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## Fatal smash at danger spot

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**THREE KILLED IN THIS CAR.**



● Pictured above is the old model car involved in the collision at the intersection of Fitzgerald and Boundary Rds., Brooklyn, on Sunday night. Three passengers in this car were killed.

### FATAL SMASH AT 'DANGER SPOT'

The intersection of Fitzgerald and Boundary Rds., Brooklyn, which has claimed more lives than any other accident spot in Sunshine, was the scene of yet another fatal accident on Sunday night.

Three teenagers lost their lives in the two-car collision, bringing the total number killed at this intersection in the past 12 months to five. Five other teenagers were seriously injured in the smash and rushed to Footscray and Diggers Hospital by ambulance and a police car.

A late model Holden car, travelling along Boundary Rd. was in collision with the early model car (pictured above) travelling along Fitzgerald Rd. One car stopped against a stone fence with the other car a few yards away.

The early model car was just about split in half with the force of the impact and three passengers from this car were killed. The driver was injured seriously.

Police blocked off major intersections to allow an ambulance carrying the most seriously injured, a check passage to hospital.

Those killed were Jennifer Sweeney, Walkers Ave, Niddrie; Raymond George Prentice, Black St., Essendon; and injured were Bob Price St., Essendon; Dave Pater, Road Airport West (driver); Martin Soper, Oakbank St., Newport (driver); Lynette Purves, North Rd., Newport; and Christine Wilkins St.

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### ROUNDABOUT PLAN

As two of the young men involved in the accident at the Fitzgerald and Boundary Rds. crossroads (pictured) more than a week ago lie in a coma, Sunshine Council is striving to get co-operation from the Shire of Werribee and the Country Roads Board to do something about the danger point.

Sunshine has allocated \$5000 as their share of the cost of constructing a large diameter roundabout.

But approaches to the Shire of Werribee and the Country Roads Board, asking them to contribute similar amounts, have met with no response.

"The figures are frightening," said Cr. D. Berry. "There have been something like 10 deaths in the last two years — 15 or 18 in the last five years.

"It's one of the blackest spots in the metropolitan area."

He urged that council bring all possible pressure to bear on Werribee and the Country Roads Board.

City engineer Mr. Ken Gray said he had inspected the intersection last Friday with officers of the Country Roads Board and the Traffic Commission.

He said that a roundabout was the best solution to the problem, but a roundabout brought up

the problem of lighting, he said.

"There is no power here," he told councillors, "and a roundabout would be dangerous without suitable lighting."

He said an informal approach to the SEC on the matter had drawn a favorable response. He suggested that council make a formal application to the SEC.

Meanwhile two victims of the latest accident at the crossing are in a serious condition in Footscray and District Hospital.

Both Robert Davies, of Parer Rd. Airport West, and Martin Sofers, of Dakbank St., Newport, were injured.

### Rebuff for traders

A strongly worded letter from the Sunshine Council to the Traders' Association on the roundabout scheme was completely rebuffed at last Monday's meeting.

The letter in part stated that members of the Traders' Association felt strongly about councillors' non-co-operative attitude over the scheme.

The town clerk, Mr. T. W. Deutschmann, reported to council on the letter and stated:

"Since the last meeting, a letter purporting to be from the Traders' Association has been received. This letter has definitely not been signed by the secretary of the Association, but as it

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