

Grown and Packed by . . . *Coolstores*

H. G. FINGER

WANTIRNA K 46

GRANNY SMITH

FANCY

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Date

COOL STORE DAM FATALITY

RINGWOOD BOY DROWNED.

Hidden from the Wantirna and Main roads by a 6ft. galvanised iron fence, the small dam at the Ringwood Cool Stores was the scene of a drowning fatality on Saturday afternoon, when Walter Frederick Beard, 15 years, of Canterbury road, Ringwood, was drowned while swimming with other boys in the dam.

The dam is used by the cool stores for cooling purposes and is being continually pumped. Swimming is not allowed in the dam, and the boys were not noticed till the alarm was raised.

The fatality occurred between 3.30 and 4 p.m. Beard and another boy, George McCane, were swimming in the dam, and a brother, Harry Beard, aged 12, was also present, but not swimming. When Beard got into difficulties and disappeared, the other boys ran for help, and Mr O. Dwight, engineer at the cool stores, dived in and recovered the body after about 10 minutes. It is not known what time elapsed between the disappearance of the boy and the arrival of help. In the meantime doctors were summoned, but resuscitative treatment proved unavailing. Later, 1st Constable Constable had the body removed to the Morgue.

The father, Mr Beard, is a member of the Military Police at Exhibition Buildings.

mail 20/2/41

20.2.41

Report 1/12/16.

~~2/12/16~~

*1st Body General Meeting
of R. Wood Coop Cool Stores
Was held on 24/11/16 &
Submitted Report for 6 months
ending 30/6/16*

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WFF 27/1915
Leng - Rep - from the fruit veg - then
visit to Queen Vlt. 1st early Sat morn 7.30 - 6am.
'mountain & meadows' (r)

horse refuse many others produce some wastes exposed
dirt, spread by both of messengers

need exchange by including 'at cemetery' remaining

WFF 35/1915

Second Progress Rept. -

marketing distribution & preservation would sold to other storage
street marketing recently excluded from city by Health Council
in towns movement market district

should be encouraged as long as prices kept uniform
allow but points a city for standards

WFF 40/1915

Report from

Local storage price experimental stage (market England)
proceeding absolutely essential in export market (France, Belgium, Spain)
figures perhaps except apples

growers complain change 3d/cwt/week for first 2 weeks a 1d/cwt
and they are high in Gov. Cost Store (and in England)
cf. cooperative stores about 1/2 that - but coop. growers do
allowance of strong fruit
concern over good land cases
All common reservoir case
can be used local water state made

WFF 58/1915
RC
Fund George 1924
McKendry (or) Henry 1923

Minutes of Evidence

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETYRINGWOOD COOL STORES

Plans Drawn * 30,9.1910 (original building)
 Date built & Contractor * No record in Contract Ledgers.
 Metal Road Contract Signed * 1912 - Contractor L.B.Simpson
 Contract Price * £81.11.8
 Refrigeration Plant supplied and installed between 30.9.1910
 and 30.6.1911.

Contractor * G.A.McDonald Ltd.
 Contract Price * £1,322.

Additions to building * Contract Date - 3.6.1913
 Contractor - W.J.May
 Contract Price - £2,374.10. 3

Additional Refrigeration * Supply and installation.
 Contract No.1913-1914/460
 R. Werner & Co.
 Contract Price * £1,683.0.0

Brine Concentrating Plant * Contract No.1915-1916/100
 Supplier - R.Werner & Co.
 Contract Price - £134.13. 3

Transferred to present Authority 31.12.1915. under Revenue
 Loan Purchase for £8,000. Loan subsequently repaid in full.

REMARKS: From above information, it would appear original
 building must have been built between 30.9.1910 and
 30.6.1911.

16th Nov. 59

Dear Mr Mc Baskill,

I hope this information will assist you.
 Mr G.B. Coop - Asst. Chief Architect, Public Works Dept.
 and particularly Mr Purcell did the research
 for this. You will remember I gave you
 Mr Purcell's phone and extension number.

