HUGH LINAKER

- Born 1872, Died 1938
- Employed in Ballarat Botanical gardens? c 1888.
- 1912 Became Head Gardener for the Department of Mental Hygiene involved in many of the institutions including Ballarat.
- Involved in design of Yarra Bend Park.
- Worked for private gardens and the Public Works Dept. and the SEC (by Monash re. Yallourn)
- 1933 Superintendent of Parks and Gardens.
- Involved in the landscaping of the Shrine of Remembrance, parts of King's Domain and the Pioneer Women's Garden.
- Described as the leading landscape gardener of Victoria.
- Visited Ballarat in 1935 re. Botanical gardens and Sturt St plantation and produced recommendations for the Council:-

Removal of pine trees from the side of the main road.

The Introduction of mounds to form undulations for areas west of the lake.

A paddling pool instead of a miniature railway

Drop the Lily pond to 6" above the walls

Remove all battens from the south side of the fernery

Removal of the Curators house

Transfer two glass houses from the Southern section of the gardens.

Cancellation of walks and extension of lawns.

Removal of two Oregon trees and one Bunya Bunya pine at the end of the Chestnut Avenue

Labelling of trees and Watering of lawns