

## ALBURY-WODONGA DROWNINGS IN AND AROUND THE MURRAY RIVER & LAKE HUME

This list has been compiled by Howard Jones, Greg Ryan and Helen Livsey from the Border Mail and other contemporary newspaper reports, the Albury & Border Rescue Squad (Mr Peter Adams), the register of NSW Coroners' Inquests to 1937 (at <https://www.ancestry.com.au/>), the Albury Cemeteries on-line facility, and records kept by the Albury & District Historical Society.

Because of gaps in records, it is probable that are several omissions from the list. Anyone who can add to it should contact the Society – contact details at <https://alburyhistory.org.au/contact/>.

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- 1846 An early Albury medical practitioner drowned in the Murray at the Crossing Place (Dr Ward).
- 1854 (October): A young woman, 19, and a youth, were returning from the Bonegilla station to Table Top when the log punt or canoe they were in sank. Both drowned (Huon & Mitchell).
- 1855 (January): Two boys, sons of a Wodonga publican and a pub employee, drowned when they bathed in a lagoon near the river (Barnes and unknown).
- 1856 (January): A bandsman (unnamed) who had played at a public dinner on New Year's Day honouring paddlesteamer captain Francis Cadell went to bathe in the river and drowned.  
(September): A mailman, 46, drowned when he tried to ride his horse across the flooded Murray. The mail bags were recovered (Lowe).
- 1857 (February): A young man was swimming with mates at the Mitta/Murray junction when he was seized by cramp, and failed to reach the bank despite being a good swimmer. (Francis Johnson).
- 1858 (June): A young man collecting water from the river fell in and drowned.  
(November): A housewife filling a cask of water in the river drowned when her horse pulled the cart into the river (Kelly).
- 1860 (January): A body of a man was recovered from a log in the Murray, an inquest deciding he drowned while bathing. (Harris)  
(October): 'Charlie the Mailman' drowned in the flooded Murray near Albury while crossing on his horse. The horse scrambled to safety – first Union Bridge was built later that year (Kellett).
- 1861 (January): The former publican of the Plough Inn, Albury, was founded drowned in the river, it being assumed an accidental death (Kilminster).  
(November): A man ferrying travelling stockmen across the river near the Kiewa junction drowned when his bark canoe capsized (McDonough).
- 1862 (May 16): An Albury painter driving a cart had an accident on the Sydney road. His horse ran towards the river and the man fell into water and drowned (Darmody).

- 1864 (December): A miner's wife distraught after the birth of her eighth child ran into the river near their camp at Bungowannah. A son, 11, snatched the baby from his mother in time to save the child but the mother drowned (Southgate).
- 1865 (November): A man from Albury Mechanics Institute, committed suicide whilst temporarily insane, by drowning himself in the River Murray (Joseph Morgan).
- 1866 (December): The husband and 14-year-old son of Mrs Southgate (see above) drowned when their fishing boat capsized near Dight's Hill (Southgate).  
(November): A Norwegian man, 35, living at Wodonga drowned when fishing in the river and his boat capsized. (Johnson)
- 1869 (June): A man working on snagging the Murray got drunk with friends near Bungowannah and drowned in a lagoon trying to return to their camp (Parker).
- 1872 (January 1): An Albury carter, 34, riding a horse from Wodonga West to Barnawartha, apparently drunk, rode into a Murray anabranch and drowned. The horse survived (Peter Frauenfelder).  
(January): A boy swimming with his brother in the Murray drowned despite his father's efforts to save him (Stewart).  
(March 21): The lessee of the Imperial Hotel billiard rooms in Townsend Street drowned himself in the river on a moonlit night. His body was found on April 20 (James Peter Mellish).  
(July 2): A pioneer winemaker kills himself by jumping into the river (Rau).  
(October 26): A German-born Albury water carrier backed his horse and dray into deep water. The riverbank gave way and the man and his horse were drowned. The incident prompted the town to consider a better means of water supply (Henry Schneider).  
(October 27): A Wodonga farmer's horse stumbled over a log on the Murray flats near Wodonga West, throwing the rider into deep water. An Aborigine recovered the body (John Sutton).
- 1873 (January 17): A boy, 12, bathing in the Murray was swept away, his father failing to save him (Schroeder).  
(February 3): An Italian-Swiss goldminer, about 35, formerly at inmate at the Beechworth asylum, drowned himself in the river near gold workings at Hawksview (D'Alberti).  
(June 27): A Barnawartha sawmill worker, 25, helping haul a customer's boat across the river drowned when the boat hit a wire strung across the river and capsized (Chambers).
- 1876 (February): A mechanic drowned near the Albury wharf when he went for a swim apparently drunk (Batman).

