

**FORM 37**

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**FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST**

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**Inquest into the Death of Francis John Willcox**

Delivered On:	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2009
Delivered At:	Melbourne
Hearing Dates:	1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2009
Findings of:	Deputy State Coroner West
Place of death/Suspected death:	24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2008
*SCAU	S/C K. Ramsey

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, Deputy State Coroner having investigated the death of:

**Details of deceased:**

Surname:	Willcox
First name:	Francis
*Address:	Monash Gardens Nursing Home, 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009

at Melbourne

find that the identity of the deceased was Francis John Willcox

and the death occurred on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

at Peter James Centre, 321 Burwood Highway, Forest Hill

from:

1(a) myelodysplasia in an elderly man with dementia

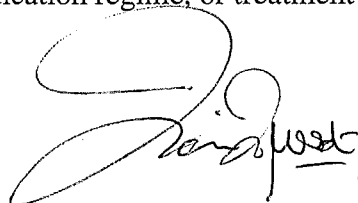
the following circumstances:

1. Francis Willcox, aged 81 years, had a history of dementia, having exhibited symptoms since approximately 2003 and a history of myelodysplasia, which had possibly progressed to leukaemia. At the time of his death, Mr Willcox was married, with he and his wife having three adult children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In addition, at the time of death he was a person held in care within the meaning of the *Coroners Act 2008*.

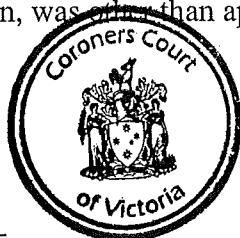
2. Following episodes of ill health in early 2008, Mr Willcox was admitted to Cabrini Hospital for treatment and management, and after which he was transferred to the Albert Road Clinic on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2008. Progressively worse behavioural problems made management difficult and resulted in Mr Willcox being admitted to the Peter James Centre on the 16<sup>th</sup> June; as an involuntary patient. Over the next week, Mr Willcox's physical condition rapidly deteriorated, as he continually refused food and became more and more

confused. As his illness progressed a not for resuscitation order was put in place and in the early afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> June, Mr Willcox passed away with family members in attendance.

3. I am satisfied that there is no evidence in this case to suggest that Francis Willcox's medication regime, or treatment plan, was other than appropriate.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Willcox', written over a horizontal line.



Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.