

Sudden death of Mr. Joe Ordish

WAS DANDENONG RESIDENT ALL HIS LIFE

Sunday 14 May 1961

A former Dandenong Councillor, Mr. Joseph ("Joe") Ordish, passed away suddenly at his home last Sunday following an attack which came on him while working in his garden.

The late Joe Ordish—as he was affectionately known to all—was a leading citizen of this city who spent his whole life here, and a large circle of friends share the deep sorrow of his wife in his tragically sudden passing.

As a tribute to his memory the flag over the Town Hall was flown half-mast on Monday and Tuesday.

Although he had a serious illness in 1953, Mr. Ordish made a good recovery, and last week told his friends he was feeling particularly well. On Sunday he was working in his garden with two of Mr. Ian Archibald's boys when he complained of feeling ill. They helped him to his house where Mrs. Ordish gave him a drink while the boys called Mr. Archibald, who found him in the middle of a severe attack. He applied artificial resuscitation and sent for a doctor, but unfortunately Mr. Ordish had another attack and passed away before medical assistance arrived.

The late Joe Ordish was born in Dandenong, went to school here, and in 1911 started to work for his uncle, Mr. W. P. Ordish, who was the founder of the Ordish brickworks. He continued to work there until war broke out, when he enlisted in the 1st A.I.F. and saw service overseas. On his return he found that his uncle had sold the brickworks to Mr. James Stewart, who had formed the Ordish Firebrick Co. Joe, still in uniform, asked Mr. Stewart for a job and found that his position had been held open for him—so he started right on the spot—not even taking his leave. That was in 1919 and throughout the years he rose to the position of foreman under the late Mr. R. W. Allen. In 1942 when Mr. Colin Wedgwood took charge, Joe was appointed Works Manager—a position he held until a severe illness in 1953 forced him to relinquish the post in October of that year. When he recovered he worked in a supervisory capacity on the staff right up until his death.

He was very highly thought of at the works and many old friends out there were among the mourners at his funeral yesterday.

Deceased served on the Dandenong Council for several years, belonged to the R.S.L., was a valued member of the Masonic Lodge of Sincerity, and active in a number of other local organisations.

All feel a deep sense of loss at his passing and share the sorrow of his wife who has lost, not only a loved husband, but a help-mate and pal throughout her life. The Ordish home was always open to friends, and its hospitality was legendary. Mr. and Mrs. Ordish shared a love for the garden and together made their home a show-place. And through their joint efforts they must have raised thousands of pounds for our hospitals and other charities.

Little wonder then that the service at deceased's late home and at the Springvale Crematorium yesterday were crowded. Rev. Norman Lee performed the

services, and at the Crematorium there were also special Masonic and R.S.L. services. The large number of mourners was a silent tribute to a grand citizen of our city.

Garnar & Sons were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Obituary

MRS. ELIZA JANE HARTIN, of 39 Kirkham Rd., Dandenong, whose death on April 25 was briefly reported in an earlier issue, passed peacefully away in her sleep at 2.15 p.m. on April 25 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital after an illness of almost six months. Her end came just 11 months after the death of her husband, the late Francis Hartin (died May 25, 1960).

Born at Bonnie Doon in 1894, the late Mrs. Hartin had lived in the Dandenong district for almost 30 years and was well-known and liked.

Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of her soul in St. Mary's Church, Dandenong, on Thursday, April 27, and her remains were laid to rest in the Dandenong Cemetery. She is sadly missed by her family, Frank, Stan, Anne, Leo, Vera and Peter.

FISHY BUSINESS OVER SCALES!

A set of spring scales fell from a Dandenong fruiterer's truck at Oakleigh yesterday—and apparently did not hit the ground!

The fruiterer, Mr. Martin Veenstra, 5 Lyons Crts., Dandenong, told police he was driving along Prince's Hwy., Oakleigh yesterday morning when he was stopped by another motorist who told him the scales had fallen from the truck.

Mr. Veenstra searched the road but was unable to find the scales.

The scales are "Salter" brand, serial No. 2367/B240, colored white, and valued at £57/10/-. They were not insured.

