

Mr Albert Melville

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A very sad death occurred at Rushworth on Sunday afternoon last, when Mr Albert V. Melville, a one-time resident of this district passed away, after but a week's illness with asthma.

The features surrounding Mr Melville's death are particularly pathetic from the fact that after many years hard work he had resolved on a holiday, and came to Rushworth in company with his wife on the 15th inst.

When he left Melbourne he was in his usual health, in fact, he practically stepped off the trams, on which he had been employed for years, to undertake the trip.

For years past he had been subject to asthma and thought the change would do him good, little dreaming that he would never again return to his work.

He took ill on the Monday following his arrival and gradually got worse, expiring at Mrs McDonald's residence as stated on the Sunday afternoon.

Deceased was in the prime of life, being but 49 years of age, and general regret is felt for his family (Mrs Melville and four children—the youngest but nine years of age), in their sad bereavement.

Prior to his departure for Melbourne, some twenty-three years ago, Mr Melville was a prominent member of the Rushworth Brass Band, and the members of that institution paid a marked tribute to his memory by heading the funeral procession and playing The Dead March in Saul.

He was regarded as an honorable citizen by all who knew him, and this fact was borne out by the large number who accorded him the last tribute of respect on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. J. R. Walker performed the funeral obsequies.