

CRESSY "DEDICATION DAY CEREMONY" 25TH MAY 2002

Sunday 5th May 2002 "Dedication Day" marked a significant historical occasion for Cressy and District. On this day, we honoured those from our district who had served our country in times of war.

Our day began with veterans assembling at the Cressy Primary School for morning tea, before marching to the Cressy Hall accompanied by the Colac City Band. After singing Advance Australia Fair and raising the Australian Flag, Veterans and the public filed into the hall for the unveiling of our new Honour Boards.



After a warm welcome by Mrs Robyn Alexander, President of the Cressy Community Activities Group who gave a brief history of the recreated Honour Boards and the Avenue of Honour, Mr Jim Coad welcomed the Veterans. Mr Bruce Ruxton AM OBE State President of the RSL unveiled our new Honour Roll, which were recreated, replacing the originals, lost in the 1977 fires that ravaged Cressy.

Veterans and the general public then marched to Tennant Street where Mr Bruce Ruxton AM OBE unveiled the new Memorial Stone, which sits proudly at the start of Stage 1 of our replanted Avenue of Honour, where officials and members of the public were invited to lay wreaths.



At the end of the ceremony, all present returned to the Cressy hall for a light lunch and entertainment by the Cressy Air Force Base Singers and the Colac College Band.