

IN THE CORONERS COURT
OF VICTORIA
AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference:2014 / 749

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Form 37 Rule 60(1)

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Inquest into the Death of: ANNE BEESTON

Delivered On:	16 JULY 2014
Delivered At:	MELBOURNE
Hearing Dates:	16 JULY 2014
Findings of:	IAIN WEST, DEPUTY STATE CORONER
Police Coronial Support Unit:	L/S/C TRACEY RAMSEY

I, IAIN WEST, Deputy State Coroner, having investigated the death of ANNE BEESTON
AND having held an inquest into the death on 16 July 2014
at MELBOURNE

find the identity of the deceased was ANNE BEESTON

born on 20 December 1955

and the death occurred on 7 February 2014

at 45 Buttercup Grove, Bundoora, Victoria 3083

**from: 1 (a) COMPLICATIONS OF END STAGE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN A WOMAN
WITH DOWN SYNDROME**

in the following circumstances:

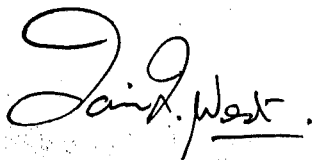
1. Anne Beeston was aged 58 years at the time of her death and since birth, she had been a Ward of the State and client of the Department of Human Services, due to her suffering from Down Syndrome. Ms Beeston resided in Departmental residential housing at 45 Buttercup Grove, Bundoora, where she had lived for the previous 10 years. In addition, Ms Beeston suffered end stage Alzheimer's dementia, having been diagnosed with the disease when she was 51, Graves' disease, osteoporosis and asthma. She received regular medical care from doctors at the Childs Road Medical Clinic, Mill Park.

2. At approximately 11.30 pm on the 7 February 2014, Ms Beeston died in her bed in the presence of a staff member. Ms Beeston's health had commenced to deteriorate from late December when she suffered a fall in her bedroom and although there was an initial period of improvement, she never fully recovered despite appropriate medical management. In these circumstances her death was not unexpected

3. No autopsy was performed in this case, as the coroner, in consultation with Dr Sarah Parsons, Forensic Pathologist with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, directed that no autopsy was required. Dr Parsons performed an external examination of Ms Beeston at the mortuary, reviewed the circumstances of her death, the post mortem CT scan and provided a written report of her findings. Dr Parsons reported that in all the circumstances a reasonable cause of death appeared to be complications of end stage Alzheimer's disease in a woman with Down syndrome.

4. I accept the cause of death as determined by Dr Parsons. I find that Ms Beeston's management whilst in the care of the Department of Human Services, was within the parameters of reasonable health care practice and that no further investigation is necessary.

Signature:



IAIN WEST
DEPUTY STATE CORONER
Date: 16 July 2014