

FORM 38

Rule 60(2)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITHOUT INQUEST

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

Court Reference: 5414/2009

In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Sale

I Mr E. Batt, Coroner having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname:	Wright
First name:	Gordon Edward
Address:	48 McMillan Street Briarolong VIC 3860

without holding an inquest:

find that the identity of the deceased was Gordon Edward Wright  
and death occurred on 18/11/2009  
at Manns Beach Entrance, Manns Beach  
from

1a) Drowning

Pursuant to Section 67(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, an inquest into the death was not held and the deceased was not immediately before the person died, a person placed in custody or care; but there is a public interest to be served in making findings regarding the following circumstances:

1. The deceased was thrown into the sea when the boat he was steering capsized at Manns Beach Entrance. He became fatigued and was unable to prevent himself taking in water and drowned.  
  
In all circumstances it is unlikely this tragic consequence would have occurred had the deceased been wearing a life jacket or appropriate floatation device.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pursuant to Section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, I make the following recommendation(s) connected with the death:

1. Marine Safety Victoria are encouraged to ascertain which sections of the boating community are resisting the wearing of life jackets and target some form of advertising campaign to get them to change their habits.

Signature:

Date: 25/3/2010

