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and
HISTORICAL BOOKLET

BACK
TO—

TARNAGULLA

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“Back to Tarnagulla”
Celebrations

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL, 3 p.m.—Welcome at Railway Station; 8 p.m.—Public Welcome at the Hall; Community Singing.

SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, 10.30 a.m.—Procession; Sports in Recreation Reserve; 8 p.m.—Concert by the Visitors.

SUNDAY, 5th APRIL—Divine Service at all Churches; 2.30 p.m.—Band Recital in the Recreation Reserve for the benefit of the Inglewood and Dunolly Hospitals; 8 p.m.—Community Singing.

MONDAY, 6th APRIL, 9.30 a.m.—Back to School; Basket Picnic to Melville's Caves; 8 p.m.—Plain and Fancy Dress Ball; Re-union M.U.I.O.O.F., Fire Brigade; Re-union Masonic Lodge at Dunolly.

TUESDAY, 7th APRIL, 10 a.m.—Mock Court; Sporting Bodies will entertain; 8 p.m.—Dance and Euchre Party.

WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL—Visiting friends, short walks and tours; 8 p.m.—Dance and Euchre Party.

THURSDAY, 9th APRIL—Auld Lang Syne.

President: Mr. D. Calder. Hon. General Secretary: Mr. D. Ross. Treasurer: Mr. G. L. Benson. Committee: Messrs. G. Fotheringham, J.P., T. Ison, T. Saunders, J. D. Evans and J. D. Williams.

Foreword

This small booklet does not pretend to do more than glance at some of the important phases of the history of our township.

We ask those of you who may be disappointed by the omission of references to prominent citizens and notable events, to remember that it is impossible to compress the history of the last eighty years into the small space at our disposal.

Our thanks are due to Mesdames W. Radnell, J. Taylor, Cheetham, J. Bock, R. Allen; Miss A. Bool; Messrs. W. and E. Radnell, J. James, Harvey, W. Jenkins, Geo. Parkes, W. Biggs, J. B. Alexander, C. and J. Fælder and J. P. Flynn for the information from which this booklet is compiled; to Mrs. W. Williams and Mr. C. Bock for the photographs and to Mrs. A. Allison for permission to publish the verse specially written by the late Mr. A. Allison for this occasion; and to many others who have helped in various ways.

The main purpose of the executive in issuing this booklet is to extend a cordial welcome to former residents who will re-visit the familiar scenes of long ago; to perpetuate the memory of honoured citizens, and to leave with you a tangible souvenir of these happy days.

You will live the old days over again, the gates of memory will be thrown open, and you and your cherished friends of long ago will re-capture the atmosphere of former happy days in the joyous expression of your reminiscences.

May your coming back be a true coming home!

On behalf of the Committee,

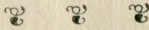
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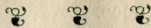
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I'm going back to Tarnagulla,
Back where the Golden Wattles grow,
Among the scenes of happy childhood,
As dear to-day as long ago.
I'm going home to Tarnagulla
With all its thoughts of joy and pain;
Its very name has power to charm me.
I long to see its hills again.
I'm going back to range the wildwood
And scramble in the tangled scrub;
To hear, perchance, the whir of bronzewing
While picking berries 'neath the shrub.
I mean to join the merry-hearted
In groups along the valley green,
Amid the cowslips and the bluebells
Where oft in springtime we have been.
I fain would join the sporting party,
With dogs and ferrets in the train,
And dig and dig the winding burrow
And contemplate the captured slain.
I'm lured to travel hills and gullies,
O'er rough and smooth my feet have trod,
To join the fishing on the Loddon
And thrill again at landing cod.
I'm going back to where the diggers
Discovered gold along the creek,
And plied their long-toms, tubs and cradles
With wondrous luck from week to week.
I'm sure to visit mines and engines
Where King and Hammond made their pile,
Along the reef that yielded millions
Within the span of half-a-mile.
I'm going back to sing in chorus
The songs we loved in days of yore,
When philharmonic concerts cheered us
Beneath the baton of Treloar.
I'm going home to Tarnagulla,
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Late in the year 1852, a party of miners bound for the Korong goldfields made camp on the flat now owned by Messrs. Jackson. They sank a hole in the creek and found gold. The gold was of such exceeding richness that in a very short space of time more than 5,000 miners were attracted to the district and the diggings extended for 2½ miles along the main lead.