Sincerely

Rosa Meyers
 Asst Secretary

Mr Purcell
 MF 0321
 Extension 6617

See Mr Staveland
 Land Dept
 11th Oct 1959

Reported.
2nd July 1909

At a public meeting held at Ringwood under the auspices of the ^{local} Horticultural Society on Thursday night. Mr J B McAlpin moved that this meeting is of opinion that the time has come for the establishment of a Cool Store at Ringwood for the benefit of fruitgrowers. + suggested that a site might be obtained near the Rly Station right opposite the new Hall. The motion was seconded by Mr ^{R. W.} Gill and carried unanimously. A Committee was appointed to carry into effect the foregoing resolution Messrs. McKinley, McAlpin, Hann T. Grant + R. W. Gill a vote of thanks to Geo Wallace, Rongel + Taylor for their attendance and assistance closed the meeting.

Mr Taylor explained that he had interviewed the ~~the~~ Heads of Depts. who intimated that if the R. Wood Society would guarantee to find 4% on the outlay and work it. there would be no difficulty in getting a Cool Store erected at R. Wood, but this must be unanimity amongst the fruitgrowers.

See under
for full particulars
History of opening
of Cool Store
by Mrs 26th/11/59 in "mail"
17/3/1911

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Reports 25/11/10

Ringwood Fruit Growers Assoc. The Annual Report & Balance Sheet for the past year was submitted & adopted. The Membership, totaling 76, an increase of 13 for the year, 51 of whom are Bona Fide Commercial Fruit Growers, representing a total of 1120 acres of Orchard & the following parts of the district are represented - Ringwood, Croxson, Kilsyth, Bayswater, Yeomont & Melton. The most important work the Socy has in hand since its ^{Commencement} ~~commencement~~ is the establishment of the Coal Store at Ringwood, after much canvassing & wasting ^{the} minutes of Agitation, it was eventually announced that ~~£500~~ upon the receipt of a guarantee of £500 per annum ^{for 5 years} the Govt would ^{erect} ~~build~~ a Coal Store. This was obtained, and the store is now in course of construction. The store will hold 10,000 cases and will be a boon to fruit growers in the district, at the recent Show, close on 1000 entries were staged, and about 900 persons paid for admission at the Galia. The President is Mr. Robert Henderson, & Secy, Mr. J.B. Waltham & a large Committee

*
(Croxson man)

23/12/10

Cr. Robt. G. Henderson. "Highgate" B. Water Rd., Croxson, SW Riding

Cool Stores for Ringwood

Advert. Report 15/6/09
Ct. Wallace, President
Lodge since Council
will provide.

This question was discussed at a ^{Public} meeting on Thursday night ^{24th June 1909} under the auspices of the ^{R. Wood + Districts} Local Horticultural Socy. after a full discussion Mr J.B. McAlpin ^{Hon Secy} moved that this meeting is of opinion that the time has come for the establishment of a Cool Store at Ringwood for the benefit of fruit-growers. The motion was seconded by Mr Gill and Carried unanimously. ^{the following} A Committee was appointed to carry into effect the foregoing resolution Messrs: McKinlay, McAlpin, Hann, T. Grant, and R. W. Gill

Report of meeting
Report 2/7/09

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After ^{holding numerous} meetings + active canvassing the required guarantee was secured + steps ^{were then} taken to secure a Cool Store on ^{the} site at Ringwood.

Report 29/7/09
Meeting at Geydon
Already £190 had
been guaranteed
by R. Wood growers
leaving £90 to be
guaranteed by growers in
Geydon, Wonga Park,
Wandin + Mt. Dandenong

It will be appropriate at this stage to say that the enterprise of the ^{in the early years to} Ringwood ^{outstandingly H.D. Coops} has been recognized + certainly has as one of the leading societies in Victoria and brought credit and praise to Ringwood.

