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A WOMAN WAS DYING in Sun Crescent last week as passers by hurried on, apparently on more important business.

The woman, a 39-year-old mother of five children from Anderson Rd., was sitting on the fence of a property opposite Sims Nu-Markette holding her chest. The people who passed her had a good look but nobody bothered to ask if she was all right.

She was, in fact, dying from a heart attack.

Mr Les Twentyman of the Westland Sports Centre saw the distressed woman and went to her assistance.

He noticed a local doctor's car parked nearby

but on inquiry found that it was being used by the doctor's wife.

"So I talked the woman into getting into my car," said Mr Twentyman.

"I drove her home at first but decided to take her to the local clinic. At the clinic she was given

heart massage and this treatment continued until she arrived at Footscray Hospital.

"I later learned that the woman had died half an hour after she was admitted to the hospital," said Mr Twentyman.

"And I wondered to myself how all those people could have just walked past and stared at a dying person without offering assistance."

There is every possibility that if just one person had earlier gone to her aid the woman would be alive today.

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