

MAN, 27, DIES IN CLIFF PLUNGE

A Manly man died when he fell about 150ft down a cliff at the end of Bower Street, Manly.

The 27-year-old man disappeared from his home about 5 pm on Wednesday.

Police believe he fell from a ledge which juts out about 50ft from the safety fence.

They said he liked to take long walks in the area.

It appeared he died instantly after landing feet first.

The body was found wedged under rocks and rosary beads were found nearby.

Police believe he was holding the beads when he fell.

A piece of paper with religious prose on it was found in his pocket.

Fisherman

Police said it appeared he fell between 6 pm and 7 pm.

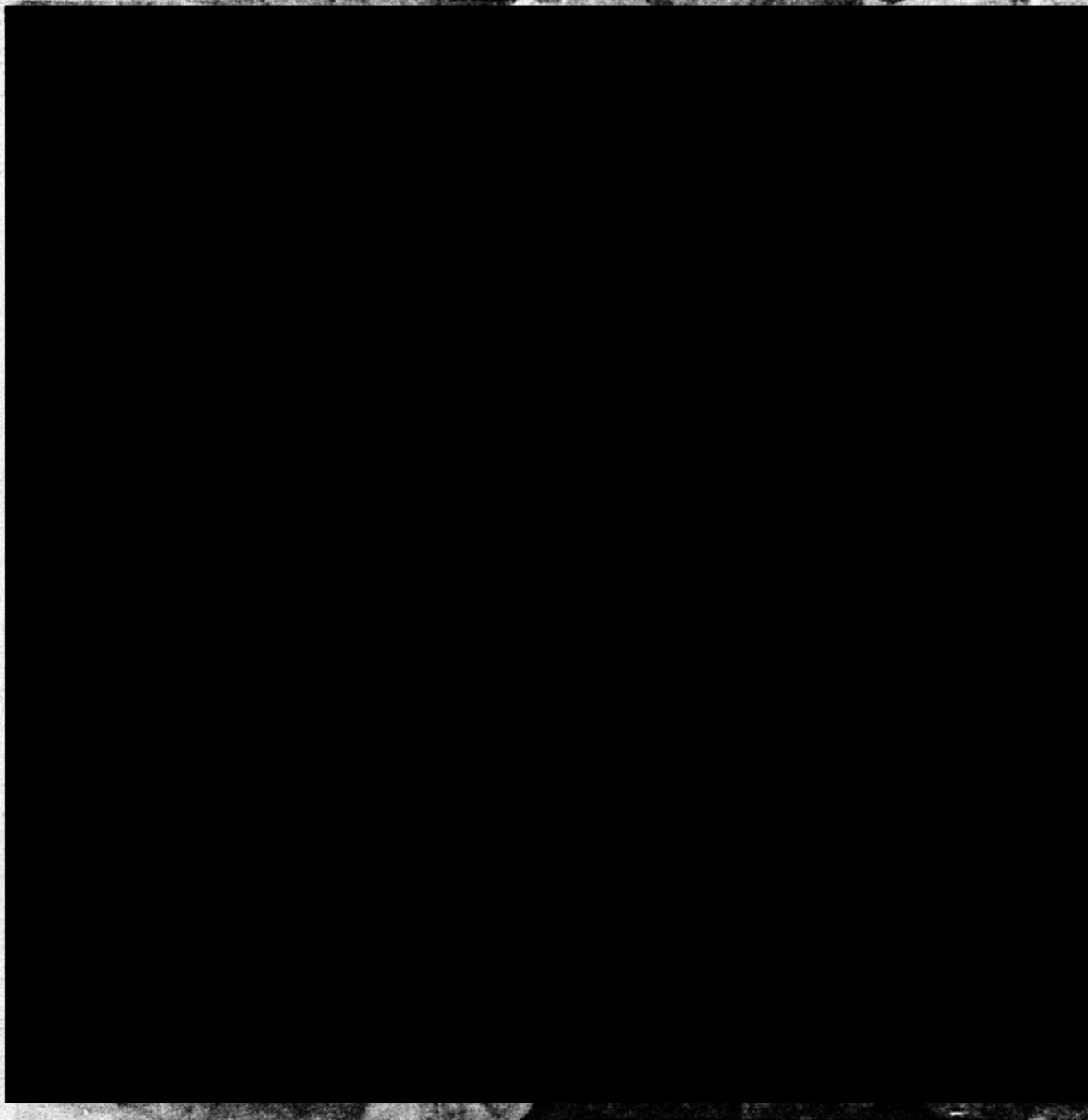
A rock fisherman found the body at 7 am yesterday.

He climbed the rock face and telephoned police.

Detectives and scientific experts examined the body before it was recovered by members of the Police Rescue Squad.

They strapped the body on a stretcher and hauled it up the cliff.

A coroner's inquest will be held.



Police Rescue Squad members prepare to haul a stretcher containing the body up the cliff.