FLETCHER, Arthur Earnest 23 August 1932

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Electrician	Midland Workshops	Fell from overhead crane

Arthur Fletcher was 64 years of age when he was fatally injured in a fall from a gantry crane at the Midland Railway Workshops. Arthur was injured on the 23 August 1932 and died 9 days later on the 1 September 1932. A coronial inquest found that his death was an accident. Arthur lived at Baywater with his wife Mattie and he is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/CA/0008).

WIREMAN'S DEATH
Accident at Midland Workshops
Details of a fatal accident in the Midland Junction railway workshop on August 23, when a 10-ton overhead travelling crane caused fatal injuries to Arthur Ernest (sic)Fletcher (64), wireman, married, of 22 Coode-street, Bayswater, were given to the coroner (Mr. F. F. Horgan) and a jury of three in the Midland Junction Courthouse today.

The works manager (Mr. R. N. Johnson) appeared for the Commissioner of Railways: Mr. M. G. Swan for the Factories and Shops Department : Mr. G. F. Keating for the Amalgamated Society of Railway Employes, and Mr. B. W. Fletcher for the relatives of the deceased. Sgt. O'Halloran assisted the coroner.

James Edward Clough, foreman and electrical fitter at the workshop, said that at 10.35 a.m. on August 23 he instructed Fletcher to connect three cables to a power circuit on the crane rails and to pull the No. 3 power switch when the motor attendant had switched off for the luncheon break. An hour later he was told of the accident.

To Mr. Johnson : It was usual for Fletcher, on receiving instructions, to fix a label on the switch (before starting that work) reading,: 'Man working on line ; don't touch switch.' The accident happened, however, before it was time to switch off for lunch.

To Mr. Keating, Clough said that he had known Fletcher for 28 years as an efficient workman, and he was convinced that it was an accident. He would have objected to Fletcher's starting that work at 11.30. The hearing is unfinished.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Tuesday 20 September 1932 Page 5.*

WORKSHOP FATALITY.
The circumstances surrounding the death of Arthur Ernest (sic) Fletcher (64), wireman, married, of 22 Coode-street, Bayswater, who fell from an overhead crane track at the Midland Junction Government railway workshops on August 23, were reviewed by the coroner (Mr. F. F. Horgan) and a jury of three in the Midland Junction Courthouse on Tuesday. After hearing evidence, the jury returned a verdict that death was due to a fall from the crane, and that no blame was attached to anyone.

Source: *Trove/Sunday Times (Perth) Sunday 25 September 1932 Page 14.*

FAMILY NOTICE

FLETCHER. On September 1, 1932, at East Guildford, Arthur Earnest Fletcher, dearly beloved husband of Mattie and loving brother of Pattie and Bert; aged 64 years.

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