

Robert Richards

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A man named Robert Richards, a well-known resident at Waranga Basin, was found dead in his bed at Mr. W. Davis's wine saloon at about 9 o'clock on Monday, 12th inst.

It appears that the deceased and his mate (Mr. J. Leahy) spent the weekend in Rushworth and stayed at Mr. Davis's saloon. Both men occupied the same room. Both of them went to bed about 10 o'clock on Sunday night last. Leahy got up about 7.30 a.m. and thought his mate Richards was asleep and did not speak to him. About 9 a.m. Mr Davis went into Mr Richards' room to call him and found that he was dead.

He reported the matter to the police and Senior-Constable Cullinan communicated with Mr Rodgers, P.M., District Coroner, who gave instructions that an enquiry be held before a local J.P.

Accordingly a magisterial enquiry was held before Mr. H. Cattlin, J.P. on Tuesday. According to evidence adduced, the deceased was a native of Bendigo and underwent a serious operation in the Bendigo Hospital about six months ago.

As there were no suspicious circumstances connected with the death, a verdict was returned that deceased, Robert Richards, died from natural causes.

Mr Davis, on behalf of deceased's friends, arranged for the burial which took place on Tuesday, the remains being interred in the Rushworth Cemetery.