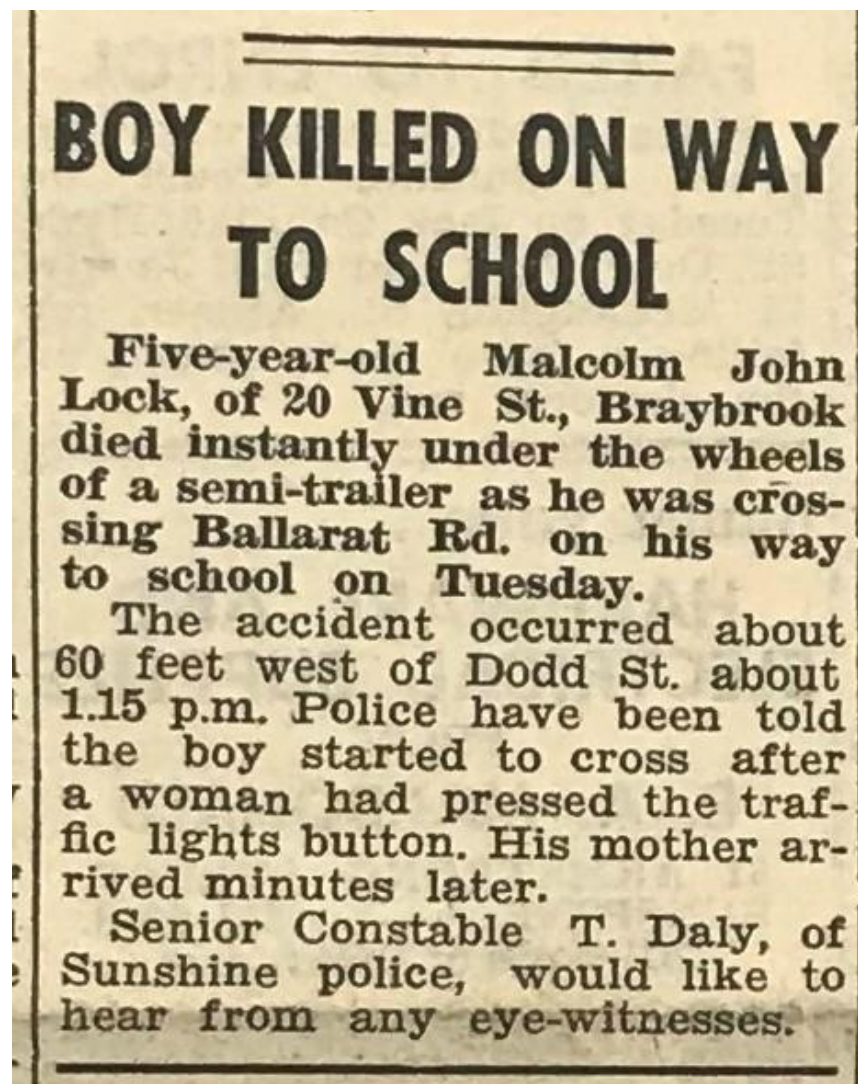


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## 500 pounds offered for school subway

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**ACTION ON LATEST HIGHWAY TRAGEDY**

# £500 Offered For School Subway

**Offer of £500 for a subway under Ballarat Road to replace the traffic lights at Braybrook State School was made this week by Essendon and former local councillor Albert Pennell.**

Meanwhile, police and council traffic officials are wracking their brains to avoid a repetition of last week's tragedy when a six-year-old schoolboy ran under a semi-trailer and was killed instantly.

Action was taken this week by Senior Constable Tom Daly, of Sunshine, who investigated the tragedy. After conferences with other officials he succeeded in having the warning time extended from four to seven seconds by an adjustment of the amber lights.

This will give drivers so much more time to stop after pedestrians have pressed the buttons to cross. The increased warning period is expected to operate this week.

**DEATH TRAP**

This three-lane section of Ballarat Rd. between Ashley and Duke Sts., has been a death-trap for years, with the greatest accident record of any similar length of road.

Its poor surface, crush of vehicles and the need for extreme driving vigilance tend to distract motorists from the traffic signals. Conditions are aggravated by reckless drivers who encroach on the second and third lanes and speed through the Darnley St. blinkers at far above speed limits.

Even the school traffic lights are often unheeded by hurrying cars.

**C.R.B. REACTION**

Cr. Pennell's suggestion opens up a big question connected with crossings, and especially crossings on highways and other arterial roads where the traffic flow is constant and quick.

How much safer subways would be for pedestrians is simply understood, and it will be interesting to know the reactions of the Country Roads Board.

In Sunshine's peculiar case, if one subway is built at Braybrook State School, others would logically be requested for Sunshine High School and Braybrook High School when it is built at the Duke St. corner. All three schools are on the "wrong" side of Ballarat Rd.

The danger may be reduced if, in building a new road from Ashley St. to Duke St., the CRB divide it with a "safe" strip down the centre.

**DISADVANTAGE**

Council on Monday decided to support Cr. Pennell's suggestion and ask State authorities for their views.

Cr. Thomas said manually operated traffic lights had the disadvantage of being on green most of the time. Motorists became used to that and were inclined to go through on the red.

On the motion of Cr. Grundy, a letter of thanks is to go to Cr. Pennell.

