

Our Local Chinese Gentleman

Billie Lowe was a descendant of one of travelled through from Robe to the employed as a gardener at Newlands cottage at the homestead, which I think



W. Lowe, Life Member A.F.C.

by Max Taylor

the original Chinese gold seekers who Goldfields. For many years he was Station and lived in the gardener's is still there.

Billie was made one of the first Life Members of the Apsley Football Club. He was given that honour for his services to the club over more years than I can remember.

Sadly, he met his death in Apsley when he was run down by a car just in front of where Maxie Munn now lives. He is buried in the family grave at Ararat or Stawell. As a measure of the esteem the Club held for him, a permanent wreath was placed on his grave.

His death is recorded in the Apsley Football Club Centenary Book 1890 – 1990 in the minutes of the annual meeting, February 8th 1951.

“The death of W. Lowe, well known official and supporter of the club, who was killed in an accident during the New Year holidays, was announced with regret; motion moved C. O’Connor, seconded M. Taylor, that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the late W. Lowe’s relatives, was carried unanimously. Motion moved M. Hunt, seconded M. Taylor, that club place a permanent wreath on the grave of W. Lowe was also carried unanimously”.

In the same publican, W. Lowe is recorded as secretary of the Apsley Football Club during 1938 and 1939.

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Mr William George Burns Lowe Passes After Residence in Apsley for 20 years

It was with sincere regret that the district learned of the passing last Monday week of Mr William G B Lowe, which took place at Naracoorte as a result of a motor accident on New Year’s night while Mr Lowe was on his way home from Apsley to his residence at “Newlands”. He had been employed there for some 20 years.

Mr Lowe was very well known in the district and highly respected by a large circle of sincere friends who will regret his passing. He took a great interest in the sporting and social activities of the district, being secretary of the Apsley Football Club, past secretary of the Apsley Race Club, an active worker for the Red Cross, and was prominent in other sporting activities including the Horse Show and Athletic Club.

Deceased was born at Brighton, Victoria, and was a son of the late Mee Young and Mary Lowe, late of Stawell, very old and respected residents of the district.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his three brothers and one sister, namely Samuel and Daniel (Stawell), Nellie (Mrs H Goodridge) Melbourne and George (Stawell). The funeral took place at Stawell on Wednesday morning of last week, the interment being in the Stawell cemetery.