SMITH, William Henry 22 February 1938

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Length Runner	Gwindinup	Per Way Trolley / Truck collision

William Smith was 57 years of age when he died instantly as the result of his per way trolley being struck by a truck at a level Crossing about three miles from Donnybrook. William lived at Boyanup with his wife. They had an adult daughter*. MM December 2016.*

CROSSING SMASH.
Railway Worker Killed.
DONNYBROOK, Feb. 22.
William Henry Smith (57), a railway length runner residing at Boyanup, was killed instantly this afternoon when a motor tricycle he' was driving came into collision with a motor truck driven by William Walter Stead Wormald, carrier, at Gardiner's Crossing on the Preston line about three miles from Donnybrook. Mr. Wormald, who was accompanied by William Stock, was travelling downhill towards the crossing while Mr. Smith was travelling towards Donnybrook. The crossing Is a particularly dangerous one, as vision is obscured by embankments on either side, and Mr. Wormald said that he did not see the tricycle until he was practically on top of it. He immediately applied his brakes and in doing so narrowly-avoided capsising the truck. After hitting the tricycle the truck continued on down the hill until it came to rest against a log. Deceased received the full force of the impact and was badly mutilated about the head, while the tricycle was smashed to pieces. The motor truck was not seriously damaged nor were Mr. Wormald and his companion injured.

Deceased leaves a wife and one grown up daughter. The Coroner has been notified and a post mortem ordered.

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