- 1877 (March): A New Zealander miner camped near the Union Bridge drowned when he swam in the river. He was about 30 (Westphall).
- (June 21): A baker, aged 30, and a young man drowned while washing their spring cart near the wharf. The current dragged in both the horse and cart. Dynamite was used to dislodge the bodies. The horse also drowned (Smith and Sweeney).
- (June): An English miner drowned while crossing a lagoon at Mungabareena. He was identified months later as a Nottinghamshire man (Bullivant).
- 1878 (September 3): A Bungowannah squatter disappeared in the river and was presumed drowned. He left a £7000 estate (Dight).
- 1879 (June): A mother-of-four, 45, living on the South Albury flats, drowned when she fell off a log while crossing "Kennedy's Creek" on a dark evening (Mary Ann Smith).
- (October 6): A Cobb & Co groom who had threatened suicide was found drowned in the river near Bungowannah, his legs strapped together (Lewis).
- 1880 (December 12): A tailor in his forties drowned after defying a mate's advice not to swim near the Albury wharf after drinking (Lynn).
- 1881 (February 18): A stonemason, 35, ran away from an Albury policeman and headed for Victoria to avoid being served a writ over money owed to Goulburn Council. He drowned while trying to wade the river near the Union Bridge (Cunningham).
- (May): A man disappeared in the Murray while bathing near the bridge (Caulfield otherwise known as Goss)
- (May 20) A pile-driver working on the railway between Albury and Wodonga was found drowned in the river, apparently a suicide (Guely).
- (August 20): The body of a man aged 50-60 years was found drowned near the NSW bank of the river – identity a mystery.
- (November 1): Manager of the Wodonga branch of the Bank of NSW was bathing in the Wodonga Creek when he disappeared (John Heriot)
- 1882 (January): Three dressmaker sisters, aged 24, 19 and 13, drowned in a whirlpool during a late evening swim (Pastorella).
- (February): A 10-year-old boy bathing with friends at the junction of the Murray and Mitta rivers drowned (Vindenberg).
- (February 28): A boy, nine, while absent from school, drowned in the Murray at Albury while bathing with three other lads (Whittle).
- (December 10): A seven-year-old boy fishing with other children at the Wodonga Creek tumbled in and drowned (King).
- 1883 (January 21): A little boy (age not known) of Felltimber Creek, drowned while playing with mates in the Murray (Edwards).
- (January 23): An Albury watchmaker teaching a lad to swim in the Murray drowned after the boy grabbed him by the neck and took both of them into deep water. The boy was saved but the watchmaker drowned (Friend).

- 1884 (February): A wine-blender, 64, a heavy drinker, drowned himself in the river at Albury. (Boesneberg).
- (April 29): A vigneron and farmer, 62, was thrown from his dray on the Mungabareena river bank. He was entangled in the reins and the horse dragged him into the river, where he drowned (Dallinger).
- (December 13): Two men were found drowned in the river near the Union Bridge the same day. A Scottish compositor drowned while bathing with a mate. The other victim was an elderly Beechworth man who fell or jumped into the river late one night (Mitchell & Connell).
- (December 19): A boy, five, digging for bait in South Albury near the railway river bridge, fell in a creek and drowned (Humphrey).
- 1885 (January): Bowes Daly, 34, a son of Lord Dunsandle, was buried in Wodonga after being found drowned in the river. He had reportedly been drinking heavily in Albury (Daly).
- (February 5): A fisherman living opposite Mungabareena was swimming the river to fetch his boat but he was swept away (John Cooney).
- (February 15): A Patrician brother, 20, who taught at the Catholic boys' school, drowned while bathing in the river. He had arrived from Ireland only four weeks before (Dwyer).
- (November 21): A Wodonga boy, 10, drowned while bathing with other boys in the Wodonga Creek. It was reported to be "the 19<sup>th</sup> drowning in this treacherous creek" (Lennon).
- (December 6): A 10 year-old boy was swimming near the temporary railway bridge when part of the bank collapsed putting him in a deep hole (George Dwyer).
- (December 26): Three boys aged 8 to 16 went swimming in a dam on Edmondson's property on Nailcan Hill – all three drowned (George & Samuel Osbourne and James Montague).
- 1886 (April 5): A man described as an American half-caste, 21, was fooling around in a small boat on a lagoon on the Howlong road when it capsized and he drowned (Hudson).
- (October 3): An unemployed man said to be desperate for work drowned himself in the river, the body travelling about 16km downstream (Coutts).
- (October 20): An Albury publican's body was found floating in the river with his throat slashed. Authorities could not agree if it was suicide or murder, or if he drowned or died from wounds (Davey).
- 1887 (December 29): An unidentified man, part of a group of travelers, camped at Wodonga lagoon, went in to swim and became tangled in weeds and drowned.
- (March 11): A married woman found drowned in a lagoon on Wodonga Road (Devine).
- (November 1): A 60-year-old storekeeper from Winchelsea drowned while bathing in the Murray at Albury. He was buried in Albury, then exhumed and reburied at Winchelsea (Stirling).

