

William Bazeley

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DEATH OF MR W. BAZELEY.

The announcement of the death of Mr W. Bazeley, of Nagambie, on Monday morning, after a short but severe illness, was received with feelings of deep regret by his many friends in this district.

Mr Bazeley was first laid up by a severe attack of dysentery about ten days before his death, and bronchitis supervening he succumbed to the combined attack at an early hour on Monday.

Mr Bazeley spent the greater portion of his life at Whroo, to which place he came with his parents when a lad eleven years old. After learning the butchering trade he started business for himself at Whroo, which business he conducted up to the year 1888, when he purchased the butchering business of Mr Young Walker, at Nagambie, and removed to that town with his wife and family, remaining there up to the time of his death.

At both Whroo and Nagambie he was an active member of the community and assisted in pushing forward most public matters, particularly at Nagambie, where he was looked upon as one of the most useful public men of the town, the turf club, rowing club and other local institutions finding in him an ardent supporter.

He was a member of the Goulburn Shire Council for a time, and also held the position of chairman of the waterworks trust.

His death will leave a vacancy in Nagambie which it will not be easy to fill, the loss of such an active worker being one that the town can ill afford.

Mr Bazeley was 52 years of age, and therefore a resident of the district for 41 years. He leaves a widow and family of ten.

His remains were interred in the Whroo Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, a large number of people following, and as he was connected with the Masonic and Foresters' Orders, members of both attended in full funeral regalia.

The Masonic lodges at Rushworth, Murchison, Nagambie, Mooroopna and Shepparton were well represented.

The Whroo Brass Band also took part in the funeral ceremonies, and played the Dead March very impressively.

The Church of England service was conducted by the Rev. Mr Moorehouse, of Seymour, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Walker, of Rushworth.

The Masonic and Foresters' services were also read.

The Whroo cemetery plaque suggests he was 51, not 52.