

William Harriman

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A very sad accident, which had a fatal termination, occurred to Mr William Harriman on Tuesday night last. The deceased came to Rushworth on that day in company with some other gentlemen, as a deputation to the Shire Council. Having negotiated the business which called him into town he was proceeding homewards at half-past eight, in company with Mr Hammond, when about a mile on their journey the deceased leant forward in the buggy to reach something at his feet, when just at this instant the wheel entered a rut in the road; this caused Mr Harriman to lose his balance and he was precipitated headforemost to the ground.

Mr Hammond at once jumped to his assistance, but found that he was unable to raise him. The injured man spoke a few words and then became unconscious. Mr Hammond found it impossible to lift him into the buggy unaided, and as the accident occurred at a spot too distant from any house to summon assistance he was compelled to await the Rushworth coach. On its arrival the sufferer was brought back to Rushworth to the Criterion hotel.

Dr Heily was quickly in attendance, and gave his opinion that the injuries were of such a nature as to render recovery very doubtful indeed.

Mr Harriman was on Wednesday removed to his own house, but the shock to the system was so great that he never rallied, and passed away early on Thursday morning.

The deceased came to the colony with his parents when he was about 18 years of age, and passed the greater part of his time in Lancefield. About 15 years ago he took up land at Waranga, where he has resided ever since. He was highly respected by all who knew him, being ever ready to assist in anything for the public welfare.

He was a brother of Mr Thomas Harriman, J.P. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss.

The remains will be interred in the Rushworth Cemetery to-day, the funeral leaving his late residence at 1 p.m.

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DEATH.

HARRIMAN—On the 9th inst., at his late residence, Waranga, from the effects of a fall from a buggy, William Henry Harriman, aged 48 years, late of Lancefield.

The remains of Mr William Harriman, of Waranga, who was thrown from his buggy on Tuesday week, and died from the effects of the injuries he sustained, were followed to their last resting place in the Rushworth Cemetery on Friday last.

A very large number of friends attended to pay a last token of friendship to one who had made himself respected far and wide.

The burial ceremony was most impressively read by the Rev. A M. Taylor, United Methodist clergyman In Rushworth.