It well justified its existence

Editorial notes

Report 24/3/1911

Letter

The Cool Stores erected by the Government ^{of nearly} £5000. The original Plan was drawn up on 30/9/10. ~~but unfortunately the name of the Contractor is unknown.~~ The cost of supplying and installing the Refrigeration Plant by G.A. McDonald Esq. was £1,322 and the contract price for ~~supply~~ Metal Road entrance to Store was £81. 11. 8 by Mr L.B. Simpson. Later on ~~1912~~ it was found that additions ^{to meet} to the Store were necessary ^{due to} the increasing demand for space and a Contract was signed on 3rd June 1913.

Records

2/7/09

The Heads of Departments when interviewed by Cr. Taylor on the matter intimated that if the Kingwood Socy guaranteed to find 4% on the outlay there would be no difficulty in getting a Coal Store at Kingwood

Kingwood had an advantage over Doncaster with Rly Station the outlay on Doncaster Coal Store was ^{about} £7000. So that Kingwood would require to guarantee about £280

by W J May Contractor for £2,374 10. 3, and at the same time additional Refrigeration was supplied and installed by R. Werner & Coy for 1683. The Brine Concentrating Plant was supplied by R Werner & Coy for £134 13. 3 in 1915/6 ~~the~~ ^{the} whole of the ~~the~~ Coal Store and plant was transferred to the present Authority ^{Co-operative Socy} on 31st Dec 1915, under revenue loan purchase for £8000. The Loan subsequently repaid in full. The Coal Store ^{opened} ~~was~~ under the capable Management of Mr R. Sutcliffe late of Doncaster Store. Later Mr French was appointed Engineer and Mr Cameron Secy in Charge. and in 1914 Mr Josh Skerrett was ^{temporarily} employed as Storeman ^{and Secy of Finance} ~~and Secy of Finance~~ the building consisted of three Chambers and was known as the Hercules section and the Hercules Section. In 1914 owing to the drought the chambers were used for storing fluff, lamb for export. In 1915.

1914

In 1924 The Borough of Kingwood was formed and then Kingwood as a fruit growing district gradually diminished, ^{many} Orchards were ^{gradually} sub divided and to-day the Coal Store have served their purpose ^{and are to be} ~~and are to be~~

History of Kingwood Co-operative Socy
by Mr W J and Son of the late Secy W J Gird

in 1913 a number of
proms discussed the
possibility of taking over
the Coal Store from
a Co-op Socy.

I acknowledge with thanks
the
Appended ~~to~~ the
Business record of
the Co-operative Socy
by Mr Albert J. and
son of the late
Mr J. G. and

Advert. Ringwood + district: Grand Annual Show.

Reporter: 24/2/11

Official Opening of the Ringwood Coal Stores
By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson - ^{Bar. KCMG} Carmichael
In the new Ringwood Hall, Marquee + Grounds Ringwood
Right opposite the Ringwood Railway Station
Friday + Saturday ^{on} March 17 + 18. 1911

See advert for
Schedule

President - Mr. R. Henderson.
Treasurer - Mr. A. Blood
Vice - Presidents - Messrs R. Gill + W. Kirkland
Hon Secretary - Mr. W. B. Tilpin

Luncheon Tickets for the Official Opening of the Coal Stores, and
Show obtainable from the Secretary on or before March 11th 5/- each.
Sports each afternoon.

Wood Chopping Contest. Saturday afternoon. £15. Handicap.
Prizes £10, £3, and £2.

Refreshments supplied to visitors at the Show at ^{charges} moderate.
Music - A String Band on First Day of Show.

The Republic District Brass Band on Second Day of Show.

Admission - One Shilling. Members with Lady Free

Ticket for two days afternoon + evening 2/-

A train will leave Ringwood for Exeter each evening 10-11pm.

W. B. Tilpin Secy.

Office opposite Station Ringwood.

