

Sunshine Advocate (Vic. : 1924 - 1954), Friday 9 May 1941, page 7

Drowning Fatality at Deer Park

A sad case of drowning occurred at Deer Park in the Kororoit Creek behind the property of Mr. James Burnside. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnett, of Ballarat road — Harold (who would have been 10 years on Sunday next), Robert, 8, and Glenice, 6 — were all playing on the creek bank. A rope suspended from a tree and used by swimmers attracted their attention. Harold had evidently been swinging over the water from a ledge of rock and lost his hold falling into nine feet of water. The two children raised the alarm and no time was lost in all available men in the district entering the water and diving to try and regain the lad. By this time the Sunshine police and doctors had been summoned. The former, with grappling hooks, dragged up and down and across where the boy was last seen. George Wilson put down a hook about six feet from where Harold was last seen and recovered the body. Artificial respiration was unsuccessfully applied and on the arrival of Dr. Gowland, pronounced life extinct.

The deceased was born at Sunshine, and was 9 years, 11 months old. The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place on Tuesday from their residence, Ballarat road, Deer Park, to the place of interment in the Footscray Cemetery. As the funeral passed the Deer Park State School, where the lad had attended, the school children stood to attention until the cortege had passed. Among the large collection of magnificent floral tributes were wreaths from employees of Nobel's Factory, Deer Park, State School Committee, staff and scholars of

National Library of Australia

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article74745631>

Sunshine Advocate (Vic. : 1924 - 1954), Friday 9 May 1941, page 7

factory, Deer Park, State School
Committee, staff and scholars of
State School, Deer Park Ladies'
Guild, St. John's Sunday School,
Deer Park.

Rev. R. W. Dann, of the Church
of England, conducted impressive
services at the house and the grave-
side, and Nelson Bros. were the
funeral directors.

National Library of Australia

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article74745631>