

This Deponent, John Craven Smith, Police Sergeant, of Batlow, on this 27th. day of February, 1948, ~~withxxxxxx~~ on his oath saith as follows:

I am a Sergeant of Police stationed at Ballow. At about 10.30.a.m. on Wednesday, the 18th. February, 1948, from information received from Jack Harrap, I communicated with Dr. Cumpston, of Batlow, and the Batlow District ~~and~~ Coroner.

Shortly afterwards I accompanied the District Coroner and Jack Harrap to the top of Ash Street, where I met Dr. Cumpston and Wulfred Keenan, near the town water supply channel. Wilfred Keenan told us something, and I proceeded with the Coroner and Doctor to the water channel, where I saw the body of a woman floating face downwards in about 5 feet of water in the channel. The body was only partly clad. Assisted by the Doctor, I removed the body from the water, and Dr. Cumpston pronounced life extinct. The body of deceased was removed to her home, nearby, where it was later identified to the Batlow District Coroner, as that of Florence Lilico Keenan, by Wilfred Keenan, a son of the deceased.

There were no outward signs of violence on the body, and the Doctor stated that death had occurred approximately 12 hours previously.

*Taken and*  
Sworn by this deponent,  
on the date first written  
above, before me,

*L. E. Evans, J.P.*  
*batlow*

*J. C. Smith*  
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