
JURISDICTION : CORONER'S COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
ACT : CORONERS ACT 1996
CORONER : Robyn Mary Hartley, Coroner
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FILE NO/S : CORC 398 of 2018
DECEASED : CROZIER, ALFRED KEITH

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Nil

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Nil

Counsel Appearing:

Counsel Assisting : Snr Constable Craig ROBERTSON

Case(s) referred to in decision(s):

Nil

*Coroners Act 1996
(Section 26(1))*

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH

*I, Robyn Mary Hartley, Coroner, having investigated the disappearance of **Alfred Keith CROZIER** with an inquest held at Perth Coroners Court, Central Law Courts, Court 85, 501 Hay Street, PERTH, on 4 March 2026, find that the death of **Alfred Keith CROZIER** has been established beyond all reasonable doubt and that the identity of the deceased person was **Alfred Keith CROZIER** and that death occurred on an unknown date after 5 May 2013 at an unknown location in the following circumstances:*

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INTRODUCTION

1. Alfred Keith Crozier (Mr Crozier) was 59 years old when he was last known to be alive on 5 May 2013.
2. The Western Australia Police Force undertook a missing person investigation in a bid to locate Mr Crozier but have been unable to find him or his remains.
3. Based on the information gathered by Police, Acting State Coroner Linton determined pursuant to section 23 of the *Coroners Act 1996* (WA) that there was reasonable cause to suspect that Mr Crozier has died and that his death is a reportable death. A direction was made that an inquest be held to investigate the circumstances of Mr Crozier's suspected death.
4. I held an inquest at the Perth Coroner's Court on 4 March 2026. The inquest consisted of the tendering of documentary evidence compiled during the investigation into Mr Crozier's disappearance, supplemented by oral evidence from Detective Senior Constable Wold from the Western Australia Police Force Missing Person Team who completed a report into the suspected death.

BACKGROUND

5. Mr Crozier was born in England on 10 August 1953 and moved to Australia in 1973.
6. He met his former wife in 1976, and they were married a year later.
7. Mr Crozier and his wife had two children. He also took on the role of stepfather to his wife's child from a previous relationship.
8. He worked as a tradesman until he injured his back at work in about 1983 and transitioned to a desk-based role. At the time of his disappearance Mr Crozier was running his own business.
9. In September 2009 Mr Crozier was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia. The treatment was gruelling, and he came close to dying on two occasions.
10. After he went into remission, Mr Crozier was told he had a good long-term prognosis if the leukaemia didn't return within the next five years. He told his wife that if it did come back, he would not undergo active treatment again.
11. When Mr Crozier's daughter had children, he dedicated a lot of his spare time to caring for them.

ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

12. In early 2013 allegations of very serious historical offending by Mr Crozier began to come to light.

13. When his wife raised the allegations with Mr Crozier over the telephone for the first time on 8 February 2013, he denied them.
14. By the time she got home later that day Mr Crozier was not there. When she got in contact with him Mr Crozier said he had gone for a drive and wouldn't be home that night.
15. The next morning Mr Crozier's wife sent him messages asking him to come home. Mr Crozier responded with what seemed like a goodbye message and said that he was sorry. He also told her where she could find his car.
16. Mr Crozier's daughter drove to the location where he said his car was and called Police on the way. When they got there, they couldn't find Mr Crozier or his car. Police then triangulated his mobile phone and found he was in Kwinana.
17. Not long afterwards, Mr Crozier returned home. He told his wife he had tried to hang himself but the rope/chain he used broke. Mr Crozier said he had done it because she didn't believe him when he denied the allegations she had raised. His wife could see marks on his face and neck.
18. The next day Police, Ambulance officers and Community Mental Health Service providers attended the home to check on Mr Crozier. He declined assistance at that time but later engaged in counselling through another service.
19. When Mr Crozier discussed the incident with his daughter, he told her he had tried to hang himself but the chain had snapped. She could see chain link imprints on his neck. He also told her that he knew for next time not to take his mobile phone with him because that is how they located him.
20. Mr Crozier's wife continued to press him about the allegations in the following months but he refused to discuss them with her. Whenever she raised them with him he would either look at her blankly or change the topic.
21. On Good Friday 29 March 2013 Mr Crozier's wife received a text message with more detailed information about the allegations which she showed to him. She then left the house for a number of hours.
22. When Mr Crozier's wife got home she found a note from him saying that he was sorry and would give her space.
23. The next day, 30 March 2013, Mr Crozier made a call to the home landline in the evening. He told his wife he was at a hotel in the city. Mr Crozier's wife asked him if the allegations were true and he said yes. He apologised

