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8-YEAR-OLD SEES HIS BROTHER DROWNED

An eight-year-old schoolboy, Hubert George Barnett, of Balaclava Road, Deer Park, told the City Coroner (Mr Tingate, P.M.) today that he saw his nine-year-old brother catch hold of a rope suspended from a tree on the bank of the Kororoit Creek, Deer Park, on May 4 last and swing out over the water twice. The second time he let go and fell into the water. He did not come up again.

The boy was giving evidence at the inquest on his brother, Harold Mervyn Barnett, schoolboy.

Constable Hubert Norman Ferris, of Sunbury, said that the scene of the fatality was not under any municipal authority, and that there were no warning notices. It was a common bathing spot.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of accidental drowning.

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