That is the story of the finding of the Sandy Creek diggings, as Tarnagulla was first called. Behind that bald statement there lies a whole realm of romance. Stories of adventurers as gallant as any in a medieval tale of chivalry; of heroic women who relinquished home, friends and comfort; of the staunch true men to whom we owe our heritage. Less than eighty years ago!

The earliest miners to arrive at Sandy Creek were prospectors from South Australia. These were quickly followed by scores of clerks, station hands, seamen, men of any and every occupation, who were lured from their callings by tales from the gold diggings. Then came that host of adventurers which arrived at Geelong in July, 1852, in the first "great billow of emigration."

To these must be added a sprinkling of "forty-niners," who had caught the gold fever in the U.S.A.; miners from the Californian gold fields whose practical knowledge of the methods of winning alluvial gold was eagerly sought by the "new-chums."

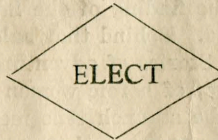
They came in covered drays, on horseback, and on foot. They came as new-chums from the Old Country to their first experience of an Australian summer and the rough camp life of the fields. They came, as hardened diggers come from other gold fields to a new rush, with all their possessions, their bedding and tools, some tea, sugar and biscuits heaped upon the ubiquitous wheel barrow, until soon a canvas town was scattered all along both sides of the Sandy Creek. To quote Mrs. Cheetham, who remembers the crude furniture of her first home in Tarnagulla, "everything was on forks." Tables, seats, beds, and other essential articles were made from packing-case boards nailed to saplings and the rude surfaces thus formed were supported on forked saplings driven into the bare earth.

Canvas stores were opened to supply the simple needs of the community, and soon canvas hotels, canvas dancing saloons, canvas skittle alleys and canvas shantys appeared to afford entertainment to the weary digger when the day's work was over.

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Life was not so simple as would at first appear in those days. The cost of bringing a ton of goods from Melbourne to Tarnagulla ranged between £50 and £100. At Bendigo, on 31st August, 1852, flour was £8 to £9 a bag; sugar, 1/6 to 1/8 per lb.; coarse salt, 4/- per lb.; potatoes, 1/6 per lb.; pickles, 5/- per quart; butter, 5/- per lb.

When summer approached water had to be carried from the Loddon river at a cost of 10/- per dray load of two casks. Many families were glad to be able to gather enough food together to undertake the return journey to Melbourne.

Records of the gold won by these re-serge shirted, white-trousered, bearded diggers are not available. They did not readily disclose their gains. There was no security in a canvas tent against the raids of the lawless, and even the claims, if they were known to be rich, were not immune from the depredations of thieves.

Nuggety Gully was opened in 1853, and it is in this year that we have the first record of nuggets of gold being found. A negro named Ruby (who was later hanged for murder) and his partner uncovered 86 lbs. weight of gold in a fortnight, a nugget of 12 lbs. being found in a dray track while marking out the ground. The heaviest nugget found in this gully, which lies about half-a-mile south of Tarnagulla, weighed 32 lbs. Others weighed 15 lbs., 8 lbs., 7 lbs., besides innumerable smaller ones.

In 1853-54 prospectors began to turn their attention to quartz mining, and it was about this time that Messrs. King, D. Hatt, Hawkins and R. W. Hammond discovered the Poverty Reef. This splendid reef made Tarnagulla famous when its wealth was made known to the wondering world. Its astonishing richness was withheld from its discoverers, and it was not until Messrs. Beynon, J. Davies, J. W. Davies and Williams brought their practical mining knowledge to bear on its problems that its truly remarkable values were disclosed.

The original prospectors spent their time and energy until they were almost in despair of ever striking the lode that had lavished its wealth in the alluvial flats and gullies. In fact, one half of the Prince of Wales claim (No. 7) was offered for £20 and there were no buyers. £50,000 was offered for the same interest a few weeks later. The "Dunolly and Bet Bet Shire Express," of 8th October, 1866, reports that an area of 300 square feet had then yielded one and a quarter million pounds sterling!

In 1859, from a single crushing from the Prince of Wales claim mentioned above, two cakes of gold weighing 1,389 and 1,504 ounces were obtained, some of the stone producing the magnificent yield of 200 ounces to the ton.

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About this period the Gold Fields Commissioners visited Tarnagulla and they were shown a kiln of quartz valued at £20,000.

The Poverty Reef was named by Mr. D. Hatt in remembrance of Poverty Bay, New Zealand, where his life had been saved by a Maori maid when he was in danger of drowning. The Poverty lode was peculiar in that it occurred in massive blocks of quartz. Each block was thick in the middle and tapered at each end and was generally overlapping the next block, with from a few inches to several feet of schistose casing between the points of overlap. When a block was worked out the next block was found by tracing the leaders or small quartz veins that connected them.

