FARMER, Donald 31 October 1949

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Ganger	Bayswater	Struck by train.

Donald Farmer was 42 years of age when he was struck and killed by a train as he walked along the little used Bayswater - Belmont line. *Donald lived at Coogee and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/ZI/0474). MM April 2016.*

Railwayman Killed By Train.
On *a* little-used line a railway repairman (*ganger*), father of five young *and two older* children, was run down and killed instantly by a train at Bayswater today. Killed was Donald Farmer (42). He was struck by one of the only two trains to Belmont during the morning.

Recently arrived from the Collie district, the family is camped in a beach hut at Coogee.

Farmer, who was walking along the Belmont track, had his back to the engine. Though the driver blew the whistle several times, Farmer did not turn as the engine bore down on him. It is probable that he thought the train was travelling on the main line, which runs parallel to the little-used Belmont line. Mr Farmer was flung about 30ft. along the line. A few minutes before his death, Farmer had called at the home of Mrs. M. Thompson in Watley Crescent, Bayswater, beside the railway tracks, to get a bucket of water. He told her about his housing problems, but was quite cheerful as he left carrying the bucket of water.

Driver of the train, which was travelling from Perth to Belmont and struck Farmer about 8.15 a.m., was T. Lamb, of North Street Mt. Lawley. His fireman was R. Cousins.

Mrs. Thompson said that this was the fourth time a man had been killed by a train near her home during the past seven years.

Death Notice
FARMER (Don): Accidentally killed at Bayswater. From his workmates, Bayswater gang. FARMER (D.): On October 31. result of an accident, dear friend.

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Picture: P07242 Signals where the branch to Belmont diverges from the mainline at Bayswater.
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