

Sir Fletcher Jones dies

Warrnambool's best-known citizen and leading industrialist, Sir Fletcher Jones, died last night.

He was aged 81.

Sir Fletcher died in St. John of God Hospital where he had been a patient for some time.

Arrangements for the funeral will be made today.

Sir Fletcher, knighted in 1974 for his services to the decentralisation and the community, was the founder and head of Fletcher Jones and Staff Pty. Ltd. clothing manufacturer.

The company is based at "Pleasant Hill," Warrnambool, and has other plants at Mount Gambler and Brunswick and shops throughout Australia.

Sir Fletcher was born David Fletcher Jones at Golden Square, Bendigo, on August 14, 1895.

He came to Warrnambool shortly after World War One, in which he served in the AIF in Egypt and France.

He set up in business in Liebig street and after World War Two went overseas to study clothing manufacture.

This led to the opening of a trouser manufacturing business in Warrnambool.

Subsequently he pioneered a move in industrial relations by forming a staff partnership.

The Fletcher Jones business set an outstanding example of decentralisation.

In September, 1972, the firm opened its Mount Gambler factory.



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Sir Fletcher Jones had other interests in the clothing and textile industries.

For nearly a quarter of a century he was connected with the directorate of the Warrnambool Woollen Mill Co. Ltd., with 16 years as chairman.

He resigned from the

board of the Woollen Mill in 1964.

Over many years he was involved in a wide variety of community affairs in Warrnambool and district.

Sir Fletcher's services to the city of Warrnambool were recognised by the presentation of a Warrnambool City Council citizenship award in 1958.

In 1959 he was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday honors in recognition of his services to the community and his interest in decentralisation.

Sir Fletcher is survived by his second wife, Aida, and three children, Ralph, Lols and David, by his first marriage