

## MR. JAMES WYLLIE.

### DEATH AT EAST MAITLAND.

The death occurred last night of Mr. James Wyllie, a very old and highly respected resident of East Maitland. Since the death of his wife, which occurred about twelve months ago, he had not enjoyed the best of health, and for the past few months he had been under constant medical attention. His death, which occurred at the residence of his nephew, Mr. D. Wyllie, of East Maitland, with whom he had been residing, was not unexpected.

A native of Aberdeen, Scotland, the late Mr. Wyllie was 81 years of age. He came to Australia about 60 years ago. He established a bakery in East Maitland, where he had much business success, and retired many years ago. During his lifetime he took a very active part in the life of the community. About 40 years ago he entered the municipal council, and except for a couple of short breaks served continuously, until he retired a few years ago. During his service, he was very constant in his attendance, and always gave the best of his ability in the interests of the ratepayers. He was vice-president of many of the committees, and took a particular interest in matters concerning the reserves.

Deceased, up to the time of his death, was the oldest living member of the East Maitland Literary Institute. His service was continuous, and right on to the end he held the position of vice-president, an office he had held since he was elected to the committee. He took a great interest in the workings of the Institute, and the up-to-date billiard room is a standing memorial to his services. He was practically responsible for its erection.

He was founder of the East Maitland Bowling Club, and until forced to retire for health reasons was its president. He was also in no small way responsible for the laying out of the ladies' croquet green and took a great interest in its welfare.

In church matters, he always took an active interest. He was mainly instrumental in the erection of the Free Presbyterian Church at the corner of Lawes and William streets. He also was a keen supporter of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. His services during the war were marked with sincerity. He was forward in any movement for the welfare of the soldiers and he aided financially many causes.

He had no family. Messrs. J. Wyllie (Hamilton), R. T. Wyllie (Lorn), and Dave Wyllie (East Maitland) are nephews; Mrs. R. Porter, D. Ley and Misses M. and Mary Wyllie (East Maitland), nieces, and Mr. John Phair (East Maitland) a brother-in-law.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon, leaving the residence of deceased's nephew Mr. David

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