Messrs. Beynon & Co. exhibited some beautiful specimens of gold in lumps and crystals in Dublin, Ireland.

There were 172 distinct quartz reefs proved to be auriferous by the mining surveyors of the Dunolly-Tarnagulla division and sixteen square miles of auriferous alluvial and quartz ground had been worked upon in 1868.

All of the following reefs had been opened and some of them proved to be very rich. Owing to the high cost of machinery many of them were abandoned, with little reluctance, at from 150 to 200 feet, at a time when valuable reefs outcropped on the surface.

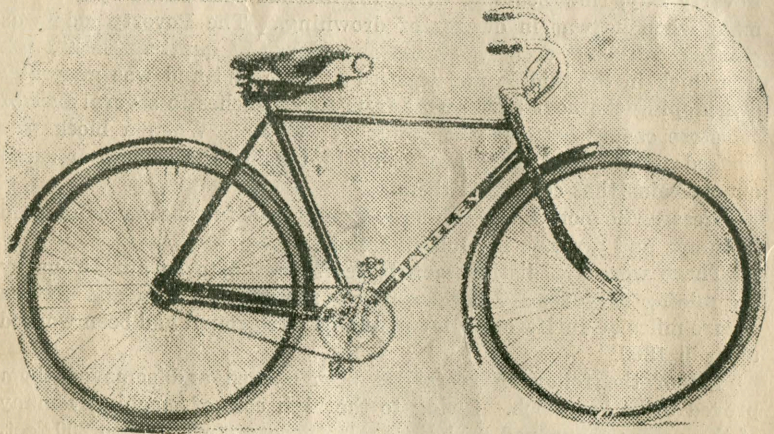
The true bearings of these reefs vary from N. 9° 30' E. to N. 11° 10' W.

Mother Chisholm's	Watt's	Stubbs
Woolshed	Last Chance	Nuggety
Great Western	Hard Up	Canadian
Sabbath	New Chum	Baker's
Specimen	Forlorn Hope	Irvine's
Doubtful	Maiden	Needful
Corfu	British & American	Creek
Star	Poverty	Jim Crow
Havelock	Stony	Phantom
Victoria	Montebello	Hellas
Tarnagulla	Sandstone	

Watt's reef was bought by the Yorkshire Co. and it was reopened in 1878. This mine was in operation for many years, with few brief periods of inaction, until it finally closed in 1908. The shaft was sunk to 1,150 feet, the deepest Tarnagulla shaft, and at this depth the reef is said to be carrying a good showing of gold. The mine was for some years under the management of Mr. W. Laidlaw, with Mr. Jas. Patterson as underground manager.

The advent of quartz mining brought more settled methods of living to the growing population; brick and stone houses began to

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spring up, clustering at the Poverty mine, and moving the heart of the township from its original situation to its present site.

Tarnagulla soon began to demand administration from within. It was formed as a Road District in February, 1861, and advanced to the dignity of a Riding in the Bet-Bet Shire in 1864, being then represented in the Council Chamber by Mr. J. Pierce, J.P., Mr. J. Beynon, and Mr. G. Thompson, J.P. Mr. J. Pierce was president of the Shire.

The Parish of Tarnagulla was divided into 180 allotments comprising 16,301 acres and was first surveyed in 1864.

The Borough of Tarnagulla was formed in 1864 and it comprised the town of Tarnagulla and the village of Newbridge, Mr. James Ray being the first mayor. The Borough was first surveyed in 1866. The first sale of land occurred in 1861.

The Tarnagulla Police Court, County Court, and Court of Mines held its first sitting on 1st September, 1865, when Mr. H. Clouston was appointed clerk of the courts. Mr. Ed. Francis was the first town clerk.

Some of the notable citizens of this day were:—Messrs. W. M. Davies, G. G. Davies, J. Williams, T. Comrie, M.L.C., J. Brideson, Bool, C. J. Grant, M.R.C.S., H. Clouston, Dr. J. Hood, P. McBride,

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Until the establishment of the churches, religious ministrations were irregular. The diggers were dependent on the services of a travelling clergyman. Most of the old timers were christened at the Court House by the Rev. Crawford, a Tasmanian divine of the Church of England, who made it his duty to serve the diggers. Mr. J. Graham, of Murphy's Creek, provides us with a link to that golden age in that he was the first white male child born at Tarnagulla.

