

**FORM 37**

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**FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST**

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

**Inquest into the Death of UNKNOWN REMAINS COMPRISING A HUMAN SKELETON**

Delivered On:	3 September 2010
Delivered At:	Melbourne
Hearing Dates:	3 September 2010
Findings of:	Coroner Parkinson
Location:	Melbourne
SCAU	Senior Constable Tracy Weir

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I Kim M. W. Parkinson Coroner having investigated the death of:

**Details of deceased:**

Unidentified Human  
Remains:

UNKNOWN REMAINS COMPRISING A HUMAN  
SKELETON

**AND having held an inquest on 3 September 2010**

**At Melbourne**

Find: that the identity of the deceased was unknown and that the remains comprising a partial human skeleton

That: the death occurred at an unknown date

At: an unknown location

From: an unknown cause.

**In the following circumstances:**

1. This matter was listed for inquest this day.
2. In April 2009 Mr Kingsley Barker attended at Sandringham police station and relinquished a partial skeleton which he described as having been in the possession of his father, a medical doctor since the 1960's. It was a teaching skeleton and obtained by Dr Barker as part of his

medical studies.

3. On 14 April 2009 the skeleton was examined by Dr Christopher Briggs, Associate Professor Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Melbourne University and Forensic Anthropologist with the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. Dr Briggs reported that the skeleton was an incomplete human skeleton and that it was typical of a Caucasian origin and likely to have originated in the Indian Sub-continent in the period described by Mr Baker. He reported that sex and age of the remains is undetermined. He further reported that the skeleton had indicia of a teaching set including muscle markings on the bones and screws which connected the calvarium to the vault, all typical of student teaching sets which were available for purchase up to the early 1980's.
4. I am satisfied that no further investigation is required. I find that the bones comprising the partial skeleton in this case are human. On the available evidence it is not possible to make findings as to identity, where, when or in what circumstances the person died. In the circumstances, I find that the bones are of Caucasian origin and were likely to have been part of a medical teaching set.
5. I order that as that no person makes claim to recovery or return of the remains that the bones be released by the Coroner's Court of Victoria for public burial at an approved facility and location.



**Coroner Kim M. W. Parkinson**

**Date: 3 September 2010**

