

Letter to Coroner April 2022

Good morning, Mr Ryan,

Following my initial request in November 2021 making an application to set aside the findings made by Coroner Nerida Wilson from Gwen's inquest in October 2021 and other emails I have sent since then, I am writing to respectfully ask if you would have an estimated timeframe on how long it may take for you to make a decision regarding my application.

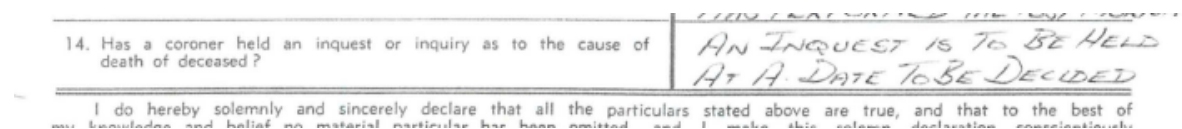
Please know that I am not trying to put pressure on you or be disrespectful in any way, however the new information that came to light at the inquest combined with the long-lasting effects of the way we were treated at those proceedings in Cairns has led to more grief and distress to our family than prior to this event.

In the absence of us being able to employ our own team of experts I have been attempting to do some further investigations and research on our behalf.

If I may bring your attentions to some following points of concern in addition to those I have set out in previous documents, with regard to Gwen's Cremation papers. As previously stated, there is the name of a male person (Kevin Alexander Osborne) on the Cremation Permit, (Page 3 of 11) and I have also noted that these documents refer to "he" instead of "she" on one of the pages.

Another incorrect fact is that the family was never informed that there would be a cremation.

It also states an inquest was to be held after her death, please see screenshot below, this never occurred in 1983.



With regard to Duncan Grover stating she had "raccoon eyes" when he identified her body at the morgue I have done want research I can from several scholarly articles and peer reviewed journals regarding racoon eyes.

One in particular discussed a suicide whereby the suicide victim did result in having racoon eyes after putting the muzzle of the gun under their chin and pulling the trigger. However, as you will see from the reports of Gwen's death, this is definitely not how Gwen died as the gunshot wound was in her left temple.

These articles I have researched also state that “racoon eyes” usually appear 1-3 days after the event, whereas Duncan Grover identified Gwen in the morgue on the day of 14th October (the day she was found deceased). In addition to this, everything I have read states that it is a “basil skull fracture” that causes racoon eyes, whereas from the reports of Gwen’s death, the bullet entered her left temple and exited in the high right parietal area.

Along with my previous emails pointing to the obvious failure of QPS in 1983 adhering to the General Instructions of that time (or indeed, anytime) the Cold Case investigator also made this comment in his report:

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58. There is an undeniable absence of detail within the original investigative documents as presently held by the Office of the State Coroner.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience and appreciate you taking the time to read my correspondence.

Have a safe and healthy Easter break,

Yours sincerely,

Sue Cole