

John McKenzie

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At old man named John McKenzie, who has been mining in the neighbourhood of Fontainbleu during the last 12 months, was found in his tent on Sunday evening last in an insensible condition by Joseph Shearer and his mate.

They attended to him during the night and got a conveyance on the following morning for the purpose of taking him to the Mooroopna Hospital, but he expired before reaching Rushworth.

An enquiry was held before Dr Heily, J. P., and Dr Christie, who had examined the body, deposed that death had resulted from cancer in the neck pressing on the nerves and blood vessels.

It is stated that the deceased has well-to-do relations in different parts of the colonies and that although often pressed to give up mining and go and reside with one or other of them, he had on every occasion refused to change his mode of life.