- (November 24): A teamster on horseback was driving bullocks across the Wodonga Creek when his horse got caught in a snag and threw him into the water. The 20-year-old drowned (Williams).
- (December 27): A 14-year-old Albury boy slipped on the river bank while fishing, fell in and drowned (Roberts).
- 1888 (October): A Walla farmer visiting Albury took his horse and buggy to the river for water, but all were swept away by the current and lost (Lange).
- (November 30): A dead baby girl was found tied up in a bag in a creek in Albury. The coroner recorded she drowned.
- (December 1): A man's body found face down in the creek near the Half-Way Hotel between Albury and Wodonga (John Roy)
- (December 19): An Albury slaughterman with a painful illness drowned himself in a lagoon after telling his wife he would kill himself (Barrett).
- (December 25): A tramp worse for drink on Christmas Day fell from the Wodonga Creek bridge to his death. He was about 60 (name unknown).
- 1889 (March 13): An Albury schoolboy played truant and went bathing instead. He drowned in the river (Robinson).
- (November): A former groom threatened to drown himself when told the Albury Brewery had no job for him. His body was found several days later downstream of Albury (Firley).
- 1890 (December 2): A horse dealer drowned in a creek leading to the river near Bungowannah after his horse got over its depth (Armstrong).
- 1891 (June): A Thurgoona farmer was on a buggy collecting water from the river in Albury when the current swept him and his horse and buggy into midstream and he drowned (McEachern).
- (August 8): A Doctor's Point farm manager drowned in the flooded river after falling from a boat while trying to reach his house. (Houlihan).
- (September 23): A suicide verdict was returned on a Splitters Creek grazier who threw himself in the river, weighted down by two axe-heads (Tate).
- (October 5): A newly-married brickmaker heading down river to obtain grass for brickmaking drowned just below the Union Bridge when his boat hit a snag and capsized. Three mates survived (Saunders).
- 1892 (January): The body of grey-bearded man, aged about 55, was found near the whirlpool, his clothes left on the bank. It was a "supposed suicide" (Frahm).
- (February 20): A boy, 12, drowned near the railway bridge while swimming with mates (he was a son of the man drowned in 1888) (Barrett).
- (October 14): A vigneron, 73, who had been unwell, drowned himself in a lagoon in the Doctors Point area, Murray River (Brumm)

- 1893 (February 17): A boy swimming in the Murray came into contact with the body of an elderly Albury farmer. The man was known to have threatened suicide (Palmer)
- (June): A market gardener, 28, drowned in the river after trying to adjust a waterwheel used for irrigation at Thomas Plummer's South Albury farm. He was a Sunday school teacher (Mellor).
- (October): A fisherman, 26, said to be subject to fits, fell into the Wodonga Creek and drowned (Brook).
- (December 5): An Albury barmaid, 22, apparently depressed by people talking ill of her, drowned herself in the Murray (Dacey).
- (December 16): An Albury father, after fracturing his wife's skull with an axe, drowned himself in the Murray. The former Salvation Army sergeant's five children supported the family by fishing and begging (Poppleton).
- 1894 (September 11): The Wodonga Flats flooded, causing a butcher and cattle dealer, 50, to leave his cottage by boat. It sank, and the man, his married daughter and her baby son perished, though the daughter's husband was rescued (Shepherd & Sayers).
- 1895 (February 2): A farmer's son, 16, drowned while bathing in the Murray near Bowna with his brothers returning from school. Another son had drowned in a waterhole in 1882 (Alfred Gray).
- 1896 (November): A dead Chinese man, name unknown, was recovered from the Murray near Albury. He was believed to have try to swim the river to avoid paying the poll tax on Chinese.
- 1897 (February): A Chinese tobacco planter known for fording the Murray at low water was found drowned in the river near Cumberoona station (now under Lake Hume) (Ah Goon).
- (November 14): A schoolboy, 13, bathing with other non-swimmer children, drowned in a creek at Albury (Matthews).
- 1898 (April): An elderly man drowned in the Murray, near Cumberoona, when his boat hit a snag and was swamped (Fiddler/Fielder?).
- 1899 (October 27): An Albury blacksmith, 36, who left his Albury home and wife on October 27 was found drowned at Mungabareena two weeks later (Oates).
- 1901 (January 27): A sailor, 28, visiting Albury went for a swim in the river with a mate but suddenly disappeared under water and drowned in the whirlpool (Griffiths).
- (February 22): A Wodonga horse breeder, 28, swimming in the Murray downstream of Albury became distressed and drowned despite efforts of a friend to save him (McKoy).
- 1903 (September): A German basketmaker, 72, drowned near the waterworks when he tried to cross a swollen creek near the river and slipped off a plank (Engleman).
- 1904 (March 29): A Methodist minister at Wodonga, 38, drowned in a lagoon at Bonegilla, apparently after he drove his buggy to the bank so his horse could have a drink (Bailey).