**KICKING CHARGES STRUCK OUT**

Two charges of assault by kicking, listed for hearing at

**PUZZLE ON STREET JOB**

Some weeks ago a deputation of Sunshine Heights residents called on council to request the construction of Glengala Rd., mainly to benefit about 400 children attending Marian College.

The request was referred to council's finance and legislative committee, whose recommendations as follows was adopted by council on Monday:


"That the committee who arranged the deputation be informed that the work will be carried out at the earliest possible date, but with reference to the submissions made by the speaker for the deputation on finance and prepared schemes, that the committee be informed along the lines of the written submission submitted to and approved by the committee."

**Sailor Had "Words" With Constable**

Remarks to his friends about passing policeman led to Navy man William Liddle, 8 Windsor St., Sunshine, being fined £10 at Sunshine Court on Tuesday.

Constable A. Barnham said about 6.20 p.m. on June 11 Liddle and two other men were on the footpath in Durham Rd. and as he passed Liddle used an indecent expression.

A further expression was used as he spoke to one of Liddle's companions. About 50 people crowded nearby included women and children.



**Cr. A. G. PENNELL**

**WRONG NUMBER ?**

When Lawrence William Slatery, 9 Hendry St., Footscray, was charged at Tuesday's court with double parking, he asked that the charge be read again. Then he pleaded not guilty. He did not dally in the court when police admitted there had been some mistake.

# Serious Council

**Allegations that men demolished a building made in a letter to Sunshine**

The letter was from L. J. Caldwell on behalf of Mr. A. Grikas, and referred to notice the latter had received regarding disposal of materials from the building to pay demolition costs.

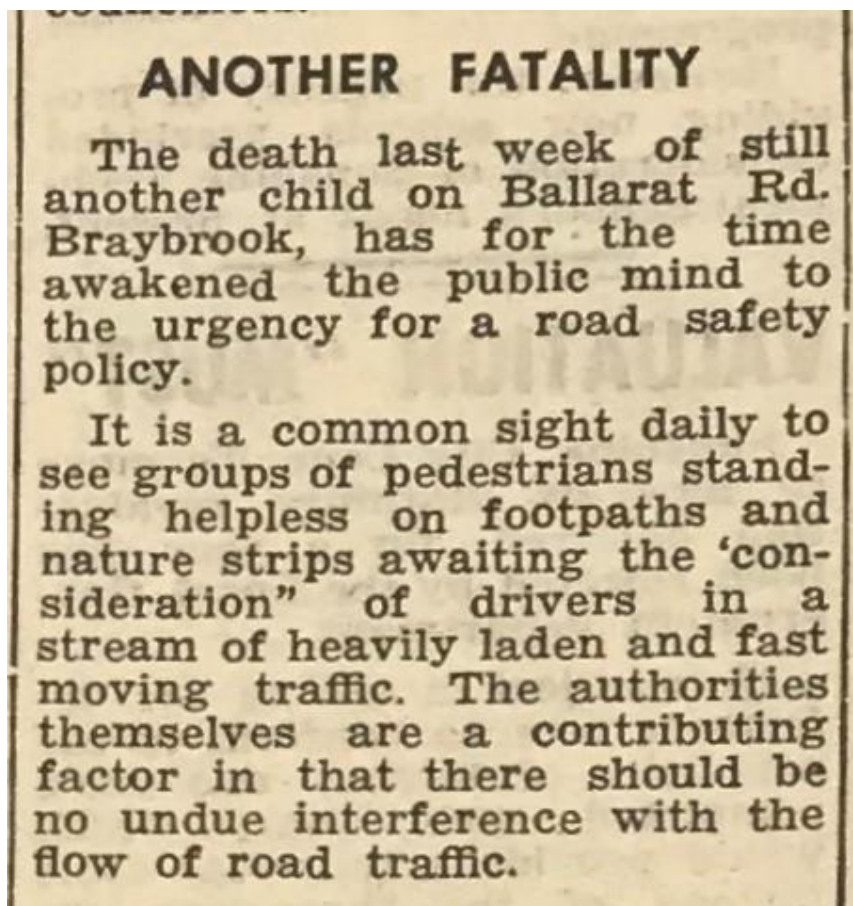
Mr. Caldwell said his client was incensed at the high-handed action of the council entering the premises without authority or notice and allegedly removing money from the building.

The letter added that in the circumstance Mr. Grikas denies any liability for expenses of demolition.

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## Road tragedy recalled - Malcolm John Lock, Aged 6

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### **ROAD TRAGEDY RECALLED**

The death of a schoolboy as he ran across Ballarat Rd. on his way to the Braybrook State School was recalled at Sunshine Court on Tuesday, when the driver of the semi-trailer which caused his death was charged with failing to observe the traffic signal.

Patrick Robert Good, 63 Raleigh St., Windsor, was fined £10 with £3/10/- costs. Pending an appeal, Mr. Prowse, S.M., granted a stay of 14 days. Good was represented by Mr. Pat Cannon.

Mr. Prowse said the boy had apparently taken little care for his safety. He had dashed across the road while it was unsafe to do so.

He said he placed considerable reliance on the evidence of Mr. J. P. Sergeant, of 9 Lodden St., Sunshine who had a calm view as he drove over the crossing in front of Good's truck while the amber light was on. It was unlikely that the truck would have been able to cross before the red light came on.

Although he did not think Good had driven recklessly, he evidently had time to stop.