

# CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent \* Crawford Henry Mollison  
on his oath saith, I am a legally qualified Surgeon  
residing at Melbourne

\* Christian and  
Surname in  
full.

1923 *HK*  
On the 24th day of February 1923 at the City Morgue,

Melbourne, I made a post mortem examination of the body of George Alexander Hughes.

The body was that of a sturdily built young man, five feet nine inches in height, it was fully dressed except for the collar, the front of the clothes was sprinkled with sand, rigor mortis and post mortem staining were present, the nails were livid, there were no marks of violence.

The Heart was large and the large veins were engorged with dark fluid blood, the Heart was in good condition, there was slight atheroma of the aorta, The Lungs were congested, there were no actual haemorrhages, the bronchi were congested, the windpipe was pale.

The Stomach contained thick fluid and food with an apply odour.

The Liver was firm and congested.

The Spleen was fibrous.

The Kidneys were unduly adherent, they were firm, congested and streaky.

The Brain was very congested.

Death was asphyxial in mode; the organs have been preserved for analysis.

If he had taken poison I would expect it to be strychnine He was not in a healthy condition.

*Crawford H. Mollison*

Taken and sworn before me the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1923 at Melbourne  
*James H. Cro*  
Coroner.