

William Stewart

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Another old identity of the district has passed away in the person of Mr William Stewart, of the Junction Hotel, Whroo, whose death took place on Friday evening last.

It would appear that Mr Stewart had been unwell some six weeks or so previously, and had then sought medical advice. Nothing serious was anticipated and his death, which came very unexpectedly on Friday evening, caused a great shock.

Feeling unwell he asked for a drink, but before this could be supplied him he lapsed into unconsciousness and death ensued a few minutes afterwards.

A magisterial inquiry was held by Dr Heily, J.P., on Saturday afternoon, when a verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence of Dr Christie, who made a post mortem. It was to the effect that deceased died from chronic heart and kidney disease.

Mr Stewart was a resident of Whroo of over thirty years and enjoyed the goodwill and respect of all with whom he came in contact. His was an unassuming yet kindly nature; he was thoroughly upright and straightforward in all his dealings, and it is small wonder that such a large number of people from all quarters of the district should accord him the last tribute of respect.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Weir, B A., the mortuary arrangements being in the hands of Mr G. Anderson.

Deceased leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn their loss, and for them much sympathy is felt.

Footnote: Despite Stewart's many years at Whroo, the local cemetery has no listing. Rushworth cemetery records include a William Stewart.