

## THE HANWOOD CLOTH

Ever heard of the Hanwood Cloth?

It was made as a fund raiser in 1940 and donated to Griffith Pioneer Park Museum in 1986 by Mrs. Nesta McWilliam. Because of the cloth's history it was transferred to the Griffith War Memorial Museum in September 2022, where it is on permanent display for everybody to see. We hope with your help to identify the names of all those who left their embroidered signature on the cloth as well as the descendants who currently still live in Griffith or other places in Australia. **A special book is available at the museum and those looking at the hanging are asked to write their name and the name of family, friends or connections found on the hanging and if possible some information about the person whose name has been identified. This will provide a record of those who supported the fund raiser in the 1940s.**

The GWMM Management.

### Hanwood Cloth.

The cloth was made in 1940 by the Hanwood War Workers Group to raise money for the Australian Comfort Funds, which provided extra comforts for the Australian troops in World War 11, especially those serving overseas. The cloth is covered with the signatures of a large number of local identities of the time, who paid sixpence for the privilege.

Later, with the help of Misses Winnie and Marjorie McWilliam, they neatly embroidered the names permanently on the cloth. Many of these names are pioneers of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, several were members of the Hanwood War Group and foundation members of the Hanwood CWA.>

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