

Henry Boxshall

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A magisterial enquiry was held at the court house, Rushworth, on Monday, 20th December, by Mr E. A. Muhlhan, J.P., touching the death of Henry Boxshall, who was found dead at Moora the previous Sunday morning.

J. C. Davey deposed that he was a publican at Moora, and for the past two years deceased had worked for him as a farm laborer. Deceased was a single man about 48 years of age, and on Saturday last worked as usual. He saw deceased about ten o'clock on Saturday night, when he left the hotel to go to his bed in the barn across the road, about 70 yards away. Deceased had several drinks during the evening, but was all right. On Sunday morning, about eight o'clock, he went to call deceased and found him lying dead between the barn and a waggon standing close by. Deceased was dressed and his dog was chained up close by him. He informed the police.

Alfred Smith carter, and John Hazell, laborer, gave corroborative evidence, while Constable Theobald gave evidence as to the finding of the body.

Dr Heily deposed that he had made a post mortem examination of the body. There were no suspicious circumstances, and he found that deceased was suffering from acute inflammation of the lungs and had died from heart failure. Deceased had a bruise on the forehead over the left eye, which was probably caused when he fell.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical testimony.

Moora South. (FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT) Wednesday.

The death occurred on Saturday night last, of Mr Harry Boxshall, at Moora South. The circumstances relating to the case are very sad. Deceased, who was in the employ of Mr J. C. Davey, licensee of the National Hotel, came in from Gobarup, where he had been harvesting.

He did not complain of feeling unwell, but when Mr Davey went to call him to breakfast on Sunday morning he was surprised to find him dead near a haystack.

Medical evidence went to show that deceased died of congestion of the lungs and heart failure.

Deceased was widely known throughout the district and was an upright, industrious man. His remains were interred in the Rushworth cemetery on Monday last, a number of his friends following the hearse which conveyed his remains to their last resting place.