One of the earliest ministers of religion to unfurl the banner of the cross was Mr. Jonathan Falder. On 12th February, 1858, he conducted an open air service near the Poverty Reef. The first building used as a church "of slab sides and a bark roof, with a capacious chimney, affording a cool seat for a select few," was opened in March, 1859, by the Wesleyan Methodists, Mr. J. Falder preaching

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at the morning service. Mr. C. Falder and Mr. J. Falder, two well known and respected residents of the district, are sons of the late Mr. Jonathan Falder.

The Roman Catholic services were originally held in an anteroom of Hogan's hotel, and the present edifice was opened by the Bishop of Melbourne on 28th January, 1865.

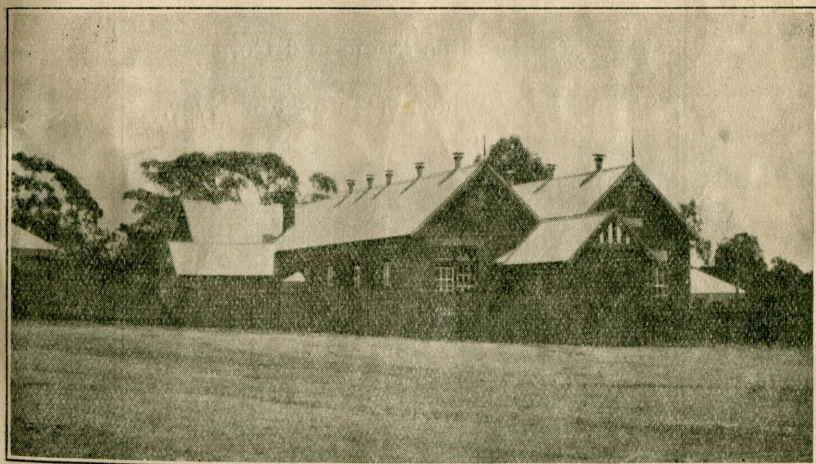
Mr. Ed. Francis preached the sermon at the first Church of England service, which was held at "Roper's," the building now occupied by Mr. F. Yates. When the present church was completed, Bishop Perry attended the opening ceremony. The Rev. W. Chalmers was first incumbent.

The new Wesleyan building was dedicated by the Rev. W. Hill, of Castlemaine, on 9th April, 1865.

The Presbyterian Church was opened in 1864. The original trustees were Messrs. J. Allen, T. Comrie, J. Christopher, W. Herd and G. Thompson. The first minister was the Rev. J. C. Hamilton.

Records of early church history are scanty, but the churches of Tarnagulla, as they stand to-day, are a monument to the pious enterprise and liberality of those early pioneers.

1865 saw Tarnagulla at the zenith of its mining prosperity, and in this year there were two banks, five bakers, two breweries, three butchers, four blacksmiths, two bootmakers, one cornfactor, four crushing machines, two chemists, two drapers, a fruiterer, a gold



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About 1,000 Chinamen, a colony of Greeks and many Italians were working on the diggings. The part-singing of the Italians, under the leadership of Baptisti Genetti, in their camp in front of Miss Bristol's house, on a fine summer's evening, is one of the outstanding memories of those old timers who lived their youth in those exciting days.

Early settlers soon found that wheat growing and sheep raising were more important than gold digging, and that farming satisfied a more natural human hunger. The Murphy's Creek district owes its name to the prospector who discovered gold in the creek, about two miles west of the present school house. Among the first settlers who took up land under the Land Grants Act of 1865, were Messrs. Falder, Silk, Nicholls, Hogan, Kerr and O'Connor, who were followed by Messrs. Rae, Bell, Mitchell, Graham, Clark, Laurie, Evans, Keogh and Hancock.

Messrs. Hargreaves Bros. started a sawmill on the Bulla-bul Creek in 1863. In the same year Mr. Pritchard, the surveyor of the

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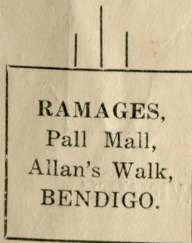
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Murphy's Creek district, erected a weatherboard cottage with a detached room in which his daughter opened a private school. Later, in 1870, a school was opened in a building designed for a church, near the sawmill. Here Mr. Jonathan Falder taught for one year. He was succeeded by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Wallace. Mr. Shaw was the first teacher in the new State School No. 143, which later became No. 1311.

