KING, Walter Edward Malcolm 3 November 1922

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Chainman	Bayswater	Struck by passing train

Walter King was 51 years of age when he was struck and killed by a crane that collapsed during construction at Kondinin. Walter was highly respected in his community and a very large contingent of mourners attended at his funeral. Walter lived in Narrogin and was interred at the Narrogin Cemetery (BAPTIST/J/4).

Sad Fatality at Kondinin.
Owing to the falling of a crane in the station yards at Kondinin on Friday week last, Walter Edward Malcolm King, an old and esteemed railway employee, sustained grievous injuries to which he succumbed a few hours later. It appears that the deceased, in company with others, was engaged in erecting a crane at the siding and was about to bring it into an upright position when suddenly it slipped from the baulks, the end striking King on the back of the head. It was obvious to his horrified mates that the blow was likely to prove fatal, so with the utmost alacrity they placed him aboard a train and set out for medical assistance. On the way everything possible was done to preserve life, but all efforts were unavailing and the unfortunate man passed away in an unconscious condition near Wedin.

The body was subsequently placed in the morgue of the Narrogin Hospital and an inquiry opened next day before Mr. G. G. Lavater J. P. (Acting Coroner).

After formal evidence of identification the inquiry was adjourned.

The deceased was a married man, 51 years of age, with a wife and grown up family. The wife resides at Leederville. The funeral took place on the Sunday following, the body being interred in the Baptist portion of the local cemetery in the presence of a very large gathering. The pall bearers were Messrs J. E. Clough, Beverstock, Ferrey, Davison, J. Grainger and Poster, and the arrangements were capably carried out by Mr. F. C. Wald.

Author's Note: *A large number of wreaths were laid on Walter's as a token of sympathy. The list was far too long to show here.*

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