- 1905 (July): A young canvasser at The Border Morning Mail disappeared in July. His body was found five months later at Redbank, near Wodonga. A coroner found he had drowned while bathing (Farr).
- 1906 (January 14): A fisherman, aged about 35, known as "Black Sam" fell from his boat while crossing the Murray near Dight's Hill and drowned (Washington).
- 1908 (November 30): An elderly fisherman drowned in the river near Albury after falling from a boat burdened with his tent and other belongings (Howard).
- 1909 (February 14): A Thurgoona butcher, 23, drowned in the river while bathing with mates. It was said that resuscitation attempts failed because his false teeth plate had stuck in his throat (Kelly).
- 1910 (June 20): A Bungowannah landholder's daughter, 26, drowned herself in the river (De Mamiel).
- 1911 (January 2): A Salvation Army picnic at Mungabareena ended in tragedy when a young woman, 22, fell from a boat and drowned. She was the local officer's daughter (Berry).  
(November 12): A drover's son, 19, attending a family picnic at Mungabareena, drowned in the river. The non-swimmer had handed his false teeth to a friend before going in (Mills).
- 1912 (January): The five-year-old son of an English couple dairying on the Wodonga Flats was drowned in the Murray. They had only been in Australia a year (Owen).  
(August): An Albury housewife, 23, drowned herself at the whirlpool near the Sportsground (Abikhair).
- 1913 (August): An Albury labourer's hands were still tightly clutching a bunch of grass when he was found drowned in the Wodonga Creek, having failed to struggle out (McDonald).  
(October): A man was found drowned in the Murray near Waterview on the Howlong road. The coroner wasn't satisfied of his identity and recorded him as an unknown person in his 50s.
- 1914 (January 1): A Wodonga farmer's son, 22, drowned while swimming in the Kiewa River near its junction with the Murray (Pape).
- 1918 (January). A Lavington girl, 12, drowned at Brighton Beach, near South Albury (Roach).  
(April): An 11-year-old Albury boy drowned in the Murray trying to save his younger brother from the whirlpool near the Sportsground. A man rescued the younger boy (Higgins).  
(December 20): A municipal worker married less than a month drowned himself in the Murray at Mungabareena, a son by a previously marriage finding the body (Butt).
- 1919 (February 28): A Bethanga grazier, 39, drowned himself in the Murray near the Mitta junction by tying up his feet and hands with straps taken from his horse (Evans).  
(October 14): A shearing shed hand at Hawksview, aged 17, drowned while swimming in a lagoon near the sheds (Potter).

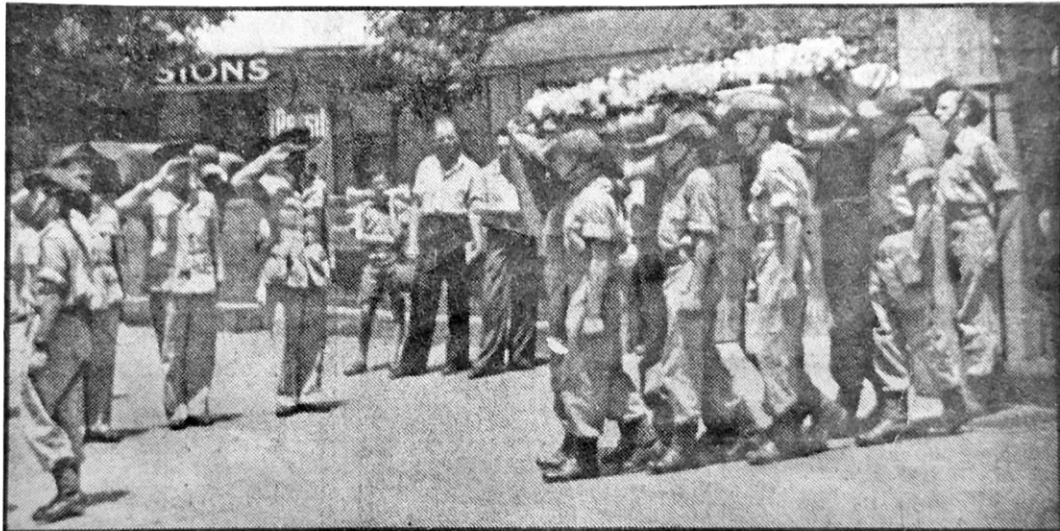
- (December): A star cricketer, 19, drowned at Noreuil Park, despite being a “fair swimmer” (Ferguson).
- 1920 (July): A Talgarno boy, 10, who went rabbit trapping, slipped and drowned in the Murray near Hawksview. A dog was found barking near the boy’s hat (McKechnie).  
 (October 13): A Wodonga stock dealer riding to Howlong drowned near Albury when he apparently took a wrong turn on the Howlong road and fell into the river (Dalton).  
 (November): A Wodonga Presbyterian minister, 30, drowned in the Wodonga Creek when he fell from a log while supervising a party of Boy Scouts having a swim. He could not swim (Bailey).
- 1921 (December 28): An Albury schoolboy, 13, drowned while bathing at Doctor’s Point. Three mates could not save him as they could not swim (Pike).
- 1925 (October 23): A Wodonga man, 52, a former grazier with health problems, left a suicide note before he drowned himself in the river near the Union Bridge (Howman).  
 (November 11) A woman, 59, who had been missing several days, was found drowned in the river near the Albury Sportsground (Barry).  
 (December): A Bowna man, 19, drowned in the Murray River, upstream of where the Hume Dam was being built. (Frauenfelder)
- 1926 (February 24): A Cookardinia farmer’s son, 18, drowned while trying to save a young woman bather at Brighton Beach. The woman survived (Joyce).  
 (November 18) A Methodist church choir woman, 40, who had been collecting gum leaves on the river bank, drowned after apparently slipping in (Philpot).  
 (November 28): An Albury schoolgirl, 12, drowned at Noreuil Park while bathing late on a Sunday evening with family (Brown).
- 1927 (January 12): A Hume Dam construction worker, 34, drowned while bathing with his son and two other boys in the Murray near the works (Eyles).
- 1928 (January 14): An Albury baker, 19, dived into the river, hit a snag with his head and drowned (Gale).  
 (October 4): A drover, 44, who left his camp at Mungabareena was found drowned nearby a few days later (Gardiner).  
 (November): A middle-aged Albury woman went missing. Boys found her body in the river two weeks later (Mullock).
- 1929 (January 1): A Croatian (Yugoslav) migrant, 29, seeking work at the Hume Dam site, drowned in the Murray near Hawksview (Kovacevic).  
 (February): An English migrant, 24, drowned in the Murray near the dam construction site when he went for a paddle in shallow water and fell into a deep hole (Kebbelwite).
- 1930 (January 12): An Albury bank clerk, 17, drowned while bathing with friends near the Albury waterworks at Mungabareena (Parry).  
 (January 30): A labourer, man, 30, last seen leaving an Albury hotel where he was staying, was found drowned at Noreuil Park, fully clothed (Morgan).