Although this auriferous district will always lure the prospector in search of another Poverty Lode, and gold will always be the standard medium of exchange and barter, yet the real and enduring source of the wealth of the nation is in its broad acres. These trim pastures and smiling wheatlands of Murphy's Creek reflect the prosperity of this community.

The railway was opened in 1888 by Sir Thos. Bent, and the occasion was celebrated by an immense banquet. Twenty-three years before a very strong movement was afoot to connect Bendigo, Inglewood and Tarnagulla by means of a horse tramway. Many columns of "The Tarnagulla Courier" were devoted to the furtherance of this movement; but such a novel means of transportation could not find sufficient supporters and this progressive movement died.

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Mrs. Radnell (nee Annie Titus), who came to Tarnagulla in 1857, writes that the late Mr. W. Harper opened the first school at the back of the Union Bank. The school was a hut of slabs and bark. Each scholar had to pay a weekly subscription of one shilling and sixpence. Mr. Harper also established the first Sunday school for the children in 1864. Mrs. James Taylor, of Murphy's Creek, who was brought to Tarnagulla in 1856 from the Halfway Rush at Corfu by her father, the late Mr. Beard, was one of his first pupils.

The Presbyterian Sunday school opened on 3rd July, 1864. Mr. D. Thompson was the first superintendent. Messrs. J. Mitchell, R. Ross, J. S. Henderson, A. Clark, R. Manuel and the Misses Elizabeth Hood, Janet Hunter and Fanny Dicker were teachers.

These names will recall the days of childhood to Mesdames R. Allen, Bool, Cheetham, Radnell, Stevens, Turner, May, senr., and W. Wood, and to Messrs. J. B. Alexander, G. Clark, R. Townsend, W. Radnell, F. Yates and S. Northwood as they turn these pages.

At this period there were many of the Loddon tribe of aboriginals living in the bush near the township. They were friendly to the diggers; their child-like simplicity won admission to many a housewife's

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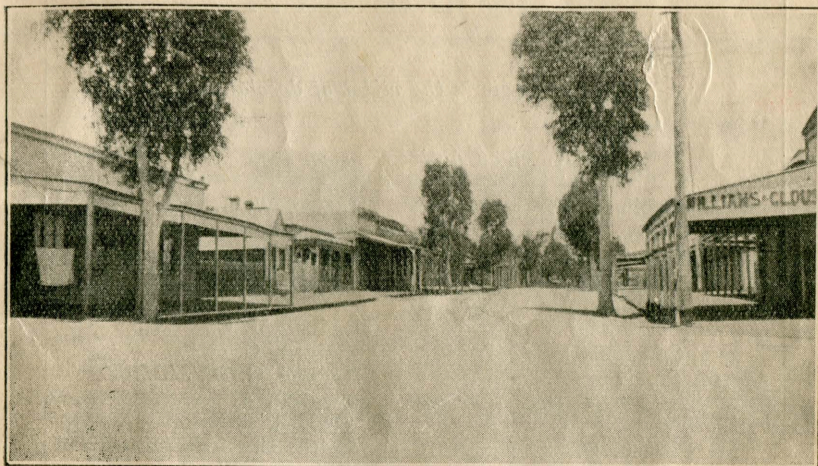
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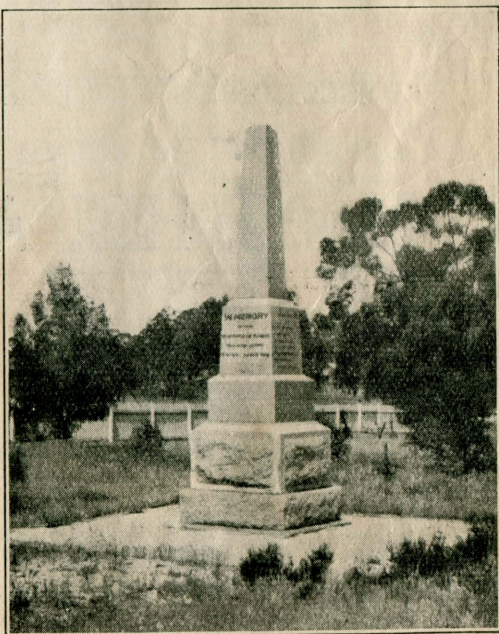
kitchen, and incidentally food, tobacco and money. They held their corroborees on Shaw's Hill.

