

WOOLGOOLGA

DIGGERS ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. A. Puho was elected president of Woolgoolga Branch of R.S.S.A.I.L.A. for the ensuing year. He and Mr. T. Richards tied and a decision was made by a draw from a hat. Messrs. E. Hawkins and C. Osberg were elected vice-presidents. Mr. T. Richards withdrawing his nomination. Messrs. Geo. Newman and Blackadder were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. Messrs. W. Richards and O. Featherstone were elected auditors, and Messrs. A. S. Richards, O. L. Stone, W. Madams and F. [unclear] were elected to the person management committee. The ladies' auxiliary were elected entertainment committee.

The balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £36 1s 11d on December 31, was adopted, and accounts amounting to £78 9s 10d were passed for payment, representing the balance due on recent additions to the hall. The ladies' auxiliary are being asked to make an appropriation from their funds to clear the debt on the hall. The ladies were complimented and thanked for their splendid efforts on behalf of the branch, which had enabled the additions to be made to the hall.

Messrs. T. Richards, A. Puho and C. Osberg were elected trustees of the Memorial Hall, and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. M. Crossley for his donation of blocks for the hall.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Senator Keene, Minister for Customs, upon his outspoken comment regarding collections from charitable bodies to provide comforts for men of the A.I.F. The meeting was unanimously of the opinion that

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Insurance premiums on motor cars have been reduced by 25 per cent on private cars and 12½ per cent on others.

The Canadian Government has asked the Commonwealth Government to supply it with a specimen of the "L Gun," a new and improved type of riveting gun invented at R.A.A. Headquarters, Melbourne, for use in the construction of metal aeroplanes.

The Prime Minister has announced that steps are being taken to greatly increase Australia's air strength. A new type of all-Australian bomber is to be built, also more Beaufort torpedo-bombers. No more Wirraways are to be built after the present programme is completed.

The monthly meeting of Coffs Harbour banana growers next Saturday afternoon will be attended by Sergeant Weatherhill, who will address the growers on the scorched earth policy to be carried out in the event of an invasion. The meeting is to start at 2 p.m. sharp and all growers are asked to attend.

A car driven by Mrs. Theodora Townsend (33), of Wollongong, went over an embankment at Stauwell Park last Saturday afternoon and rolled 300 feet before it became entangled in a tree, which prevented it from dropping into the sea. Mrs. Townsend was found 21 hours later in the wrecked car and was admitted to hospital critically injured.