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2<sup>nd</sup> June 1926

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Man unknown

at Melbourne  
Morque

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

192  
3 JUN 1926  
C. L. O.

P.M.

A. Perriman P.M.

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

**INQUISITION.**

VICTORIA }  
To WIT. }

AN INQUISITION for our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at  
the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 2nd  
day of June A.D. 1926 in the seventeenth  
year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, Daniel Berriman,  
gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State, upon the view  
of the body of Man name unknown  
then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King, when, where, how,  
and by what means the said Man name unknown

(1) His or her.

came by<sup>1</sup> his death, I say that

on the 16th day of May 1926

at St. Kilda West in the Sea in the said

State the said Man name unknown was found dead having

(2) Here state cause  
of death, if known;  
if unknown, doubt-  
ful, or no evidence,  
state the fact ac-  
cordingly.

died from<sup>2</sup>

*asphyxiation*

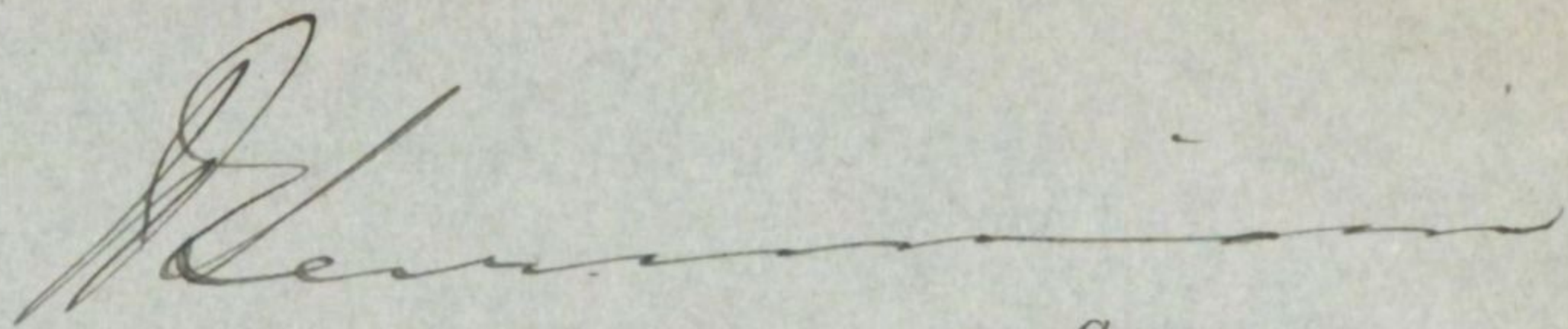
*by*

proving - There is no evidence to  
determine how deceased got  
into the water.

In witness whereof, I, the aforesaid Coroner, have to this Inquisition

put my hand this                    2nd                    day of                    June

A.D. 1926



Coroner.

Victoria Police.---47

St Kilda

Station

Melbourne

Police District

16<sup>th</sup> May

1926

REPORT of

S. L. P. Hale Const 7387

Relative to

Finding a body of man name unknown, on the West Beach St Kilda on the 14.5.26

The coroner  
-city morgue

I have to report that at 10.35 am on the 16<sup>th</sup> was informed that there was a dead body of a man on the West Beach St Kilda between the St Kilda Yacht Club and the Beaconsfield Hotel. I went to the place and there saw a man fully dressed lying face down in about 16 in of water on the beach front. I removed the body from the water and found that it had been in the water some time and life was extinct. There was nothing to indicate how it came there. I examined the body. There were no external marks and so far as I could ascertain there was nothing to indicate the method of the man's death.

I saw Alfred Huggins of 64 York Street St Kilda who stated that he saw the body lying in the water as he was riding past the spot on his bicycle. Nothing could be found on the body that would lead to the identification of deceased.

I removed the body to the city morgue where it now lies pending identification. Further inquiries

Am  
16/5/26  
Inquest  
17/5/26

✓ Des - about 50 to 55 years of age, 5' 5" or high  
thin build, clean shaven wearing a dark over-  
coat, dark grey slop made suit, blue & white  
striped shirt, white linen collar, black and  
grey tie, black lace up boots and black  
socks

S. A. H. 2  
Const 7387

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

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VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\*

ALFRED NUGENT

on his oath saith, I am a PLUMBER

residing at 64 YORK STREET ST KILDA WEST

On the 16th May 1926 at about 10 a.m. I was riding a Bicycle at St Kilda West. I saw the body of a man lying about 6 yards from the shore, in the water. I reported the matter to the Police. The Police took the body away.

