

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

REDACTED FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 3432/09

In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Ballarat

I, JOHN OLLE, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname:

First name: ROBERT

Address: St Arnaud, Victoria 3478

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 27th June 2011 to 6th July 2011, and 8th July 2011,
at Ballarat Magistrates' Court
find that the identity of the deceased was ROBERT and death occurred on 13th July, 2009

at Minyip, Victoria 3392

from

1a. HANGING BY THE NECK

In the following circumstances:

1. Robert was aged 26-years at the time of his death. He lived at St Arnaud.
2. The coronial brief and evidence at Inquest has fully addressed the circumstances of Robert's death.

Background

3. On the 7th and possibly 8th July, 2009 Robert's 2 year old daughter, Hayley, sustained serious injuries at home. In the early hours of 8 July 2009, Robert conveyed her to the St Arnaud Hospital. On admission Hayley was in a critical condition. Within hours of admission, Hayley was airlifted to the Royal Children's Hospital. She died on 2 August 2009.

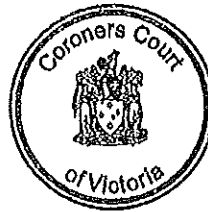
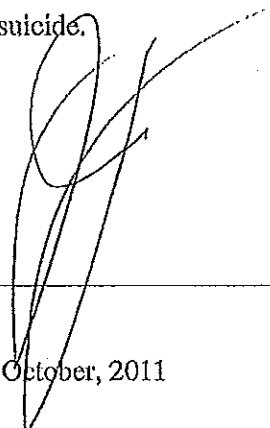
14. On the 15th July 2009, Dr Anthony Roberts, Forensic Pathologist at the Ballarat Health Services, performed an autopsy on Robert.

15. Dr Roberts found the cause of death to be hanging by the neck.

Finding

I find the cause of death of Robert to be hanging by the neck in circumstances in which he committed suicide.

Signature:



John Olle
Coroner
Date: 19th October, 2011