

# VINCENT GUY KABLE

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## Preface

**M**ost Tamworth people know the name Kable. They know Kable Avenue and they know the Guy Kable building in Marius Street. Not so many know who Guy Kable was and even fewer know what he did for Tamworth and Australia. Arguably, he did more for the wellbeing of Tamworth's citizens than did anyone else during the first half of the twentieth century.

Guy Kable was a quiet, unassuming family man who lived simply, did not seek attention or notoriety, yet he was an outstanding achiever both for Tamworth and for Australia. Sadly, his life was cut short at 55 years of age. His achievements stand as a legacy for Tamworth and its people.

The 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tamworth being the first municipality in Australia to use electricity to light its streets. The occasion was celebrated with the unveiling of a bronze plaque commemorating V. Guy Kable, following an address on Guy Kable's life and work by Tamworth Historian, Dr Warren O. Newman OAM. Sadly, Dr Newman died just a few weeks later, prompting the need to record his address from the notes which he had kindly made available.

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