

Sunshine Advocate

Tragedy brings road job to highest priority

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TRAGEDY BRINGS ROAD JOB TO HIGHEST PRIORITY

Reconstruction of Van Ness Avenue, Maribyrnong was placed on top priority by Sunshine city council on Monday, following the death of a man when his car hurtled into the river.

River ward councillors were prepared to make way for the work on their loan list. Assistance might be obtained if it is declared a main road.

Miss FAYE BYRON, who recently won the title of Miss Charity conducted by Sunshine Horticultural Society, has received the society's sponsorship in this year's Miss Sunshine quest of the Lions Club. She is the first entrant. Further sponsorships will be welcomed.

The need for Van Ness Avenue being taken over as a main road was emphasised by Cr. D. Thompson, who said it was already a main road as far as the Ford Motor Co. was concerned. It was their main route between the Geelong and Broadmeadows factories and carried consistent heavy traffic.

Cr. Coulson said he understood a police report on the week-end tragedy would include criticism of the road. As far as he was concerned it was dangerous —

without guard rails on the tricky curves

Cr. Castley: Is it on the loan list you have just completed?

Cr. Rogers: It has been on several lists. It is not on this year's.

Cr. Coulson: If you had any intelligence you would see what we want to do.

"SWIFTIE"

Cr. Castley: I know what you want to do. I'm not as dumb as all that. Your motion is quite clear. You want the money to come from general funds.

Cr. Castley said there had been a lot of fatalities in many parts of Sunshine, but it would be unfair asking other wards to forego their own urgent works and then ask council to meet a £15,000 bill for this one.

"If I wanted the job urgently I would put it on top of the ward list," he said.

Council agreed to place the work on top ward priority and ask the Country Roads Board to classify Van Ness Avenue as a main road. A CRB grant would mean a council liability of about £15,000.

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