

MISSING



HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Damian MCKENZIE



Missing since: Wednesday,
04 September 1974

Last seen: Steavenson Falls, Marysville

Year of birth: 1964

Age now: 60

Gender: Male

Build: Slim

Circumstances:

On the 4th September, 1974, Damian McKenzie, aged 10 years was reported missing whilst on an excursion to Steavenson Falls at Marysville.

Damian from the Cobden area in Western Victoria, was one of at least 40 children taking part in a five day youth camp, being run at the time by the 'Young Australia League', (YAL) . The YAL base camp was located beside the Acheron River in Taggerty and it was from here camp participants; including Damian, would be bussed to varying locations to participate in activities.

One such activity was a visit to Steavenson Falls at Marysville, where participants would traverse a 700 metre long winding track to the top of the falls to take in the surrounding vistas.

On Wednesday the 4th September, 1974, Damian was amongst a group of boys and girls from the camp who visited Steavenson Falls. Reports indicate that whilst traversing the track leading to the top of the falls, Damian is said to have moved ahead of the group some distance, never to be seen again.

Young Australia League adult chaperones present were notified of Damian's disappearance and undertook an initial

search of the area before contacting police.

The search undertaken for Damian was one of the largest of its kind in the state's history and involved up to 300 searches drawn from and including Victoria Police personnel, including members' of the Search and Rescue Squad, Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs Search and Rescue Section, St.Johns Ambulance, Civil Defence (now known as the SES), Forestry Commission of Victoria (DWELP), Red Cross and Local Volunteers.

The search for Damien covered an area of approximately 12sq. miles with searches faced with difficult terrain, almost impenetrable scrub and undergrowth and difficult weather conditions, including snow at times. The official search for Damien concluded on the 8th September, 1974, with those in charge of the search holding out little hope for Damian's survival.

Family, friends' and local volunteers' have continued to search for Damian over the years and sadly no trace of Damian has ever been discovered.

Damian remains a missing person to this day.

If you have information regarding a missing person, please contact



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