

**FORM 37**

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Rule 60(1)

**FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST**

*Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008*

**Court reference:** 1763/10

**Inquest into the Death of WLADISLAW KOWALCZYK**

Delivered On: 27th July, 2011

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

Hearing Dates: 27th July, 2011

Findings of: JOHN OLLE

Place of death: Austin Health Repatriation Hospital,  
145 Studley Road, Heidelberg, Victoria 3084

Police Coronial  
Support Unit (PCSU): Sergeant Dave Dimsey

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, JOHN OLLE, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

**Details of deceased:**

Surname: KOWALCZYK  
First name: WLADISLAW  
Address: 5 Ramleh Road, Reservoir, Victoria 3073

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 27th July, 2011  
at Melbourne  
find that the identity of the deceased was WLADISLAW KOWALCZYK  
and death occurred on 11th May, 2010

at Austin Health Repatriation Hospital,  
145 Studley Road, Heidelberg, Victoria 3084

from  
1a. SEVERE CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE  
1b. ISCHAEMIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

in the following circumstances:

1. Wladislaw Kowalczyk was aged 62 years at the time of his death. He lived in supported residential care at 5 Ramleh Road, Reservoir.
2. The coronial brief has fully addressed the circumstances of death.

*"Mr Kowalczyk was a mentally handicapped male and lived in a supervised Department of Human Services premises at 5 Ramleh Road, Reservoir. On the 23rd April, 2010 he presented at the Austin Hospital Emergency Department suffering breathlessness. He was examined and diagnosed with chronic heart disease and multi-organ failure. At 1600 on the 10th May, 2010, he was transferred to the palliative care ward at the Austin Repatriation Hospital. On the 11th May, 2010, he complained of chest pain and*

*breathlessness. He was administered with morphine and midazolam and passed away at 3.15pm on the same date (11/5/10)."<sup>1</sup>*

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### **Post Mortem Medical Examination**

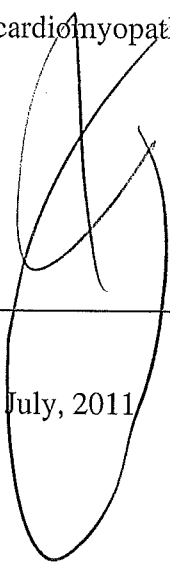
3. On the 12th May, 2010, Dr Michael Burke, Forensic Pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, performed an external examination only on the body of Wladislaw Kowalczyk.

4. Dr Burke found the cause of death to be severe congestive heart failure and ischaemic cardiomyopathy.

### **Finding**

I find the cause of death of Wladislaw Kowalczyk to be severe congestive heart failure and ischaemic cardiomyopathy.

Signature:



John Olle  
Coroner  
Date: 27th July, 2011



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<sup>1</sup> Summary inquest brief.