

**FORM 37**

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**Court Reference: 784/2010**

**Inquest into the Death of Jeanette BRAMLEY**

Hearing Dates:	1st March 2011
Findings of:	Stella Maree Stuthridge
Place of death:	Cobram

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Shepparton

I Stella Maree Stuthridge, Coroner having investigated the death of:

**Details of deceased:**

Surname: BRAMLEY  
First name: Jeanette  
Address: Room 18, Moira Shire Lodge 59 Warkil St  
Cobram Vic 3644

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 1st March 2011

at Shepparton

find that the identity of the deceased was Jeanette BRAMLEY

and death occurred on 26/02/2010

at Cobram

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in the following circumstances:

1. Having held and inquest on the 1 March 2011, I make the following findings:

Ms Jeanette Bramley was born on the 1 October 1945.

On the 19th July 2006, she was admitted to the Moira Shire Lodge from Vahland House, Bendigo. Ms Bramley suffered from chronic paranoid schizophrenia.

Ms Bramley was a person 'in care'; as such, section 52 of the Coroners Act 2008 an Inquest must be held.

In 2008, Ms Bramley suffered a fall; she required a walking frame to assist her in getting around. In February 2010, there was a referral to a physiotherapist to assess whether the walking frame was necessary.

On the 23 February 2010, it was noted by staff at the lodge Ms Bramley was suffering pain on the left side of her breast. She was given Panamax, for pain relief and settled well that evening.

On 26 February 2010, Ms Bramley attended the Cobram Community House and returned to the lodge at 2.30pm. At 5 pm, Ms Bramley had dinner and then a cigarette and went to bed.

She was checked by Nurse Henley and settled into bed. She was checked again at approximately 8.30 pm and seemed fine. Shortly after, Ms Bramley was found sitting on the floor with her head against the drawers. Nurse Henley immediately began CPR. This was continued for 50 minutes by hospital and ambulance staff. Shortly after, Ms Bramley was pronounced deceased.

Police attended and investigated the scene. A post mortem was completed by Dr Malcolm Dodd. The post mortem was unable to ascertain a cause of death. There was no natural disease, which would have accounted for Ms Bramley's sudden death. Ms Bramley was prescribed Clozapine for her resistant schizophrenia. Dr Dodd notes that fatalities attributed to Clozapine have occurred where post mortem concentration of the drug have ranged from 3.7 to 12 mg/L. Ms Bramley's toxicology report reveals she had Clozapine in her blood at a level of 3.5 mg/L. Dr Dodd expressed the view that Clozapine toxicity is a possible cause of death but beyond absolute proof.

I am satisfied there were no issues arising in respect of the care received by Ms Bramley at Moira shire Lodge. I am also satisfied there were no suspicious circumstances.

I find that the cause of Ms Bramley's death is unascertained at this time.

Signature:



Date:

29/03/2011

