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Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 698/11

Inquest into the Death of ROY CECIL MCLENNAN

Delivered On:	28 July 2011
Delivered At:	Melbourne
Hearing Dates:	28 July 2011
Findings of:	CORONER K M W PARKINSON
Place of death/ Suspected death:	Unascertained
PSCU:	Leading Senior Constable King Taylor

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, KIM PARKINSON, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname: MCLENNAN
First name: ROY
Address: Middle Park, Victoria 3206

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 28 July 2011
at Melbourne

find that the identity of the deceased was ROY CECIL MCLENNAN
and death occurred on or after 20 August 1972

At an unknown location

From unascertained cause

In the following circumstances:

1. This is my finding in the inquest into the presumed death of Mr Roy Cecil McLennan. Mr McLennan was born 4 March 1902 and he was last seen on 20 August 1972, when he left his home at Middle Park to visit his niece Mrs Brook in Altona. He was reported missing to police by his niece in November of 1972.

2. An extensive brief of evidence has been provided to the coroner in this matter, with extensive investigations being undertaken by Victoria Police Belier Task Force, both in Victoria and interstate and enquiries in relation to Mr McLennan. He has not been seen since 20 August 1972 and there has been no activity on bank accounts or with any public authority relating to Mr McLennan. Whilst there is a report that his motor vehicle may have been located in the Gisborne area some months prior to the missing person report being made, there is no documentary record of this matter.

3. Mr McLennan was reported to be suffering with a cognitive deficit at around the time he disappeared. His remaining relatives have no knowledge of his whereabouts and have had no contact with him.

4. Whilst police have raised the possibility that unidentified remains located at Macedon on 4 December 1972 may relate to the death of Mr McLennan, there is insufficient evidence to support this theory. The unidentified remains were the subject of coronial inquest in Case number 4259 of 1972. No application for exhumation has been made by Victoria Police in relation to those remains for the purpose of scientific examination due to the co-location of the remains. In those circumstances, there is insufficient evidence to re-open the 1972 finding or to associate those remains with the disappearance of Mr McLennan.

5. Having considered the available evidence in this matter, I find that Mr Roy Cecil McLennan is deceased and that his death occurred on or after 20 August 1972. The cause of death, the location of death and the circumstances of the death, are unable to be ascertained.

Signature:



Kim M W Parkinson
Coroner



28th July, 2011