

MR. HUGH LINAKER

Mr. Hugh Linaker, designer of the Shrine environs and the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden at the King's Domain, who was regarded by experts as probably the leading landscape gardener in Victoria, died yesterday at his home in Burwood road, Hawthorn. Mr. Linaker, who had been ill for a week, was aged 66 years.

A native of Ballarat, Mr. Linaker was for many years employed by the Department of Mental Hygiene as head gardener, and in that capacity he designed the grounds and gardens of every mental asylum in the State. His advisory services were sought by many country municipalities for the planning of public parks and gardens. Shortly before his retirement from the public service Mr. Linaker was asked to undertake the landscape work for the Shrine and King's Domain projects. Design, selection of lawns, plants, and trees, and planting were done under his supervision, and the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens, with their novel departures from orthodox landscape work, were entirely his conception.

Other works according to Mr. Linaker's plans were the Yarra Boulevard beautification and the planting of the Yarra Bend National Park. He was engaged by Sir John Monash, who was a former chairman of the State Electricity Commission, to advise on the planning of the model township at Yallourn, and as a member of the committee of the Tree Planters' Association he was keenly interested in tree-planting projects on main highways.
