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SEARCH FOR NAMES MISSING ON RESTORED WWI HONOUR ROLL

A pair of carefully restored World War One (1914 - 1918) honour boards, dedicated to Eastwood and North Ryde war heroes, have been full restored and rehomed in time for the 2017 Remembrance Day commemoration.



The restoration of the two maple and gold leaf memorials was commissioned by the Council as part of the City of Ryde's Centenary of ANZAC four-year program and the work was undertaken by three local craftsmen. The refurbishment involved the boards being dismantled, repaired and reassembled. The traditional gold lettering was reapplied and then the boards were French polished.

City of Ryde Mayor and Chair of the Centenary of ANZAC Committee said: "When the honour boards were recovered from storage they were in a poor state and it was immediately noted that one panel from the larger Eastwood board was missing.

"The lengthy restoration began and despite exhaustive research by Ryde's Local Studies Librarian, Angela Phippen and members of the Ryde District Historical Society, the names could not be found.

"Now, we are hoping that members of the community can help fill in the missing link and we are appealing to local families who may have old photographs of the Eastwood honour board showing the missing detail to contact us."

The *Eastwood Role of Honor (sic)* records the name of 177 soldiers and 1 nurse. It contains a large central panel, with two smaller panels either side (left one missing) and weighs around 20kgs.

The *North Ryde School of Arts Role of Honour*, measures 4ft x 2ft, with gilt lettering on wood. It contains the names of 47 WWI soldiers from the local area. Of the 47 soldiers, 18 never returned – 4 were killed at Gallipoli and 14 were fatally wounded or killed on the Western Front.

The beautifully restored honour boards now hang in the public area of the City of Ryde Council Chambers, Level 1a, 1 Pope Street (above Ryde Library).

Anyone with original photographs of the Eastwood Role of Honor can contact Ryde Local Studies Librarian on 9952 8222 or Ryde District Historical Society 9807 7137 rdhs1@bigpond.com

Ryde Remembers 99th Remembrance Day

The Ryde community will gather to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the end of the First World War (1914 – 1918) on Remembrance Day Saturday 11 November with a service at Memorial Park, Meadowbank, 10.30am.