

**FORM 37**

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**FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST**

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

**Court Reference: 4850/09**

**Inquest into the Death of Peter Greenhill**

Delivered On: 8th December 2010

Delivered At: Ballarat

Hearing Dates: 8th December 2010

Findings of: M. Kay Robertson

Place of death: Ballarat Base Hospital

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Ballarat

I M. Kay Robertson, Coroner having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname: Greenhill  
First name: Peter  
Address: 68 Churchill Ave Ararat Vic 3377

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 8th December 2010

at Ballarat Law Courts

find that the identity of the deceased was Peter Greenhill

and death occurred on 11 October 2009

at Ballarat Base Hospital

from

- 1a Sepsis and acute renal failure
- 1b Pneumonia
- 2 Severe intellectual disability and spina bifida

in the following circumstances:

Mr Peter Greenhill was 57 years of age. Since 1995 he had lived at 68 Churchill Street Ararat, a Department of Human Services Community Residential Unit.

Mr Greenhill had an history of spina bifida ,thoracic scoliosis, urinary incontinence, right nephrostomy, retinal detachment, leg ulceration, right inguinal hernia repair, asthma and intellectual disability.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009 Mr Greenhill arrived back at the Residential Unit from his day placement in obvious pain and having trouble breathing. At 4:30pm, Mr Greenhill was taken to Ararat Medical Centre from where he was admitted to Ararat Hospital suffering atrial fibrillation and hypoxia. His condition deteriorated and Mr Greenhill was transported to Ballarat Health Services Intensive Care Unit on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

Further tests led to a diagnosis of chest sepsis and septic shock, respiratory failure, rapid atrial fibrillation, acute renal failure and electrolyte imbalance. Mr Greenhill was sedated and treated with antibiotics, anti- thrombotic, anti-arrythmic medication and inotropes. Mr Greenhill's condition continued to deteriorate and he passed away during the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009.

Dr. Anthony Roberts reviewed the medical records and conducted an external examination. He concluded the cause of death was sepsis and acute renal failure and pneumonia.



8 December 2010.

