

## HEAT WAVE MOVES INLAND

### 11 DEATHS IN COUNTRY

## New Record Set at Canberra

The heat wave, which has embraced eastern Australia for the past week, showed a tendency to move inland yesterday, and temperatures in Melbourne and Adelaide were considerably lower than the previous day, although a new record of 108.5 degrees was established at Canberra.

Many of the country districts of New South Wales and Victoria were scorched, and 11 more deaths occurred.

**MELBOURNE, Wednesday.** — After a sweltering night, with the temperature at 2 a.m. still above 90 degrees, Melbourne awoke to enjoy moderate temperatures to-day.

The maximum today was 75.8 degrees.

Temperatures inland began to mount rapidly after dawn today. By nine a.m. Benalla held the record with 102.

Some other high readings to-day were: Yarrawonga, 100; Numurkah, 108; Beechworth, 98; Swan Hill, 97; Terang, 96; Bendigo, 92.

### Deaths in Country

Due to the excessive heat in country districts, many people collapsed, there being six deaths.

The victims were:—

Nicholas Richards (70), of El Dorado.

Frederick Gremmel (70), of El Dorado.

James Ordish (72), of Wentworth.

John W. Chalk, an old age pensioner, of Wentworth.

Ernest Dun (56), of Wentworth.

Mrs. Baker (77), of Wentworth.

### Cyclonic Storms

Sharp cyclonic storms are reported to have caused havoc in several Victorian country districts.

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**A few light showers fell to-day at Kyneton and Bendigo, but there is little prospect of general rain in the country.**

Leaving a trail of damage, a cyclonic storm swept the Picola district late last night. Several houses were unroofed, and people had to take refuge in cellars.

Windmills were wrecked and trees uprooted in the Numurkah district.

Considerable damage was caused to the pear crop in the Shepparton district by a violent dust storm about midnight last night. The ground at Grahamville was littered with fruit. Telegraph poles and sheds were blown down.

### Relief Promised

**SYDNEY, Wednesday.** — The maximum temperature in Sydney during the 24 hours ended noon to-day was 86.2 degrees at 11.30 a.m., but humidity percentages soared to the 70's. At 2 p.m. the temperature in the city had risen to 90 degrees, while at Parramatta 112 degrees was recorded. At Ascot the century was touched.

The south-western districts of the

State were again scorched, and five deaths occurred. A cool change, sweeping east across the continent, should bring relief early to-morrow.

### N.S.W. Deaths

Deaths to-day were:

John Clines (80), of Cobar.

William Holding, pioneer resident of Wentworth.

Peter Griffiths (68), of Chullora.

William Williams (76), of Wilcannia.

Rowley Moulds (59), dairy hand, of Windsor.

James Williamson (21), of Dural, collapsed from heat while tiling a roof at Parramatta. He fell 35ft. on the concrete. His condition is critical.

Ten employees of the Public Works Department collapsed while working in a trench at Auburn. Two were taken to hospital.

Constable Finn collapsed at Arncliffe. He was treated at hospital, but was allowed to leave.

Recordings at country centres were: Wilcannia, 110; Ivanhoe, 28th day over 100; Urana, 19th day over 100; Bourke, 103; Tibbooburra, 111; Wagga, 113; Albury, 101; Bega, 115; Gosford, 108.

### Adelaide Still Hot

**ADELAIDE, Wednesday.** — The city was hot again to-day, with a maximum of 97.1 degrees at 11.30 a.m. It was 85 degrees at 8 a.m. and 88 at 9 o'clock. The highest temperature last night was 86.2 at 10 o'clock.

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Although the temperature did not reach the century, an oppressive humidity replaced the previous day's scorching clear heat. Humidity was 13 per cent. above normal. The maximum temperature was 98.5 at 12.30 p.m., and the forecast is for a continuance of sultry conditions.

### **New Record**

CANBERRA, Wednesday. — A maximum temperature of 108.5 degrees was recorded at Canberra at 3 p.m. to-day.

It was the highest on record, and was the fifth successive century.

A temporary cool change followed later in the day.

### **Brisbane and Perth**

BRISBANE, Wednesday. — The noon temperature was 84.6 degrees, with 48 per cent. humidity. The minimum last night was 71.

The hot, dry conditions continue over the State, and there are no indications of general rain or a cool change, except in the tropic coastal belt.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday. — The maximum temperature at noon to-day was 82.1.