over and over. Mr Crozier's wife told him sorry wasn't going to cut it given what he had done.

24. Mr Crozier also called his daughter and told her he was "going". He asked her to stay strong and look after her mother.
25. Two days later, on 1 April 2013, Mr Crozier called his wife and asked if he could collect his belongings from the house. She went out so she wouldn't be there when Mr Crozier came over.
26. Mr Crozier called his wife on her mobile phone from the home landline to say he collected his belongings and was about to leave.
27. When Mr Crozier's wife got home she saw that he had taken his car, some clothes, some money, two mobile phones and a laptop computer. She found a packed backpack that he'd left behind.
28. The next day, 2 April 2013, Mr Crozier called his wife and asked if he could come and collect the backpack. She told him that he could but that she wouldn't be there.
29. Mr Crozier's wife called the home landline while he was there and spoke to him. She asked him what his plans were, but he wouldn't say. Mr Crozier's wife believed he was going to take off and there was a chance he would end his life given his previous suicide attempt in February. She said to him that if he disappeared she would be left in a difficult situation with the house, business and property. Mr Crozier told her that it was all sorted. When she asked him what he meant by that he simply repeated "It's all sorted".
30. When Mr Crozier's wife got home later that night she saw his car in the garage and one of his mobile phones on the bench. There was an Enduring Power of Attorney made out by Mr Crozier granting power of attorney to his wife, as well as a handwritten note on the paperwork with instructions about how to sign and register it.
31. Mr Crozier's laptop, clothing and a sleeping bag were found inside his car.
32. The next day Mr Crozier's wife found his second mobile phone and his set of house keys.
33. Mr Crozier did not take his passport with him.
34. Mr Crozier's wife checked their bank account and found that he had withdrawn \$6000 in cash on 2 April 2013.
35. On Sunday 5 May 2013 Mr Crozier called his wife on the home landline. Mr Crozier raised the possibility of coming home, and his wife told him that they needed to separate. She said he should return to face the serious allegations that had been raised. Mr Crozier's wife also told him that she

intended to sell their house and begin rebuilding her life. She asked him how he was going for money and he said he didn't have much left. As she started to tell Mr Crozier that people he worked with knew about the allegations, he hung up abruptly.

- 36. This is the last time anyone has heard from Mr Crozier.
- 37. On 7 June 2013 an arrest warrant was issued for Mr Crozier in relation to allegations of historical offending.

