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Youth killed, struck by three cars, Josef Berdi, Aged 14

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Youth killed— struck by three cars

A fourteen-year-old St. Albans youth, was killed last Saturday night, when he was run over by three separate cars on the Keilor-St. Albans Rd.

He was Josef Berdi, of Scott Ave., St. Albans. Josef's 10-year-old brother, John, who was walking with Josef, and his father, Ivan, was slightly injured when struck by one of the cars.

The boys and their father were returning from a fishing trip and were walking north along the road when the first car struck Josef.

A car following close behind the first also ran over Josef as he lay on the ground.

A third car, travelling in the opposite direction, then passed between the first two cars which had stopped and parked on either side of the boy, and ran over the boy a third time.

This third car did not stop, and St. Albans police would like to speak to the driver of the car and anyone knowing either the car or the driver should contact the police.

Police said yesterday the only description of the car they had was it was an FJ model Holden.

Josef was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Berdi. His funeral left the Sacred Heart Church, Winifred St., St. Albans yesterday (Wednesday) at 2 pm, for the Footscray Cemetery.

Const. killed

A 20-year-old constable of police stationed at Sunshine was killed instantly last Friday morning when his car struck a tree after running off the Western Highway near Bacchus Marsh.

He was Const. Alan

Stewart McClure, of Gordon St., West Footscray, and formerly of Bolton St., Narrandera, NSW, who had been stationed at Sunshine for the past six months.

Const. McClure had been to Ballarat visiting friends for two days, and was returning to Sunshine to commence duties for the Easter break.

Six members of the Victoria Police Force, of which McClure had been a member for about 18 months, stationed at Sunshine, travelled to Narrandera last Sunday and acted as pall-bearers at the funeral.

Grazia Maria De Maria, 84, of Ballarat Rd., Deer Park, was killed when she was struck by a car in Ballarat Rd., Deer Park, last Thursday night.

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A Sunshine man, who pleaded guilty to driving without a licence in court last week to driving while disqualified, said he committed the offence to relieve the strain of knowing his father was dying from an illness.

He was Neil McKenzie May, of Duke St., who was charged with driving while disqualified on March 9 and resisting Const. R. O'Toole.

May said he had a £20 warrant hanging over his head, and plus the fact of his father's illness, had panicked when stopped by Const. O'Toole.