

A GENERAL HEAT WAVE.

During the past four days great heat has been experienced, not only in this state, but also in Queensland and over parts of Victoria. At more than half the observing stations connected with the weather bureau in Sydney, temperatures exceeding 100 degrees were registered on Monday, the highest readings being:--Brewarrina 113 degrees, Euston and Jerry's Plains 111, Mount Hope, Balranald and Carinda 110, Mogil and Wentworth 109, Bourke, Menindie, Conqobolin, Narrandera, Deniliquin and Barmedman 108, Cudgellico and Urana 107, Collarendabri, Wilcannia, Walgett Hay, Morangarell, and Murrumburrah 106, White Cliffs, Cobar, Wagga, Henty, Wellington, and Scone 105 degrees.

This heat wave extended from the Northern Territory through the southern portion of Queensland to Victoria, the temperature in the southern capital on Monday being 104 degrees.

A measure is to be introduced in the New Zealand parliament to abolish pony racing.

Three state members, Messrs. Rylie, Charlton and Fleming, intend to seek election to the federal parliament.

A proclamation has been issued proroguing the N.S.W. state parliament till February 1.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Kelly, 94, of Bendohla, one of the oldest pioneers of the Dungog district.

Thomas Betts, 43, farmer, of Goolagong was found on Saturday shot through the head, and a gun alongside his body.

A cattle train from Gayndah to Brisbane was wrecked one night last week. Seven waggons were destroyed and fifty of the bullocks killed.