POLICE INVESTIGATION INTO MR CROZIER'S DISAPPEARANCE

- 38. Mr Crozier's wife reported him missing on 30 March 2013.
- 39. As part of their investigation into Mr Crozier's disappearance, Police were able to establish that the phone calls he made to his wife and daughter in the evening on 30 March 2013 were from the Best Western Hotel in Victoria.
- 40. Further investigations determined that Mr Crozier booked into the Best Western Hotel at 6.45 pm (AWST) on 30 March 2013. He was a walk-in customer and paid cash for the room. Mr Crozier checked out on 1 April 2013 after two nights.
- 41. Police were unable to find any record of a travel booking for Mr Crozier from Western Australia to Victoria on 30 March 2013.
- 42. Airline checks confirmed that Mr Crozier boarded a flight from Melbourne on 1 April 2013, landing in Perth at 3.40 pm local time.
- 43. Mr Crozier attended a law firm on 2 April 2013 to arrange for an Enduring Power of Attorney to be prepared and signed by him.
- 44. When Mr Crozier's wife let Police know that she had received a call from her husband on 5 May 2013, they obtained records showing that the call was made from a telephone box in Sorrell, Tasmania.
- 45. Since this time Police have continued in their attempts to locate Mr Crozier.
- 46. Various public awareness campaigns were undertaken by Police both locally and in Tasmania. Mr Crozier is also listed on the National Missing Persons register website.
- 47. Over the years, various members of the public provided information to Police about possible sightings of Mr Crozier in Tasmania but none were ever able to be verified.

48. Police have made exhaustive, ongoing proof of life enquiries with financial institutions, state and federal government agencies, telecommunication providers and Births, Deaths and Marriages in every Australian state and territory. Border Force records show Mr Crozier has not travelled overseas since his disappearance.
49. DNA has been obtained from family members for possible matching with unidentified human remains but, to date, the need has not arisen.

ANALYSIS

50. Mr Crozier would be nearly 73 if he was alive today.
51. There has been no verified contact, sighting or traceable activity from or by him in over 13 years.
52. At the time of his disappearance Mr Crozier's entire world had fallen apart and he was acutely suicidal. In February 2013 Mr Crozier attempted suicide. In the days before he departed the family home for the last time on 2 April 2013 Mr Crozier made repeated references to various family members suggestive of an intention to end his life. He sorted his financial affairs as best he could by granting power of attorney to his now former wife.
53. The last time he spoke to his wife on 5 May 2013 she began to tell him that people he worked with now knew about the allegations and he hung up abruptly. She believes he would have been very distressed to learn that the allegations were being discussed outside of just the family.
54. When Mr Crozier's disappearance was reported to the mental health service he was engaged with at the time, his treating psychiatrist made a note in his records dated 10 May 2013 that he was at high risk of suicide due to the recent revelation of historical offending which he acknowledged he committed.
55. Mr Crozier left without his car, house keys, passport and mobile phones. The last recorded financial transaction was his withdrawal of \$6000 cash on 2 April 2013. When he spoke to his wife for the last time on 5 May 2013 Mr Crozier told her he was nearly out of money.
56. I believe it is impossible that Mr Crozier has managed to survive for the last 13 years without any source of traceable finance. I also do not think he possessed the means or skills to evade detection for such an extended period of time. Additionally, Mr Crozier was not in good physical due to a debilitating back injury and difficult battle with leukaemia.
57. Mr Crozier's former wife is of the very firm view that he is no longer alive. I agree with her.

CONCLUSION

58. Having considered the documents on the coronial brief and listened carefully to the helpful evidence of Detective Senior Constable Wold at the inquest, I am satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that Mr Crozier is deceased.
59. I acknowledge that this matter had elements which initially raised some doubt as to whether Mr Crozier was, in fact, dead. However, a deeper analysis of the prospect he has started a new life somewhere in Australia without financial means and without coming to the attention of any government agencies or authorities has led me to determine that it is not possible. I was able to dismiss this possibility in no small part due to the extensive proof of life enquiries Police made throughout their in-depth investigation into Mr Crozier's disappearance. I was also assisted by Mr Crozier's former wife's contribution to this process.
60. Given that Mr Crozier's body has never been located I am unable to make a finding as his cause of death.
61. While I suspect Mr Crozier died by suicide, there can be no certainty as to the manner of his passing. Therefore, I am unable to make anything but an open finding as to the manner of death.

RM Hartley
Coroner

26 June 2026

I certify that the preceding paragraph(s) comprise the reasons for decision of the Coroner's Court of Western Australia.

CORONER R HARTLEY

26 JUNE 2026