



# MAGISTRATES COURT *of* TASMANIA

## CORONIAL DIVISION

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### **Record of Investigation into Death (Without Inquest)**

*Coroners Act 1995  
Coroners Rules 2006  
Rule 11*

I, Simon Cooper, Coroner, having investigated the death of Rimma Bogdanova

**Find, pursuant to Section 28(1) of the Coroners Act 1995, that**

- a) The identity of the deceased is Rimma Bogdanova;
- b) Ms Bogdanova died from injuries sustained as a pedestrian, when struck by a bus as she crossed Wilson Street, Burnie (at the intersection of that street with Cattley Street). As she crossed the street, Ms Bogdanova was favoured by a green pedestrian light. She suffered massive, unsurvivable injuries and died at the scene. The driver of the bus was subsequently charged with, and convicted of, causing Ms Bogdanova's death by negligent driving. An appeal against that conviction was unsuccessful;
- c) The cause of Ms Bogdanova's death was multiple injuries including a fractured skull, traumatic subarachnoid haemorrhage of the brain and a fractured skull; and
- d) Ms Bogdanova, a divorced woman born in St Petersburg (then known as Leningrad), Russia on 3 January 1930, died aged 89 years, on 4 January 2020 at Burnie, Tasmania.

In making the above findings, I have had regard to the evidence gained in the investigation into Ms Bogdanova's death. The evidence includes:

- Police Report of Death for the Coroner;
- Affidavits establishing identity and life extinct
- Report – Dr Michael Burke, Forensic Pathologist;
- Report – Forensic Science Service Tasmania;
- Affidavit – Ms Victoria Jaye, sworn 11 March 2020;
- Affidavit – Mr Michael Buckley, sworn 16 January 2020;
- Affidavit – Ms Andrea Sulcs, sworn 6 January 2020;

- Affidavit – Anthony Stewart, sworn 6 January 2020<sup>1</sup>;
- Affidavit – Senior Constable Emilie Dellar, sworn 21 January 2020;
- Affidavit – Constable Daniel Dellar, sworn 21 January 2020;
- Affidavit – Constable Sven Mason, sworn 26 February 2020;
- Affidavit (and photographs) – Holly Bonde (police officer – rank not stated), sworn 12 March 2020;
- Affidavit (and drone photographs) – Senior Sergeant Mark Forteath, sworn 16 January 2020;
- Affidavit (and photographs) – First Class Constable Caroline McGregor, sworn 14 February 2020;
- CCTV and dashcam footage; and
- Prosecution file – Graeme John Hutchinson.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The circumstances of Rimma Bogdanova's death are not such as to require me to make any comments or recommendations pursuant to Section 28 of the *Coroners Act 1995*.

I convey my sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Ms Bogdanova.

**Dated** 23 May 2022 at Hobart in the State of Tasmania

**Simon Cooper**

**Coroner**

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<sup>1</sup> The content of Mr Stewart's affidavit suggests he is a serving member of Tasmania Police. I have proceeded on the basis that he is.