

IN THE CORONERS COURT
OF VICTORIA
AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference: COR 2011 2595

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Form 37 Rule 60(1)

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

**(Amended pursuant to s76 of the Coroners Act 2008
on the 20th June 2013)**

Inquest into the Death of: LAURA MAREE HALLINAN

Delivered On: 12 June 2013

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

Hearing Dates: 25 March 2013

Findings of: JOHN OLLE, CORONER

Police Coronial Support Unit Leading Senior Constable John Kennedy

I, JOHN OLLE, Coroner having investigated the death of LAURA MAREE HALLINAN

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 25 March 2013

at MELBOURNE

find that the identity of the deceased was LAURA MAREE HALLINAN

born on 21 February 1992, aged 19

and the death occurred on 15 July 2011

at Diggers Road, Werribee South 3030

from:

1(a) MULTIPLE INJURIES SUSTAINED IN MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION
(PASSENGER)

in the following circumstances:

1. Laura Hallinan was aged 19 years at the time of death.
2. At inquest, a summary of the coronial brief was read into evidence. At approximately 11.20pm on 14 July 2011, Laura was one of seven occupants in a motor vehicle being driven by Peter Dean. None of the passengers were wearing seat belts.
3. Whilst travelling south along Diggers Road, the vehicle failed to negotiate a left hand turn. The vehicle skidded across the north bound lane, colliding with a barrier on the western side of Diggers Road. The vehicle then travelled across a gravel driveway and adjacent grassland, before striking a tree.
4. Mr Dean subsequently pleaded guilty to culpable driving. He was sentenced to 9 years 2 months imprisonment with 6 years and 10 months minimum. The tragic circumstances reveal:
 1. The driver's blood alcohol concentration was 0.06%.
 2. Mr Dean and all surviving passengers received serious injuries.
 3. None of the passengers were wearing seat belts.

Post Mortem Medical Examination

5. On 19 July 2011, Dr Shelley Robertson, Forensic Pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, performed an autopsy of the body of Laura Hallinan.
6. Dr Robertson noted the cause of death to be multiple injuries sustained in motor vehicle collision (passenger).

Finding

I find the cause of death of Laura Hallinan to be multiple injuries sustained in motor vehicle collision (passenger).

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

Mrs Cathy Hallinan, next of kin

Detective Leading Senior Constable Matt Hunt, Major Collision Investigation Unit

Interested parties

Signature:

JOHN OLLE
CORONER

Date:

12/6/2013