- 1931 (April 8): Man, 35, drowned at Albury after apparently fishing (Firth).  
 (July 28): An Albury Post Office worker, 28, drowned in the Murray soon after being found ill in his hotel bed. His body was recovered in November. His wallet and money were still on him (Boxall).
- 1932 (February 22): A Hume Dam worker, 55, drowned in the new lake when he tried to swim after a drifting boat. His wife and daughter watched him and the boat disappear in a strong current (Ford).
- 1933 (August 10): A Wodonga bread carter, 45, was found drowned in a water hole near the causeway (King).  
 (October 23): A 10-year-old Mitta Junction boy fishing with his father in the lake drowned when part of the bank collapsed (Daly).
- 1934 (Christmas): A Tallangatta returned soldier, 40, took strychnine before drowning himself in Lake Hume. The poison would have killed the man but he actually drowned before it took effect (Boyce).
- 1936 (6 January): A local boy, nine, who could only “dog paddle”, was swept away in the river near the Sportsground and drowned (Duell).  
 (January 27): An Albury youth, 16, went for a swim from his fishing boat on Lake Hume and drowned (Ritchie).  
 (May 26): A man, 76, dressed in suit and overcoat, was found drowned in the Murray near West Albury. His boots bore the Melbourne maker’s name, Reid, and he was able to say to whom he sold it (McKinnon).  
 (December): A Lavington man, 18, and his sister, 14, drowned in the Wodonga Creek. The man had rescued another sister, 11, but failed to save the older one. (Sheridan)
- 1937: An Albury man, 22, fishing with a friend, 16, on the Wodonga Creek, drowned when their boat hit a snag and capsized. The youth survived (Campbell).
- 1938 (February): An 83-year-old resident of the Albury Wanderers Club (for destitute men), was found drowned in the river, apparently after falling in. He was almost blind (Lynch).  
 (December 18): A 14-year-old Melbourne boy on holiday drowned in the Wodonga Creek while swimming near the railway bridge (Dowdle).
- 1941 (February 21): A Tasmanian lance-corporal, 20, from the 2/40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, drowned at Lake Hume with bathing with mates (Davey).  
 (December 15): An Army sergeant, 22, from the 2/22 Battalion, was drowned while bathing with two mates at Lake Hume (Gay).

- 1942 (December 23): Two Sydney gunners, 20 and 22, based at Bonegilla, drowned in the Murray 1.5km downstream from the dam (Berkbeck & McInerney).

### MILITARY FUNERAL AT ALBURY



Last Saturday a military funeral was accorded the two young soldiers, Gnr H. C. Berkbeck and Pte. N. B. McInerney, both of Sydney, who lost their lives by drowning in the Murray river. The above picture shows one of the coffins being carried from the funeral parlour of J. S. Adams and Sons.

