

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 3520/10

In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, KIM PARKINSON, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details:

Unidentified Human
Remains:

UNKNOWN REMAINS COMPRISING A
HUMAN SKELETON

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 21 March, 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. On 9 September 2010, Mrs Dreda Charters-Wood attended at Malvern Police Station and handed to police human skeletal remains, which she described as having been acquired by her parents, in or around 1937/38, when they were medical students.
3. On 10 September 2010, the remains were examined by forensic pathologist Dr Michael Burke, who reported that the bones showed typical features of an anatomical specimen with wires to the medial aspect of the mandible and suspension points to the skull. There were other typical indications of the remains having been used as a specimen or training set. He found that the remains were human.

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 were likely to have been part of a medical teaching set.

5. I order, that as 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.

Signature:



Kim M. W. Parkinson
Coroner



21st March, 2011