

IN THE CORONERS COURT
OF VICTORIA
AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference: COR 2012 0598

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Form 37 Rule 60(1)

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Inquest into the Death of: WAYNE PAUL EADIE

Hearing Dates: 9 May 2013

Police Coronial Support Unit Sergeant Sharon Wade

Findings of: AUDREY JAMIESON, CORONER

Delivered On: 9 May 2013

Delivered At: Coroners Court of Victoria
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000

I, AUDREY JAMIESON, Coroner having investigated the death of WAYNE EADIE

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 9 May 2013

at MELBOURNE

find that the identity of the deceased was WAYNE PAUL EADIE

born on 17 March 1964

and the death occurred on 13 February 2012

at Northern Hospital, 185 Cooper Street, Epping 3076

from:

1 (a) PNEUMONIA

in the following circumstances:

1. Mr Wayne Eadie was 47 years of age at the time of his death. He had lived at 5 Henderson Court, Plenty Residential Services in Bundoora since August 1997, having previously lived at Janefield Training Centre between 1964 and 1997. Mr Eadie had an intellectual disability from birth and never learned to speak. He had been *a person placed in custody and care* as it is defined by section 3 of the *Coroners Act 2008*, all of his life. Mr Eadie's mother also has an intellectual disability and had been unable to care for her son.
2. Mr Eadie also had a medical history of bowel cancer, diagnosed in 2008. He underwent surgery to remove a large tumour and a portion of his lower bowel and, as a consequence, was fitted with a colostomy bag. In 2009 he was diagnosed with renal failure and was fitted with a suprapubic catheter and urine bag. He had been diagnosed with epilepsy as a child and was treated on anticonvulsant medication all of his life. His seizures were reported to be infrequent. His medications included Largactil 75mg three times per day, Tegretol 200mg twice per day, Ostelin daily and Ranitidine 75mg twice daily.

Surrounding Circumstances

3. On 3 February 2012, Mr Eadie appeared to be unwell and was taken to see his general medical practitioner, Dr Lyndsey Kabat at Epping Healthcare Centre. Dr Kabat recommended that Mr Eadie be transferred to the Northern Hospital, where he was subsequently admitted, and diagnosed with bilateral severe community acquired pneumonia. He was treated with broad

spectrum antibiotics. His condition however continued to deteriorate and he developed acute on chronic renal failure. Mr Eadie died on 13 February 2012.

Investigation

4. The identity of Wayne Paul Eadie was without dispute and required no further investigation.

Medical Investigation

5. Dr Paul Bedford, Forensic Pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, performed an external examination on the body of Mr Eadie and reviewed a post mortem CT scan. On the basis of information available to Dr Bedford, he reported that on a background of history intellectual disability, Mr Eadie had developed community acquired pneumonia which led to his death.

Police Investigation

6. The police investigation and preparation of the coronial Brief of Evidence was prepared by Senior Constable J. Tinker of Epping Police Station.

Inquest

7. An inquest was held in accordance with section 52(2) *Coroners Act 2008* as immediately before his death, Mr Eadie was *a person placed in custody or care* as it is defined in The Act.
8. No issues were identified in the course of the investigation and a summary of the evidence was provided to the Court by Sergeant Sharon Wade from the Police Coronial Support Unit, assisting the Coroner.

Finding

I FIND that Wayne Paul Eadie died from natural causes being pneumonia.

AND I further FIND that there is no relationship between the fact that Mr Eadie was *a person placed in custody or care* and the cause of his death.

Pursuant to section 73(1) of the **Coroners Act 2008**, I order that this finding be published on the internet:

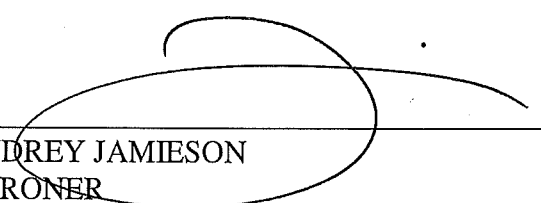
I direct that a copy of this finding be provided to the following:

Dr Lyndsey Kabat, Epping Plaza Medical Centre

Ms Heather Kelly, State Trustees

Ms Jessica Beattie, Northern Hospital

Signature:



AUDREY JAMIESON
CORONER
Date: 9 May 2013