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- 1943 (January 31): A Bethanga bachelor, 79, was found drowned in Lake Hume. He had left a note at home stating: "Have gone for a swim. If I get drowned look after the kitten" (Firth).
- (February 14): A Signals Corps soldier, 23, a non-swimmer, drowned when his row-boat overturned on Lake Hume (Drummond).
- 1944 (January): A "friendly alien", 34, who was a Polish Jew serving in the Army, drowned at Noreuil Park (Kurtz).
- (February 13): An Army lieutenant, 26, drowned when he went for a swim alone at Lake Hume (Lock).
- 1944 (March 8): An Army staff sergeant drowned while swimming with other soldiers at Lake Hume near the Bonegilla camp (Anderson).
- (October 10): A Tasmanian Army private, 24, accidentally drowned at Lake Hume at Bonegilla.
- 1945 (January 21): An Army private, 18, from Broken Hill, in training at Bonegilla, drowned near a raft while he was having a Sunday afternoon swim with mates at Lake Hume (Cullen).
- (December 18): An East Albury man, 22, drowned while paddling at Doctor's Point (Ferguson).
- (December 2): An Italian prisoner of war drowned when he fell into the Murray while bathing with mates near the POW camp at Hawksview (Romano).
- 1946 (February 24): Another Italian POW, 26, drowned in the river below the dam wall while swimming with friends (their camp was near Hawksview) (Propati).

- (December 13): A boy, seven, was drowned at Noreuil Park (O'Brien).
- 1947 (January 9): Another Italian POW, 36, drowned at Lake Hume while swimming from a raft with other POWs (Vadolato).
- 1948 (January 4): A Lithuanian Bonegilla migrant, 23, drowned while swimming at Noreuil Park (Vasiliaukas).  
(November): A 20-year-old Border Morning Mail printer said to be a champion swimmer, drowned in the river just below the Hume Dam spillway as his took his little boat into turbulent water (Carey).
- 1949 (January 12): A male Latvian migrant drowned while bathing at Lake Hume near the Bonegilla migrant centre (Bebris).  
(March 3): An Army sapper, 20, stationed at Bonegilla drowned at Lake Hume during a "swimming parade" of soldiers (Lorrimer).  
(October 22): A married Polish migrant, 38, drowned at Lake Hume but how this happened was not determined (Wychopen).  
(December 31): A Polish migrant, 37, who left the Bonegilla camp for a swim in Lake Hume with his wife and others, was drowned, three days after arriving in Australia. He left two children (Popiel).
- 1950 (March 12): A 27-year-old Polish migrant, a widower, died while bathing with friends at Lake Hume (Pasiuk).  
(November 12): A Hungarian man, 30, from Bonegilla camp, drowned while bathing at Boat Haven on Lake Hume (Plesko).
- 1951 (December): An Albury man swimming drowned at Noreuil Park when he dived in and struck his head on a snag (Devenny).
- 1952 (January 6): An Italian migrant, 27, drowned in Lake Hume (Martini).  
(November 21): A Yarrawonga man, 47, fell into the river near the Albury Sportsground and drowned (Clancy).
- 1953 (January 19): A 27-year-old Bonegilla migrant drowned at Lake Hume (Zocco).  
(January 12): A timekeeper at the Hume Dam reportedly fell from his boat and drowned. The man, 50, was assumed to have had a severe coughing fit (Barclay).  
(December 20): An Italian migrant, 25, drowned in the Wodonga Creek 18 months after he arrived in Australia (Reglioni).
- 1954 (November 25): A Yugoslav man, 19, drowned at Lake Hume, three days after arriving at Bonegilla. About 150 of his compatriots were on the shore at the time (Valencic).  
(Christmas Day): An Albury man, 30, drowned while swimming across a lagoon on the Wodonga flats (Oliver).
- 1955 (January 2): A newly-arrived German migrant, 44, drowned while trying to swim across the Lake Hume. He had arrived at Bonegilla with his wife and two children only in December (Schaedlich).

