

Mr Alexander "Tal" Gunn

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An accident, which, unfortunately, had a fatal termination, happened to Mr Alexander Gunn, of Waranga Park, on Friday afternoon last while driving to Rushworth with his niece (Miss Jeannette Gunn). It appears that they had just crossed the bridge, opposite where the old Foresters' Arms hotel stood on the Murchison road, when the horse suddenly shied and "propped" and Mr Gunn was thrown with great force on to the hard metal roadway. When thrown out Mr Gunn carried the reins with him and this left Miss Gunn in an unenviable predicament.

The horse at once made off and Miss Gunn was soon thrown out. She, however, had a fortunate escape in that she received but a severe shaking and some minor injuries to the back, which necessitated her remaining in bed for a few days.

On Mr Gunn being picked up it was at once recognised that he had been very seriously injured. Blood was running from his mouth, nose, and ears, and he was unconscious.

He was taken to Mr George Anderson's residence and medical aid summoned as speedily as possible. Later he was taken home, but from the first little hope was held out for his recovery. He, however, lingered on unconscious until Tuesday evening, when he passed away.

The late Mr Alexander Gunn was the second eldest son of the late Mr Wm. Gunn, and was also a brother of Mr Wm. Gunn, of Waranga Park. Deceased was a native of Rushworth, having been born at the old Waranga Park homestead on the southern edge of Gunn's swamp, so named after his father. Here he grew up and continued to reside with his brother and other members of the family until compelled to remove to his late place of abode owing to the construction of the Waranga Reservoir.

At the time of his death deceased was 54 years of age, and, although he took no part in public affairs, he was pretty widely known. He was one of those quiet, unassuming persons whose chief pleasures in life are derived from pottering about and minding their own affairs. He interfered with no one, and it can of a truth be said that no man was held in higher respect than the late Mr "Tal" Gunn.

No wonder then that the news of his death was received on Wednesday morning with general expressions of regret, and the utmost sympathy was felt for his sorrowing relatives.

The funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon was very largely attended. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Ingram.