

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court Reference: 926/2010

Inquest into the Death of Jan Szustak

Delivered On:	8 July 2011
Delivered At:	Latrobe Valley Law Court
Hearing Dates:	8 July 2011
Findings of:	H C H Alsop

FORM 37

Rule 60(1)

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court Reference: 926/2010

In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Morwell

I H C H Alsop, Coroner having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname:	Szustak
First name:	Jan
Address:	Andrews House Aged Care Facility Trafalgar Vic 3824

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 8 July 2011

At Latrobe Valley Law Court

find that the identity of the deceased was Jan Szustak

and death occurred on 26th February 2010

at Latrobe Regional Hospital Traralgon

from

- 1a) Aspiration pneumonia associated with vascular and Alzheimer dementia.

Section 4 and 15 of the act requires an investigation of the death of any person "in care". I find that, despite the failure to communicate Mr Szusak's status to Latrobe Hospital and his last admission, he was, for the purposes of this jurisdiction, "in care" at the time of his death.

Mr Szustak was aged 84 years at the time of his death. He had been suffering serious health problems for some time and was referred to Latrobe Regional Hospital in December 2008.

After some weeks there he was transferred to a residential care facility in January 2009.

Later that year he was referred back to Latrobe Regional Hospital and then apparently due to a shortage of beds, to the Peter James Centre. At this time he was subject to an Inpatient Treatment Order.

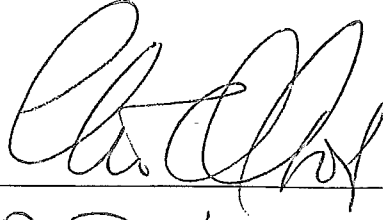
On 15 February 2010 he was admitted to Maroondah Hospital, having become unwell and was treated for aspiration pneumonia and other associated health problems.

Later that month he was returned to Latrobe Regional Hospital but, due to an unexplained administrative oversight, his status under the Inpatient Treatment Order was not communicated to Latrobe Regional Hospital.

He died on 26 February 2010.

The sole jurisdiction of this Court to determine the 'cause of death', which in this case is as set out above ie aspiration pneumonia associated with vascular and alzheimer dementia.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Chaf', written over a horizontal line.

Date:

13.7.11

