

**FORM 37**

Rule 60(1)

**FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST**

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

**Court reference:** 1047/08

**Inquest into the Death of NINA SOLYK**

Delivered On:	8 September 2010
Delivered At:	Level 1, 436 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
Hearing Dates:	8 September 2010
Findings of:	JANE HENDTLASS
Place of death:	Amaroo Unit - Aged Pyschiatry Unit - Dandenong Hospital
Assistant:	Sergeant Tracy Weir

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, JANE HENDTLASS, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

**Details of deceased:**

Surname: SOLYK  
First name: NINA  
Address: 1295 Frankston Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs, Victoria 3201

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 8 September at Melbourne

find that the identity of the deceased was NINA SOLYK

and death occurred on 12th March, 2008

at Amaroo Unit - Aged Pysch Unit - Dandenong Hospital, David Street,  
Dandenong, Victoria 3175

from

- 1a. SEPSIS
2. DEMENTIA, CONGESTIVE CARDIAC FAILURE, CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE

1. Nina Solyk was 87 years old when she died. She lived at Bayview Nursing Home, 1295 Frankston Dandenong Road in Carrum Downs. Her medical history included progressive dementia including aggression and threats, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation, oesophageal reflux and hypertension.

2. At 5.30pm on 7 March 2008, Mrs Solyk's mental state deteriorated and she was transferred by ambulance to Casey Hospital under section 9 of the *Mental Health Act* 1986. On 8 March, she was placed on an Involuntary Treatment Order and transferred to Amaroo Unit at Dandenong Hospital.

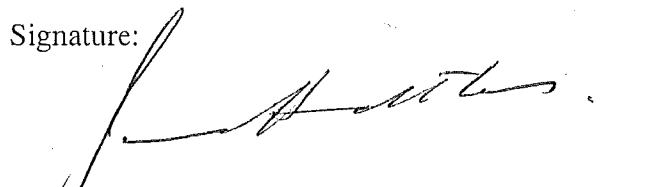
3. On 11 March 2008, Mrs Solyk was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and probably chest infection. She was treated with antibiotics but her condition did not improve.

4. At 6.15am on 12 March 2008, nursing staff found Mrs Solyk unresponsive in bed. She was unable to be revived.

5. A recommendation that the medical investigation proceed by way of inspection was accepted by the Coroner. The forensic pathologist who inspected the body and the medical records formed the opinion that the cause of death was sepsis. Contributing factors were dementia, congestive heart failure and cerebrovascular disease.

6. Accordingly, I find that Nina Solyk died of sepsis.

Signature:



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Dr Jane Hendtlass  
Coroner  
8 September 2010

