

# New status new era

Wodonga came of age yesterday, as a crowd of about 3000 people witnessed the first meeting of the Council of the Rural City of Wodonga.

Wodonga's new status was proclaimed at an open air ceremony by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe.

The first mayor of the 134-sq.-mile city, Cr L. E. Stone described the occasion as the beginning of a new era in Wodonga's development.

Sir Rohan also unveiled a plaque commemorating the proclamation. The Minister for Local Government, Mr Hunt, presented the mayoral chain to Cr Stone and the official gown to town clerk, Mr A. Rutkowski.

**LEFT:** The Governor of Victoria, Sir Rohan Delacombe, and Wodonga's first mayor, Cr L. E. Stone, walk from the official platform after yesterday's ceremony.

**BELOW:** The first meeting of the council of the Rural City of Wodonga was held in the open air, during yesterday's ceremony.

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