- 1957 (December 26): A World War I veteran, 62, drowned when his boat from which he was fishing on Boxing Day hit a snag and sank near Dight's Hill (Boadle).
- 1958 (May 13): An Albury man, 52, found drowned in river near sewerage works in West Albury (Edward Curry).
- 1959 (August 11): A German migrant, 21, went missing from the Bonegilla centre, feared drowned. His body was recovered from the lake's Mitta arm seven months later. (Heike Loseke).  
(August 14): A 20-year-old German Bonegilla migrant drowned at Lake Hume. (Werner Luhrsen).
- 1960 (New Year's Day): An Albury grandmother and two grandsons, aged two years and 18 months, drowned at Lake Hume in a boating mishap caused by a squall (Mamouny).  
(January 9): A Yugoslav Bonegilla migrant, 22, drowned at Lake Hume. She had migrated in 1957 (Aleksa Radojicic) .  
(January): A German migrant, 21, drowned at Lake Hume after swimming near Bonegilla Centre with his mates (Dieter Alfred Spiegel).  
(November 27): Two Jindera men, aged 73 and 44, and the latter's 15-year-old son drowned at Lake Hume after their boat hit a submerged log. A fourth male swam ashore exhausted after trying to save them (Scholz & Milne).  
(November 27): An Albury returned soldier, 44, drowned after falling from his boat on the Murray River near Albury (Murray).
- 1961 (March 31): A water-skier, 25, from Calleen, near West Wyalong, fell from his skis near the Ebdon boat ramp on Lake Hume on Good Friday. He sank and failed to re-surface (John Gooden).  
(April 1): A Barnawartha wood contractor, 35, fishing in the Murray with friends, was drowned when their boat capsized in a fast current. The non-swimmer left a wife and eight children (Jack Styles).  
(April): A male Yugoslav Bonegilla migrant, 25, drowned at Lake Hume (Jozo Simic).  
(September): A German Bonegilla migrant, 22, drowned at Lake Hume (Egon Mundthal).  
(September 9): A 16-year-old Dutch migrant drowned when his canoe made of corrugated iron sank near Ebdon on Lake Hume (Der Kinderin).  
(December 27): A 10-year-old boy from Melbourne drowned at Lake Hume while swimming with four other children (Bloom).
- 1962 (January 30): A Greek migrant, 29, drowned at Lake Hume within two days of him arriving in Australia (Stavros Botzios).
- 1963 (August 15): Seven young men, including two instructors, drowned at Lake Hume when an Outward Bound canoe expedition was hit by rough weather (Sandell, Buckham, Kerris, Gurney, Taylor, Kirkham, Howe).
- 1964 (February 16): An Italian migrant, 22, drowns at Lake Hume after a water-ski accident near Bellbridge (Guiseppe Carnovale).

- 1966 (December 11): An Albury man, 75, drowned, reportedly in 30cm of water at the Bungambrawatha Creek (Taskis).  
 (December 11): An Albury man, 51, sank and drowned while trying to save his boat that had drifted out at Lake Hume (Robinson).  
 (Christmas): The wash from a speedboat upset an engaged couple's canoe on Lake Hume. The man, 23, a textile worker in Albury, drowned but his fiancée was rescued (Cummins).
- 1967 (January 2): A Holbrook man, 36, drowned while swimming near the Holbrook RSL's campsite on the Bowna arm of Lake Hume (Gaylard).  
 (January 20): A Wodonga West grazier, aged 49, and two sons, 17 and 13, drowned in Travellers Creek, an anabranch of the Murray, where they had been fishing. The older boy went to save his brother from drowning and the father tried to save them both, but all drowned (Daly).  
 (November 10): A toddler not quite three years old wandered from his South Albury home to Noreuil Park with a little girl. The boy played in the water and drowned (Butt).
- 1968 (February 18): A tobacco picker, 21, from Tasmania drowned while he was swimming with a friend at Noreuil Park (Nichols).
- 1969 (October): A woman, 50, who lived on the riverbank at Albury, was found drowned in a lagoon (Howes).
- 1970 (January 1): Two migrant friends from Melbourne, a man aged 34 and woman, 25, who had partied for the New Year at Spillway caravan park, drowned when their boat was sucked into a whirlpool below the Hume Dam wall. Two companions reached safety (Bach & Fillisch).  
 (March 1): Two duckshooters were on the Murray River near the Ryans Creek junction when their boat tipped. A 78-year-old man (a former café proprietor) drowned. His mate was rescued (Salvado).
- 1971 (January 9): An Albury man, 52, drowned while swimming with friends at Table Top reserve on Lake Hume (Hulm).  
 (April 4): A post office technician, 20, drowned while swimming across the river at Noreuil Park, apparently struck by cramp (Pointy).
- 1972 (January 27): A girl, 14, drowned suddenly in shallow water at a Hume Weir caravan park as her mother was trying to focus the camera on her. Only a month earlier, the girl's brother died in a car accident (Hughes).  
 (November 9): An Albury retired carpenter, 86, drowned in the Murray. How he reached there was unclear. (Elborn)
- 1973 (January 5): An Albury man who had been fishing alone near Doctor's Point drowned in the Murray (Shaefer).  
 (October 12): A Corowa teenager was raped and murdered by men unknown. An inquest determined she died by strangulation and drowning in the river off the Howlong road (Richardson).

