

Juice man dies

Founder of Doncaster Fruit Juices Pty Ltd, of Vermont South, Mr William Otto Pietsch, died recently. He was 82.

Mr Pietsch, was born in Silesia, Germany, and was a bootmaker by trade but undertook a study course in Germany on development of apple juice as a drink.

He came to Australia in 1956, first settling at Warburton, where he first worked on apple juice-making with Australian apples.

He later moved to Doncaster Rd, Doncaster to produce fruit juice in the centre of the big orcharding area just east of the site of Eastern Golf Club.

Mr Pietsch moved to his company's present centre on the Burwood Highway-Morack Rd corner in 1939 where the apple juice industry is now based.

His fruit juice development greatly aided the local eastern region orchardists because the process made use of portions of the local apple crops that previously had to be discarded.

Mr Pietsch, whose wife died before him, is survived by two sons, Walter, of Mitcham, and Arthur, of Vermont, and one daughter, Mrs Elizabeth Gibson, of Bayswater.

The funeral was held at Springvale lawn cemetery following a service at the Ringwood Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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