



STATE CORONER'S COURT
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Inquest:	Inquest into the death of GM
Hearing dates:	21 October 2015
Date of findings:	15 December 2015
Place of findings:	State Coroner's Court, Glebe
Findings of:	Deputy State Coroner T. O'Sullivan
Catchwords:	Coronial Law-Cause and manner of death- Suicide; death in police operation; police unable to prevent death; the Gap Park.
File number:	2014/174768
Representation:	Ms E. Sullivan, Counsel Assisting, instructed by Ms J. Geddes, Crown Solicitor's Office Mr P. Saidi of counsel instructed by Mr S. Robinson, Office of General Counsel, NSW Police Force (Commissioner of Police)
Findings:	The deceased was GM, born 1 November 1955. The deceased died at The Gap Park, Watsons Bay in the State of New South Wales. The deceased died on 11 June 2014. The cause of his death was the combined effects of blunt force injury of the chest and immersion. The deceased died as a result of deliberately jumping from a cliff at The Gap Park, Watsons Bay with the intention of ending his life.
Recommendations:	None
Non publication order:	Pursuant to s.75 of the <i>Coroners Act 2009</i> , I order that there be no publication of a report of the proceedings (or part of the proceedings) of the inquest.

Section 81(1) of the Coroners Act 2009 requires that when an inquest is held, the coroner must record in writing his or her findings as to various aspects of the death. These are the findings of an inquest into the death of GM.

Determination of the statutory findings required by s.81(1) of the Coroners Act 2009

Having regards to the oral and documentary evidence I am able to find:

Identity

1. The deceased was GM, aged 58.

Place of death

2. GM died at The Gap, Watsons Bay, Sydney.

Date of death

3. GM died on 11 June 2014.

Cause of death

4. The cause of death was the combined effects of blunt force injury of the chest and immersion.

Manner of death

5. GM died as a result of deliberately jumping from a cliff at The Gap Park, Watsons Bay, with the intention of ending his life.

Consideration of whether the applicable NSW Police Force policies and procedures have been followed, including the GAP Park SOPS (Rose Bay LAC) and the Critical Incident Guidelines

6. I am satisfied that the NSWPF policies and procedures have been followed. In particular, I am satisfied that the NSWPF Gap Park SOPS have been adhered to, and that the police operation undertaken with respect to GM was appropriate and professional.

T. O'Sullivan
Deputy State Coroner

15 December 2015