Reporter: 24/3/11

The Opening

The Show was opened by the State Governor Sir Thomas Gibson -
Carmichael on Friday afternoon. The weather was beautifully
fine and there was a fairly large attendance of the public.
The President of the Show, Mr. R. Henderson, ⁱⁿ introducing the Governor
said that the Ringwood Show was one of the oldest in the
State, the Show having been established about 20 years ago.
His Excellency congratulated the Show upon the fine display
of exhibits, and in referring briefly to Horticultural matters
said that he had been informed that there was sufficient
fruit grown in Victoria to supply the whole of the needs of the
Commonwealth. He had pleasure in declaring the Show open.

Report 18/6/09 Public meeting under the auspices of the R. Street & Strickland
 Assoc. decided to have established a local Street of R. Street

BHK
 26/3/09
 Heard yr. for export 7000 cases fruit from
 Liverpool that is coming thru local agent
 The Regis

John Allan Aird 1892-1959 agriculturist

B 17 Oct 1892 s of Andrew Aird

D Jan 1959

m. 1922
ed Scotch Coll.
BIF 1916-20

Jessie Alice Adam

Melb Univ. Univ. Calif. Univ. Leeds

State Rivers & Water Supply Comm 1920-27

Chief Irrigation officer 1939-49

Commissioner 1949-58

Super. Irrigation Settlement 1927-33

Closer Settlement Commissioner 1933-38

WWA 1934-55

Univ Melb. Graz. Oct. 1959

Age 30 Jan 1959

AIRD, James Bromfich^w

✓ Mail 17/2/38

d. 83 yrs

Cr J. G. Aird.

funeral left resid. dau, Mrs P. H. Falconer, father of

Mail 14/11/46

1st ^{wrong Mar. 1897} Horticultural Show
12 Oct 1905 prior displays of produce under
(Ringwood was West Riding)

1901. HORT. SHOW.
under Lillydale Shire

decided holdover erected tents (marquees) next to Club Hotel
great success buggies carts jinkers gigs made way to show

large rosy apples perfect tonings of cut flowers
cakes biscuits

committee photographed

Pres. Evans MLC

V Pres. Codlin

W. Kocklestein

Sec/Treas. J B Wilkins

Committee

incl. T Grant

G Nelson

O J Pratt

J Wilson

A Dickson

G Maggs

N Madden

J Mann

G Wriggan

H Pump

T Falconer

W Tortice

Ringwood notes

Report
7/6/12

Orchardist. Co-operative Assoc.
held in Mechanics Hall Ringwood
decided to form a District Council
and draft By-laws. The following
were elected. President Mr R.W. Smart
Secy Mr J. Aird. Committee - Messrs
McKinnlay, White, Farnillo, Barrett,
Somerville, + Guest.

(See Report for full particulars)

1912

Cool Stores

Report Ringwood
27/6/1913 Notes

The contract for the extension
has been let to Mr W.J. May of Doncaster
~~at~~ £2400 odd. but of course that is for the
Building alone. Tenders for the requisite
extra plant will be called subsequently
the foundation blocks for the extension of
the Cool Store premises should be down
this week and it is expected that the
building will be completed within three
months

1913

11/7/13

Rumors are current that a number of growers
have come to an understanding to take over the
Stores on completion of the present extension
and are merely awaiting the event before
proposing terms.

1913

1st meeting held at Sec's home Bloom?

one share - one case

COOLSTORE

Objects - Cool Stores, manufacture of ice, erect & equip packing sheds for grading packing & marketing fruit, canned or pulp fruit jam.

Capital £50,000 in 100 shares, member not to hold less than 5 shares or more than 400 shares. Members F.A. Bloom, H. Thatcher, W. Mackinlay,

J.W. Barnett, P.J. Young - J. Clarke Sec Sec to be paid 10% p/w

1st meeting 16-12-15, present H. Thatcher, F.A. Bloom, J.W. Barnett Mackinlay (Chairman) P.J. Young, Bank & S. Co

They asked to take possession on 25 Jan 16 cheque forwarded for £501-4-11. (£500 down payment, rest interest. Case space rent for 1916 was 1/6 (Public Works to supply plan)

20-6-16 W.A. Webb complaining at state of fruit coming out of store, Sec replies not in good condition, 11-7-16 Webbs shares for sale, 8-8-16 Sec to write W. & explain why shares not sold. W. cancels sale

