

Dedication of Memorial Grove

CIVIC PARK



Sunday, 12th November, 1961

at

3.00 p.m.



by

The Lord Bishop of Newcastle

Order of Service

2.40 p.m.—CARILLON RECITAL from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Laman Street, Newcastle.

3.00 p.m.—WELCOME by The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor (Alderman F. J. Purdue, M.L.A.) who invites The Lord Bishop to dedicate the Memorial Grove and unveil the plaque.

3.10 p.m.—The Lord Bishop of Newcastle, The Right Reverend J. A. G. Housden, B.A., Th.D., dedicates the Memorial Grove :

HYMN : "O God our help in Ages Past."
Prayer of Dedication.

The Lord Bishop of Newcastle unveils the Memorial Plaque inscribed :—

"Memorial Grove designed by Augustus Aley, A.R.A.I.A., and implemented by Newcastle City Council and the Newcastle Groups of the Garden Club of Australia.

Here find quietness and peace and appreciate the consecrated service to humanity of all those who abandoned self interest for the ideal of freedom in our time.

*Dedicated by The Lord Bishop of Newcastle, The Right Reverend J. A. G. Housden, B.A. Th.D.
on Sunday, 12th November, 1961.'*

3.25 p.m.—THE LORD MAYOR invites the President of the Victoria League (Mrs. D. H. Thomson) to unveil the Victoria League Plaque.

3.28 p.m.—THE LORD MAYOR invites the President of the Newcastle Groups of the Garden Club of Australia (Mrs. P. C. Wyatt) to move a vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop.

3.30 p.m.—NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Afternoon Tea served in the Supper Room, City Hall.

HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL GROVE

Early in the history of the Garden Club Groups in Newcastle, the members felt that they would like to follow up the work instigated by the Garden Club of Australia, in building the Remembrance Driveway from Sydney to Canberra. On discussion among the members, it was decided that a small garden would express better their desire for a living memorial to all those who served; a grove where the people of the city might pause and reflect on those who abandoned self interest for the common good.

An approach was made to the City Engineer who promised his co-operation, and the Council of the City of Newcastle gave permission to prepare plans for the small allotment on the corner of Laman and Darby Streets. The Groups then commissioned Augustus Aley, A.R.A.I.A., to plan the Grove. The spirit of his design is shown in his words: "This garden of yours is dedicated, as I conceive of it, to the spiritual ideal."

The Newcastle Groups of the Garden Club of Australia combined to raise £1,000 towards the cost of the grove, the balance being met by the Council and donations by the Victoria League and the Newcastle District Council of Sub-Branches of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Garden Club Groups express their sincere thanks to the members of the City Council, Council Employees, and all those who have contributed to this achievement, with special appreciation to the gardeners who carried out the work with sympathy and understanding.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMORIAL TREES PLANTED IN THE GROVE

Because he served, and fought, and died for us, this Tree now
grows,

Entwining her maternal roots around the Homeland's soil
Where once his carefree footsteps strayed in youth's exuberance.

There's many a homely tree could tell its stirring tales
Of boyhood hours of wild delight beneath her welcome shade,
While echoes of those happier days make music for remembrance.

And though the call he answered led him far afield,
To serve, to fight, to die beneath the shade of alien trees,
T'was here his spirit turned at last for rest, in eager, joyful
acceptance.

— TREES DONATED BY —

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Red Cross, City Branch
Newcastle Central V.A.D.

Ex-Naval Men's Association of
Australia
Harbour Lights Guild,
Newcastle Missions to Seamen

In Memory of—

Mrs. J. W. Parsons	Driver John W. Parsons
Mr. and Mrs. J. Cornelius	Lieut. Les McNeil
Croft Family	F/O Cedric R. Croft.
Mrs. A. Smith	Flgt. Sgt. Benjamin H. Smith
Ramsay Family	Private Thomas A. Ramsay
Purkiss Family	Wireman Cecil Purkiss
Miss M. Hawley	Fourth Engineer Thomas W. Riley
Russell Family	Colonel Robert H. Russell
Mr. and Mrs. H. McIntyre	Private Roy McIntyre
Mrs. E. M. Lyne & Judith	S/Sgt. Arthur V. Lyne
Mr. & Mrs. M. Mathieson	F/O Milton A. Mathieson
Mrs. J. Turner & Kaye	Flgt. Sgt. Josiah Turner
Mrs. B. Bell	Private Tom Bell
Mr. and Mrs. J. Connors	Flgt. Lieut. Leslie J. Connors
Mrs. M. Fleming	Private George Fleming
Mr. W. McKenna	L/Sgt. Angus K. McKenna
Mrs. B. J. Ross	Driver Fred G. Ross
Mrs. A. R. Medlicott	Victor J. H. MacDonald, Donkeyman
Mrs. D. Clarke	F/O Thomas K. Clarke
Mrs. J. Mahony	Private John Mahony
Mrs. E. J. Peters	Pilot Officer Walter T. Peters
Mr. and Mrs. P. Jackson	Gunner Fred. P. Jackson
Mrs. L. C. Needs	Pilot Officer Kenneth L. Needs
Miss D. Hodgetts	R.P.O. Charles T. Noble
Mrs. M. Gray	Private James W. Gray
Mrs. R. James and family	A.B. Martin C. James
Mrs. L. Fletcher	Lieut. James Bruce, D.C.M., M.C.