*Alfred Nugent*

\*Christian and Surname in full.

Taken and sworn before me the

2<sup>nd</sup>

day

of

*June*

1926

at

*Melbourne*

*[Signature]*

Coroner.

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent\* John Brett

on his oath saith, I am a Registered medical practitioner  
residing at 4 Corso Avenue 812 Yarra

\*Christians and Surname in full.

At the Melbourne Inquest, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 16th of May 1896. I made post mortem examination of the body of a man. Said to have been found on St Kilda beach - unidentified

Wore clothes of slight build, moderately worn, height 5ft 3 inches in height. "Beetle" had attacked the forehead, eyelids and back of both hands, and a bruise found on the back of the left hand. On the right forearm was tattooed in blue ink a sprig of flowers to a crown. No other injuries or marks of violence were found. Slight Rigor mortis was present.

The heart showed right side fullness with dark blue blood. No disease detected about the valves or its vessels.

The trachea contained little clear frothy foam free from obstruction. Both lungs the distended, voluminous congested & swollen. Both trachea free from any and no lesion. The right pleura thickened & adherent. No further disease found.

The liver, spleen and kidneys were free from disease. The stomach contained little chyme & found nothing of any importance characteristic.

No injury to the skull & no disease of the brain were found.

The Cause of Death was Suffocation from Drowning, a few hours previously.

John Brett

Taken and sworn before me the Second day

June 26 at Melbourne

[Signature]

Coroner.

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VICTORIA, TO WIT.

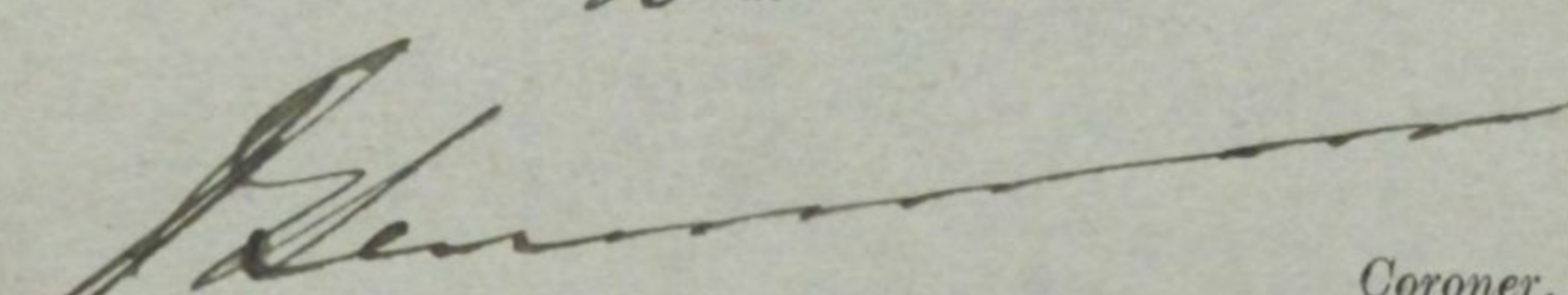
This Deponent\* **SAMUEL LEONARD HALE**  
 on his oath saith, I am a **POLICE CONSTABLE**  
 residing at **ST KILDA**

\*Christian and  
Surname in  
full.

On the 16th May last I went to the West Beach  
 St Kilda. I there saw the body of a man fully dressed, lying in the  
 water near the shore I removed the body from the water I found  
 that he was dead. There were no marks of violence on the body.  
 I had it removed it to the Morgue. I found £2-10/- in notes and a  
 pocket knife, and a pair of spectacles <sup>in the pockets.</sup>. The body was pointed  
 out to me by the witness Nugent. The Photo produced is that of  
 the man. PHOTO ATTACHED.

I have not found anything suspicious in this  
 matter..

*S. L. Hale*  
Const 7387

Taken and sworn before me the <sup>nd</sup> *2* day  
 of *June* 19 *16* at *Melbourne*  
  
 Coroner.