1-1-1917 Sec's pay £40 p/a space rate for half year to 30-6-17 be 5 1/2 4-6-17 Bloom resigns, why? space rent to 30-6-18 be 1/5'

4-6-17 Committee decide to enlarge store m^r J. Clarke of 611 Church St R.mond be Eng Sup for installation of plant in extension First Annual meeting 26-10-17! 28 Committee meeting first! Sec's pay be £5 per month from 1-7-17. £284 in Bank

3-12-17 Asks for £12-500 loan to cover cost of extensions

See Aird died Sept 49. Had job since inception
20.9.49 P Tergin as Sec £14.10.0 per month

Winding up meeting No 374 5-4-60

Nett amount from sale £2364-10-9

Write { Who has allotment book?

Engineers records of number of cases in store etc. Log

Space rent for last year 2/6

1-6-18 New Bylaws

11-6-19 Dept Agric to store meat in lower store & 3 shifts to be worked
in engine room to keep temp constant. Eng to be allowed meat to £1 & see Eng
Water from dam used / allowed 10¢ pw
3" pump

6-10-19 A J Jam of Warrington to be Eng 7-10-19
17-10-19 A J to purchase hammer for Jam if necessary
1-11-19 New Bay House
16-12-19 Main Eng. near mile to be paid 3 1/2 mile

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Reporters
3/3/1911
Under Secy informing this Council that March 2nd + 17th have been proclaimed public holidays throughout the Shire

Reporters
17/3/1911
Friday
Advt: Ringwood & Districts Grand Annual Fruit & Poultry Show to be held in R. Wood Show Grounds, Hall & Marquees on Friday & Saturday 17th + 18th 1911

Great Wood Chopping Contest Ringwood Show Grounds Saturday Afternoon March 18th 1911 at 2 pm. 40 Axemen will compete from all parts of the State. Australia's Champion will give an exhibition

J.B. McAlpine Hon Secy
Ringwood

The "Republic" Band will render selections on both days

President. G. R. Henderson
Treasurer Mr A. Blood
Vice Presidents: Messrs R. Gills & W. McKinlay
Hon Secy Mr J.B. McAlpine

1911.

Open letter

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The Fruit Growers Need Co-operation

Reporters
6/4/1911

The necessity for Co-operation among the fruit Growers for the protection of their interests has become glaringly evident this season. In many instances the prices realised by Orchardists for fruit in the Melbourne Markets has not reimbursed them the cost of Cartage. The Growers only salvation is undoubtedly Co-operation. Some reference to the subject was made by the Minister of Agriculture Mr Graham who after referring to the present glut in Australian fruit Markets said that the only thing fruit Growers could do was to secure outside markets & he hoped that the R. Wood Orchardists would take the matter up ^{if they were prepared to do so} and the Govt. would help in every possible way.

1911

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FRUITPACKING

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INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

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or

Last year the Agricultural Department arranged with the Education Department to give instruction in fruit packing to the senior children of some of the schools in the fruit-growing districts, particularly those around Melbourne. Classes were held at Somerville, Ringwood, Doncaster, Croydon and Harcourt.

The Director of Agriculture (Dr. Cameron) has now informed the Director of Education (Mr. Tate) that the classes had been much appreciated by fruit-growers, and that the pupils had shown keen interest and a great deal of efficiency in the handling of the fruit. He was of opinion that an extension of the classes would be demanded in the near future.

It is the intention of the Department of Agriculture to continue the classes early in February.

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1902

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7/2/02

enthusiastic meeting in Rungby Hall on 29 Jan
of local fruitgrowers consider coop Jan factory
not Rungby. asked for committee get info.
S. Maggs, P. Farmille, W. Tortree, A. Hunter, C. Hall +
F. Cameron.

Mr H Maggs already started small Jan factory

1903/4

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limited space in cool stores
prohibitive cost.

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picked at right time
installation refrigerator

held good condition 6 weeks.
plants.