- 1974 (January 30): A youth, 17, drowned at Ebden reserve while swimming in the lake (Herbert).  
(December 13): A Tallangatta High School student, 17, from Fernvale, drowned while swimming with other boys off the Tallangatta foreshore (Hynes).
- 1977 (December 25): A Melbourne girl, four, drowned at the Hume Weir Caravan Park after she strayed from the family caravan (Blake).
- 1978 (January 10): A girl, nine, and her brother, eight, drowned when a freak wind gust struck their family swimming group at Ebden reserve, and despite their brother, 16, trying to save them. Their father was the CFA regional director in Wodonga (Steinhauser).
- 1980 (January 27): An East Brighton holidaymaker, 25, drowned while swimming with family at Kookaburra Point. A policeman said: "He was swimming one minute and the next minute he was gone" (Batogal).  
(April 1): An Albury builder (and father-of-four) drowned when he fell from a yacht at Lake Hume (Byron).
- 1981 (February 6): A Wodonga mother, 28, and her daughter, four, drowned near Ebden on Lake Hume (Fraser).
- 1982 (December 12): A Melbourne lifesaver, 31, drowned in the swirling waters downstream of the Hume Dam when a canoe carrying him and two friends capsized (Slatter).
- 1983 (July): A North Albury woman, 43, drowned in the Wodonga Creek. A jogger found her body near the stock route bridge (Eisenhauer).
- 1984 (March 14): A South Australian father-of-two, 34, drowned at Lake Hume when the boat he was in with two others was swamped in a storm (Ricci).
- 1985 (December 11): An East Albury toddler, aged 17 months, drowned in the river after he was thrown from the Waterworks Bridge. His father was subsequently charged with his murder (Black).
- 1986 (January): A Melbourne schoolboy, 15, drowned when he fell from a sailboard in the turbulent waters downstream of the Hume Dam spillway (Dalglish).
- 1990 (January 3): A Myrtleford man, 21, drowned while swimming at Noreuil Park (Suchar).
- 1991 (September): Three men aged 37, 39 and 23, and a boy aged nine, drowned when their small boat capsized as they tried to cross the flooded river to Browns Island in darkness on a cold, wet night (Blair, Roberts, Eugeniou, Jones).
- 1992 (January 8): A South Albury fisherman, 67, drowned at Lake Hume near the Pines area (Sibillin).  
(June): A Wodonga fisherman, 52, drowned at Lake Hume. He had been fishing near Ludlows Reserve. A heart attack was suspected (Spilsbury).
- 1993 (Boxing Day): A Sydney man, 19, who had been living in a men's shelter in Albury, was found drowned in the river, four weeks after disappearing (Guinta).

- 1994 (August 30): A World War II veteran, 66, of East Albury, had been fishing from a motor boat near Bellbridge when reported missing. He was later found drowned. (Keith Gherashe).
- 1997 (March 10): A Wodonga schoolboy, 17, who had been camping with friends downstream of the Murray River railway bridge drowned after being trapped by submerged tree branches (Riley).  
(April): A Wodonga man, 78, jumped to his death from the Union Bridge, leaving a note.
- 2002 (January 14): A former jockey, 31, who had been socialising with friends at Hovell Tree Park, went into the river and drowned (Measures).  
(April 3): A 75-year-old man in a canoe with a motor was drawn into a fast-moving anabranch near Snake Island (opposite Doctors Point). It overturned and he drowned. (Parker)
- 2005 (March 27): A Wagga boy, eight, drowned at Lake Hume near the Bellbridge reserve. He had been playing on a surfboard (Blackburn-Jones).
- 2008 (January 31): A Lavington woman, 74, was out walking dogs when she fell into a main drain and was carried towards the river. She was found drowned at Mungabareena (Hanrahan).
- 2009 (January 11): A Wodonga Catholic College student, 16, drowned while was swimming with mates at Noreuil Park on a Sunday afternoon (Sandford).  
(February 7): A Wodonga man, 27, who had been drinking heavily, waded into the Wodonga Creek near the Stock Route Bridge, stumbled into the water and drowned (Rolton).  
(Christmas Day): A man, 34, died when a boat capsized near the Bowna Reserve on Lake Hume, but a boy and another man survived (Reeves).
- 2011 (January): A Springdale Heights man, 25, who had tried to save a girl near the Waterworks Bridge, got himself into trouble and drowned. Another swimmer rescued the girl (Young).  
(July): A military policeman, 33, was found drowned near Kookaburra Point on Lake Hume after kayaking in mid-winter (Fisher).
- 2014 (January 16): An Afghan refugee, aged 41, drowned at Noreuil Park, four months after arriving in Australia. His wife and four children were still in Afghanistan (Ehsani).  
(December 3): A Lavington fisherman, 65, drowned in the river near Bungowannah after his tinnie overturned (Bradney).
- 2017 (January 10): A Wodonga boy, aged eight, drowned while playing in water at a family barbecue at Kangaroo Point, Lake Hume (Mack).
- 2018 (January 24): A Bhutanese refugee, 24, drowned at the Table Top Reserve during a late evening swim with his brother and friends on Lake Hume (Rai).
- 2019 (January 9): Bhutanese student, 21, drowned at Noreuil Park. His remains were recovered more than nine months later (Pandit).

