

Belmore Community Centre. Erected in 1951

Many a community centre represents a joint enterprise between the community in which it is located, and the surrounding country side. A striking example is the combined memorial hall, rink, arena and five acre field at Belmore.

The large aluminum sheathed arena is 76 x 208 feet, joined to the arena the memorial hall is of two stories. The auditorium in the second story is 31 x 50 feet. There is a stage, dressing rooms, kitchen and snack bar. On the first floor is the Women's Institute room.

The cost of this centre ~~is~~<sup>was</sup> 36,000 and in two years was debt free. A large proportion was contributed in gratis labour and materials. When the arches for the arena were raised, 50 men with thirteen tractors from the surrounding townships came to Belmore and volunteered their services.

On the occasion of the official opening of the arena the ladies provided a turkey dinner on which a pre-sale of 1051 tickets was made. Twenty tables were put up in the main rink and 1000 people sat down at once, to well laden tables. It was a grand feast for those who were privileged to attend. The success of this large undertaking was due mostly to the good co-operation, and organization, as well, as work, of the people, district.  
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