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Fatal end to year, Margaret Ann Edwards, Aged 20

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Fatal end to year



● The last fatal accident for 1967 in the Sunshine area occurred at the intersection of Fitzgerald and Boundary Rds at 7.30 pm on New Year's Eve.

Pictured above is one of the cars in the two-car collision minutes after the accident.

This car was driven by Albert Robbins, of Arundel Rd, Kellor, and a passenger, Margaret Edwards, of Portland, was fatally injured. The other car was driven by Geoffrey Jones, of Station Rd, Deer Park.

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CHARGED WITH MURDER

A 20-year-old St. Albans woman has been charged with the murder of a baby girl.

The woman was taken to the Royal Women's Hospital by ambulance after a newly-born baby girl was found in the backyard of a house in Conrad Street, St. Albans.

A postmortem examination showed the child had been stabbed at least eight times.

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The intersection of Boundary and Fitzgerald Rds., the scene of yet another fatal accident over the holiday period, may be improved by Sunshine Council.

This intersection has been the scene of many fatal accidents, and in 1967 five people were killed in one accident on Easter Monday.

Council previously decided to write to the owners of the corner blocks of Boundary and Fitzgerald Rds. regarding the acquisition of a portion of the land to set back the fence and improve the sight line. The city engineer, Mr K. Gray, is still awaiting replies from the owners.

Mr Gray said it was evident by the speeds of cars passing through this intersection that setting back the fences 100 ft. will not have any great effect. Even at 30 mph, a stopping distance of 126 ft. is necessary.

Mr Gray said: "In actual fact, visibility at this intersection is comparatively good, except for trees and cattle-pens on the north side of Boundary Rd. and west of Fitzgerald Rd. which do affect visibility in that direction quite considerably for southbound drivers on Fitzgerald Rd."

"Grade separation would be extremely costly and the expense could not be justified at this point of time."

"However, before any building on the four corners is permitted, consideration should be given to setting back the buildings to provide space for grade separation."

"Fitzgerald Rd could be a major local traffic route in the future."

"A flashing red light could be installed (with Traffic Commission approval), requiring all traffic to come to a halt at the intersection. If this were suspended centrally over the intersection it would be visible for several hundred yards in each direction."

"However, the traffic density may not be sufficient to meet the Traffic Commission awards for such signals."

"Staggering the intersections — by this method the crossroads would be eliminated as such. The minor traffic route (Boundary Rd) could be staggered by 120 ft."

"Although there is no grade separation, the speed of the traffic on the staggered road would be reduced very effectively, thus reducing very considerably the possibility of a severe collision."

"There would be less temptation at low speed to ignore the requirement to give way to fast moving traffic approaching from the right on the 'through' road."

Council decided that in addition to setting back the fence lines, council approach the shire of Werribee regarding further improvement of the intersection as set out by Mr Gray.

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