

## John Dixon ("Yarrowonga Jack")

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A very old identity of Rushworth passed away suddenly on Sunday night, in the person of Mr. John Dixon, or as he was no more familiarly known, "Yarrowonga Jack".

The deceased resided by himself in a hut on the Merrigum road. He had not been in good health lately and was attended by Dr Coutts, who advised him to go into the Mooroopna Hospital.

Mr Dixon wished to make some arrangements and deferred going to the hospital, his intention being to go there on Monday last.

On Monday morning Mr. S. A. Smith, who served deceased with bread, called there as usual, but getting no response to the toot of his motor horn, Mr Smith went into the house and called out, but still got no response. He went into the other room and was horrified to find the old man sitting in a chair dead, death being due to heart failure.

As a medical certificate was given no enquiry was deemed necessary.

The deceased had been a resident of Rushworth for many years, and in his younger days worked as a contractor and later at wheat stacking. Before coming to Rushworth he drove a waggon train between Benalla and Yarrowonga, and thus it was that when he got to Rushworth he got the name of "Yarrowonga Jack".

Deceased was about 75 years of age.

***Cemetery records include several Dixon listings, one without a given name. (There is also a John Dickson.)***