Until the opening of the railway all mails and many travellers were carried by Messrs. Cobb & Co.'s "Telegraph Line of Mail Coaches," which left the Victoria hotel daily for Melbourne. A fast passage could be made to town in three days. Many stories could be told of the bushrangers who were then beginning to infest the gold fields. One Black Douglas and his gang put fear into the heart of many a digger who would not trust his gold to the official escort.

It may be mentioned here that the gold escort, which had been established in Tarnagulla in 1861, had conveyed to Melbourne, by October, 1865, 93,930 ounces. All of the gold won was not entrusted to the official escort; half as much again is known to have been carried away from the field by private hands.

Two well remembered days for those of us who are getting along in years are marked by the celebrations on the occasion of the marriage of H.M. King Edward VII., then H.R.H. Prince of Wales, and the occasion of Queen Victoria's jubilee. On each of these days the ancient custom of roasting a whole bullock was carried out on the Recreation Reserve and the streets of the town were decorated with bunting.

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Alluvial "rushes" are constantly occurring, and the chance discovery of a nugget will attract hundreds of men to the district in the space of a few hours, as we have seen during the past year when Mr. A. Goltz found an 18 ounce piece on the surface in this district.

The Wanyarra rush was started in 1902 by the Messrs. Lockett Bros. Much gold was found on this field. The largest piece was won by Mr. A. Taig.

Many stories will be told during our week of re-union of the ways in which nuggets have been found; some have been associated with tragedy; others have brought joy and gladness to heavy hearts with melodramatic suddenness; and not a few have been discovered under circumstances rich in comedy.

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Believing that the miners who had worked in the main lead had missed getting all of the gold, Messrs. Davies and Kershaw, in 1904, brought a dredging plant into operation. Mr. J. James and Mr. Patterson managed the plant at different periods. During the eight years that it was in operation an average of 200 ounces of gold was recovered from each acre of ground treated.

In 1906 interest in alluvial mining was renewed when Mr. Jack Porter discovered the Poseidon field. On the 18th December, Messrs. Woodall and party uncovered a magnificent 953 oz. nugget within a few inches of the surface and named it after the Melbourne Cup winner of that year, Poseidon. A few days later Messrs. Smith, Stephenson and Rogers won the Leila, 675 ozs. and the Hazel, 502 ozs.

Other nuggets found on this field were:—

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- ✓ Bravo and Leighton, 148 ozs.

THE WORLD WAR.

During the years 1914-1918 the call of the motherland was heard and nobly answered by the youth of Tarnagulla. The Honour Roll of the State School here reproduced does not give a true indication of the number of enlistments made, nor record the names of all those who gave their lives to ensure our national freedom. Many volunteers from the surrounding districts of Wanyarra, Poseidon, Murphy's Creek, Llanelly, Newbridge, Arnold and Laanecoorie ought to have had a place in this record.

The days of fighting are over, but our returned men still have their visions of the heat and thirst of the desert sands of Egypt and Palestine, of days of battle on the naked Peninsula, of mud and wounds in Flanders trenches, of wearisome hospital days, of the precious counted hours of "leave." This brotherhood of men keeps the

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tradition of its inception alive by present help and inspiration to its members in the Loddon Valley Branch of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' League of Australia. Mr. P. A. Smith is president of the branch, Mr. C. Baker is treasurer, and Mr. B. P. Patman is secretary.

A work party was formed in 1915 to provide comforts for the soldiers on active service. This party later became a registered branch of the Victorian Red Cross Society, with the following office-bearers:—President, Mrs. J. A. Macqueen; vice-president Mrs. Stobie and Mrs. Leonard; secretary, Miss A. Bool; committee: Mesdames Martin, Cheetham, Bool, Phillips, Whitworth, J. Bock, and Misses Comrie, Bristol, Williams, Clouston and Joyce. Every lady in the town was an active member of the society and they supplied more than 1,500 articles for our soldiers, all their own handiwork. In addition, more than £100 was raised by regular subscriptions, besides contributions of foodstuffs and other comforts.

The State School War Relief Fund, collected from the scholars, amounted to more than £250.

In order that each soldier might be suitably greeted on his return from the front, the Welcome Home Club was started early in 1915. Mr. Comrie was the secretary and the following ladies formed a working committee:—Mesdames J. Heraud, A. Radnell, J. Bock and A. Clark. This club started a shop in the Commercial road, where all kinds of merchandise was sold to swell the funds. Each member paid a weekly subscription. As a result of the activities of the club each soldier was presented with a wallet on his departure, and each soldier and nurse was awarded a gold medal on his or her return to the township. The funds remaining were devoted to erecting the War Memorial to the fallen.

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