



Coroner's Court of Western Australia

**SUPPLEMENTARY RECORD OF INVESTIGATION INTO
DEATH**

Ref No: 09/14

*I, Rosalinda Vincenza Clorinda Fogliani, State Coroner, having investigated the death of **Arnold James KING** following an Inquest held at Perth Coroner's Court, Court 51 Central Law Courts, 501 Hay Street Perth on 10 March 2014, and following the receipt of further information, find that the identity of the deceased person was **Arnold James KING** and that death occurred between **7 and 13 November 2011** at **bushland near Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe Road, Ravensthorpe, Western Australia** from causes that are **unascertainable** in the following circumstances -*

LOCATION OF SKELETAL REMAINS OF MISSING PERSON

1. On 10 March 2014 I held an inquest into the suspected death of Arnold James KING (Mr KING) who had left his home in Ravensthorpe in November 2011, and disappeared.
2. On 19 May 2014 I found that the evidence established beyond all reasonable doubt that Mr KING died between 7 and 13 November 2011 somewhere in the bushland around Ravensthorpe, Western Australia. At that stage it was not possible to find Mr KING's cause of death, as his body had not been located.
3. For the same reason, it was not possible to be satisfied as to how Mr KING died, though there was no evidence that raised a suspicion about the involvement of a third person.
4. There were several possibilities as to how Mr KING died, and they included the possibility of having become disoriented and lost in the surrounding bushland, that he may have experienced dehydration exacerbated by his diabetic condition, or that he suffered a cardiovascular event. On 19 May 2014 I therefore made an Open Finding as to how death occurred.



5. On 29 July 2018 a bushwalker located human remains in the bushland near the Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe Road, Ravensthorpe. The bushwalker promptly informed the Ravensthorpe Police and the remains were retrieved.
6. On 6 August 2018 a post mortem examination was made on the skeletalised remains, and at the conclusion of the examination the forensic pathologists formed the opinion that the cause of death was unascertainable. I accept and adopt the forensic pathologists' opinion on cause of death.
7. On 20 September 2018 the forensic scientist reported that the DNA findings supported the proposition that the deceased person was Mr KING, and the family was informed. The skeletalised remains that were examined on 6 August 2018 were of Mr KING.
8. In light of the results of the post mortem examination, the Open Finding as to how death occurred that I made on 19 May 2014 remains unchanged.

R V C FOGLIANI
STATE CORONER

18 February 2020

