

THE ROYAL NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF A PATIENT TO THE CORONER

REC 1980
 29 DEC 1980
 Death House
 NEWCASTLE

SURNAME..... SLATER CHRISTIAN NAMES..... RICHARD
 SEX..... MALE DATE OF BIRTH..... 19-4-4 AGE..... 69 MARITAL STATUS..... M
 ADDRESS FROM WHICH ADMITTED..... [REDACTED] COOKS HILL
 PLACE OF BIRTH - COUNTRY & DISTRICT..... AUSTRALIA OCCUPATION..... OLD AGE PENSIONER
 (If Pensioner state type)
 ADMITTED..... 19-12-80 AT..... 1:30 a.m. DIED..... 22-12-80 AT..... 5:07 a.m.
 MEDICAL OFFICER..... PR. N. WALKER / DR. BOOKHILL / DR. GILLIES
 NEXT OF KIN..... GIVEN SLATER RELATIONSHIP..... WIFE
 ADDRESS..... [REDACTED] COOKS HILL

SYNOPSIS OF CLINICAL NOTES

A. History (including relevant past history) Admitted to ARA after being brought to hospital by
apparently assaulted in Bridwood Park. Brought in by Police
 PH - ① Myocardial infarct - 12 yrs ago ③ Cardiac Arrest under Anaesthesia ~ Sept 80
 ② Angina - 10 years ④ Hypertension - 10 years
 B. Examination on admission (including evidence of injuries, alcoholic consumption or other relevant clinical findings)

Conscious
Pupils equal and Reacting. Responding to vocal commands.
 (L) + (R) Subconjunctival / Periorbital haematoma, # (L) Zygoma (maxilla), (L) Temporal
 C. Subsequent progress: # Floor of Orbit Intraorbital Haematoma
On 20-12-80 transferred from bed 7

D. Treatment: but deteriorated at ~ 1 AM (22-12-80) = acute pulmonary oedema, falling BP, rising Pulse, tachypnoea and ischaemic changes (antidot) on ECG. Did not respond to treatment.
 - Digoxin - 0.25mg orally
 - Furosemide - 40mg BD
 - Slow K - 10 BD
 - Dexamethasone - 4mg BD
 E. Opinion as to cause of death: DOPAMINE - 2mg/10min + Oxygen.

(CARDIAC ARREST) ① LEFT VENTRICULAR FAILURE
 ② PULMONARY OEDEMA
 F. Additional remarks: ③ CARDIAC ISCHAEMIA
 ④ HEAD INJURY
 ⑤ FRACTURES / CHEST WALL INJURY

DATE..... 22-12-80
 Signature and Qualifications..... A. N. BULL
 PLEASE PRINT NAME..... A. N. BULL

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER
 Official Appointment

N.B. PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY ABBREVIATIONS