

RUN DOWN BY DEER PARK TRAIN.

Well-Known Resident Fatally Injured.

Riding his bicycle slowly over the Anderson street railway crossing about 7.15 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Mr. William Hugh Stavely, a citizen of Sunshine for about sixteen years, and a prominent member of the Sunshine Bowling Club, was run down by the Deer Park workmen's train, and so severely injured that he died within a few minutes of his being seen by Dr. John Adamson, at St. Margaret's Hospital. Deceased was unconscious when railwaymen placed him on a stretcher for conveyance to the hospital, and never spoke afterwards. Death was probably due to head injuries.

Mr. Stavely's invariable practice was to cycle every morning from his home in Graham street, across the level crossing to Mr. Sydney Weaver's dairy, corner of Anderson road and Forest street, for the day's milk. He was very deaf, and apparently failed to hear the warning whistle of the approaching locomotive. Railway officials say that the usual whistle was blown 400 yards from the crossing.

William Archie Collins, the driver, saw deceased when the engine was within 50 yards of the crossing, blew a warning blast, and blew continuously. Deceased was riding slowly, and the driver believed that he intended to stop and not attempt to cross the line. When the engine was within ten yards of the crossing, the driver was appalled to see deceased approaching the railway. He applied the emergency brakes with full power, and the train, 70 yards

full power, and the train, 70 yards long, was brought to a standstill within its own length.

The bicycle was on the right side of the cowcatcher, and deceased on the right side of the railway, near the cattlepit. He appeared to be injured about the head, and unable to talk. The train stretcher was obtained, and the sufferer taken to the hospital.

Senior-Constable Hector R. McDonald conveyed the remains from the hospital to the Melbourne Morgue, where Mr. Grant, the coroner, gave an order for burial.

Mr. Stavely, who was 70 years of age, came to Sunshine from Maryborough, and was engaged, until his retirement, at the McKay Farm Implement Works. He is survived by his widow, a grown-up son and daughter, for whom the Sunshine public will have every sympathy. Another son was killed in a motor accident some years back.

BOWLING CLUB'S CONDOLENCES.

Messrs R. Johnston and J. Coakes, president and secretary respectively, of the Sunshine Bowling Club, on Wednesday afternoon forwarded to Mrs. Stavely a letter expressing the sincere regret of their members at the death of Mr. Stavely, and tendering sympathy with the family in their bereavement.