Doveton Pre-School Practically Finished In A Month

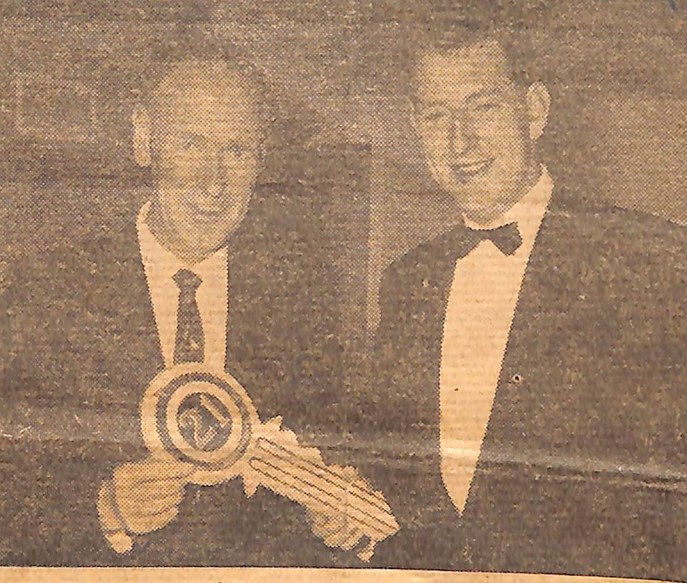
Work on the Doveton Pre-School is proceeding satisfactorily, Engineer Ron Chambers reported to Monday's meeting of Berwick Council. "At the date of the last inspection," he added, "the brick work was complete, roofing partly complete, sanitary and stormwater plumbing partly complete, joinery in position and the pergola completed. It is expected that at next Council meeting I will be able to report that

ORDISH. — Joseph (suddenly), loved brother of Tom. So mote it be.

ORDISH. — Joseph (suddenly), loved brother-in-law of James, Vera, Walter, Sadie, Arthur, May, Roy, Betty, Gavan, Jean, uncle of John, Betty, Leanne, Annmarie, Hilary, Lawrence, Jennifer, Rick and Elizabeth.

KEY OF THE

I think you might know this chap



MR. BILL PICKETT, well-known Dandenong resident, hands the traditional "key of the door" to his son Barry at the enjoyable 21st birthday party given in his honour at the Hemmingway Dandenong West, on April 28.

—Photo by W. Campbell, 11 Henty St., Dandenong. Ph. 2 4294

DEATHS

ORDISH. — On May 11 (suddenly), at his home, 6 Irvine-cres., West Brunswick, William Pearsall, dearly loved husband of Selma Ordish and dearly beloved father of Violet (Mrs. Crowther, dec.), Doris (Mrs. Sauer), Frank (dec.), Valda (Mrs. Towan), Wilma (Mrs. Coulston) and loving father-in-law of Jim, Vic, Norm and Ken, and grandfather of John, Wayne, Lea and Murray. Aged 64 years. A patient sufferer at rest.

ORDISH. — On May 11, William, dearly beloved father of Doris and father-in-law of Victor. Peacefully sleeping.

ORDISH. — William, May 11, loving brother-in-law of Flo and Ted Rees, loving uncle of Basil.

ORDISH. — On May 11, William, loving brother-in-law of Beatrice Slatter. In God's care.

ORGILL. Lawrence William. — On May 12, at Bairsdale, eldest son of the late William and Emily Orgill, loved brother of Mavis, Beryl, Clarence, Ralph, Keith, Roy and Violet. Aged 57 years.

O'TOOLE. — On May 11, at his home, 11 Henty St., Dandenong, Ph. 2 4294

Ordish Notes

Ordish Bereavement 9 Jun 1932 (About people)

35 Macpherson St (*The Journal*)

Death of Eliza Jane Ordish (wife of Mr. Rowland Ordish). Eldest daughter of John and Ann foster (Keysborough). Last Thursday morning – 67 yrs old. Rev. B. L. Semmens.

Ordish built an 11 room Queen Anne villa for J Abbott in Mason Street. (6 July 1910.) "Thrimby" now a private hospital. Portion of the old Dandenong Showgrounds.