincks.

Mr. Stan Anderson, Stansbury R.S.L. President, welcomed the people and the speakers, who were, in addition to Mr. Hincks, Messrs. C. D. Rowe, M.L.C., and J. F. Honner, Chairman of the Yorketown District Council.

In addressing the gathering, Mr. Honner said:

"I remember when Mr. Hincks was elevated to his office of Minister of Lands and afterwards, when he transferred his residence from Port Victoria to Adelaide, some people expressed the opinion that we would see very little of Mr. Hincks in the future; but I can assure you that has not been the case, as in my short term of office as Chairman of the District Council of Yorketown I have had the pleasure of extending a Public Welcome to Mr. Hincks on three occasions; on two occasions he was accompanied by Mr. Rowe. Mr. Hincks has recently had occasion to make numerous unofficial appearances as well, so I can assure you we are not being neglected by either of our Parliamentary Representatives.

"On your behalf and my own I express our great appreciation to our Members for coming along today. I also extend a special welcome to relatives of the fallen in both world wars and to members of the R.S.L. and all ex-service men and women.

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"In turn, I wish to thank Cr. Bridges, President of the Stansbury Memorial Committee and Mr. M. S. Anderson, Past President of the Stansbury Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. for the kind invitation to preside at this Ceremony. Also to Mr. Stan Anderson, President of the R.S.L. for his introduction.

"If I might digress for a few minutes from the real purpose of our being here, I would like to commend you people of Stansbury and district for the excellent community spirit you have developed and the obvious civic pride you show in your town. In this respect your Progress Association with Cr. Bridges as Chairman, has done an excellent job. I refer particularly to the fore-shore improvements you have made. You are also to be congratulated on the wonderful improvements you are making to this Recreation Ground which, when completed, will provide tennis courts, croquet and bowling greens as well as all the extra grand-stand accommodation and players' facilities.

"I have always admired you people of Stansbury for the enthusiasm with which you enter into all your activities, and this spirit is reflected in your football team at the present time, and has

at the present time, and has been evident in the cricket team for many years, also your Speed Boat Club.

Your R.S.L. Sub-Branch is very active and enterprising having ambitious proposals for future Club Rooms etc.

As Chairman of the Council of which Stansbury is an important part, I derive great satisfaction and rejoice

in the progress you are making. I do not want you to think that because Stansbury is under the jurisdiction of the District Council of Yorketown that we regard Stansbury as a sort of suburb of Yorketown. We do not want to be parochial and if Stansbury is going to expand, then it our responsibility to allocate a proportionately greater amount of Council work and expenditure to Stansbury.

"It is admirable that in your Town Improvement programme you have not forgotten to provide a fitting War Memorial to those from your Town and District who paid the Supreme Sacrifice"

The Hon. C. D. Rowe took as his theme Rudyard Kipling's lines "The tumult and the shouting dies, the captains and the kings depart . . . lest we forget." He told how Kipling wrote the verses after a great celebration in 1865, Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Kipling's fear was that, once "the pomp of yesterday" had faded, people would forget their "heritage of righteousness," and he beseeched them to keep a humble and contrite heart.

Mr Rowe asked that everybody do all in their power to play their part in this Commonwealth of Nations, our Empire, so those that died for their country, those whom

the Memorial honored, had not died in vain.

Mr. Hincks commended the Stansbury people on the erection of the Memorial, which was a concrete expression of the honor in which the fallen men, and their parents and relatives, who had also suffered were held.

Concluding his tribute to the servicemen, Mr Hincks pulled the cord which withdrew the flags from the plaques, and declared the gates open.

The names of the fallen men are in gold letters on these plaques, which are mounted one on each of the two pillars flanking the gates.