

Mr. W. J. Andrew Passes

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FORMER SHIRE SECRETARY

Mr. Walter J. Andrew, a former engineer and secretary of the Shires of Braybrook and Keilor, passed away at the Melbourne Hospital on Monday last at the age of 76 years.

The late Mr. Andrew was injured in a motor car accident recently whilst travelling to Gisborne on the 22nd December—the day that he retired from the post of Gisborne Shire Engineer—and the injuries he received hastened his death.

The late Mr. Andrew was appointed Shire Secretary and Engineer to the Shire of Braybrook in 1912 and relinquished the position in 1927, rendering 15 years' service to the municipality, at the period when it was in the first stages of the transition period from a rural to an industrial area. He was a brilliant engineer and well informed on all phases of the Local Government Act. He had a dignified manner and a pleasant personality, and these combined with his scholastic attainments, made him a commanding figure in the municipal sphere. It was he who first suggested that water could be taken from Albion to serve the people of St. Albans, after many years of opposition to his scheme he lived to see the M.M.B.W. pract-

in Braybrook were divided, and after resigning from Keilor, Mr. Andrew became Shire Engineer to Braybrook.

After leaving Braybrook the late Mr. Andrew became Shire Engineer at Woodend and also at Gisborne and he was responsible for the building of the scenic road over Mt. Macedon.

Mr. Andrew continued to reside in Sunshine for many years after severing his connection with the administration of the Shire, and he followed the late Cr. Geo Pennell as Chairman of the Sunshine Court of Petty Sessions, and even after he left the district he came to Sunshine from South Yarra every fortnight to attend to his court duties. The late

Mr. Andrew was president of the City and Overseas Club for 15 years

He leaves two sons to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place on Wednesday and was largely attended. Cr. A. G. Pennell represented the Shire President (Cr. Barclay). Cr. M. B. Lynch and Mr. E. Hargreaves (Shire Secretary) also attended.

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When the "Advocate" was established 21 years ago, Mr. Andrew was Secretary - Engineer to both the Braybrook and Keilor Shire Councils and the efficient manner in which he carried out his multifarious duties was a tribute to his orderly mind and his robust physical condition. However the ratepayers realised that the district was growing apace and the burden was too great for one man to carry. The positions in Braybrook were divided, and

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