

# Sunshine Advocate

## Tragic death of popular local man, Alan O'Brien, Aged 32

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### TRAGIC DEATH OF POPULAR YOUNG LOCAL MAN

Victim of a road accident on Monday night was Mr. Alan O'Brien, 32 years, member of one of the best-known families in this district.

He was riding a motor cycle home from work just after 8.0 o'clock, had turned from Devonshire Rd. into Duke St. and was within a quarter-mile of Carlton St., where he lived.

However, near Lily St. a truck was being backed into the driveway of a house. Alan evidently did not see this vehicle and ran into it just behind the driving cabin. Death was instantaneous, or almost so.

In social and sporting circles, and among customers of the Hotel Derrimut where he worked, Alan O'Brien enjoyed great popularity. He was truly a local boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Brien, Ballarat Rd., Deer Park.

He went to Deer Park State school, then to Williamstown High school and afterwards started with the ICI organisation, leaving there about five years ago to transfer to the Hotel Derrimut.

A wide experience in sport included professional fights at the West Melbourne Stadium under the mentorship of Al Basten, football with ICI Deer Park, soccer with Sunshine United and racehorse training with J. Fryer.

He reached the 10-rounder stage at boxing and starred at soccer in League ranks. With his boxing trainer Al Basten,

Alan gave skipping demonstrations at many charity carnivals throughout the district.

His wife Lorraine, whom he married at Camberwell about six years ago and who has been working for some time at the Hotel Derrimut, is left with two small boys, Garry (five years) and Shane (three).

Members of the family, beside his mother and father, are Wally, Lindsay, Alex, Harold, Myrtle and Joyce (Mrs. Neylan, Footscray).

The funeral took place yesterday to Fawkner cemetery, after a service at his parents' home. At the request of fellow employees the cortege passed along Durham Road.

Coffin bearers were Alan's four brothers, and the pall was borne by Messrs A. Basten, A. Richer, J. Bartlett, S. Holden, J. Barnes, H. Jones, E. Newman and E. O'Brien.

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### SUNSHINE ANGLERS' CLUB

First competition, Sunday, September 6 to be fished at Malmsbury Weir and Taradale Creek.

First pick-up at post office at 8 a.m. Plenty of seats available.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 8 at 8 p.m.