

This Deponent, Jack Harrap, of Batlow, on this 27th. day of February, 1948,

On his oath saith as follows; I am a case make, employed at the Batlow Packing House, and reside in Selwyn Street, Batlow.

At about 9.30.a.m. on the 18th. Instant, Wilfred Keenan came to my home to see if his mother was there. She used to visit us at times, but she was not at my home on this occasion. I told him that she was not at my home, and he went home. At about 9.45.a.m. the same date I went to Wilfred Keenan's home, and waited whilst he rang several neighbours and relatives. He could not locate the deceased.

He suggested getting in touch with the Police and getting a search party to look for the deceased. I suggested that we have a look in the hills, and see if we could find her ourselves first.

We went up the hill at the top of Ash Street, and went to the town water supply channel, where we saw the body in the water in the channel. I immediately went to the Police station, and waited for Sergeant Smith and the Coroner, and then accompanied them to the locality. Dr. Cumpston, whom Sergeant Smith had rang, was there on our arrival. The body was taken out of the water by Sergeant Smith and Dr. Cumpston.

I have known the deceased for about 10 years, and I know that she suffered a lot of illness during that period. I have never heard her threaten to take her own life. I believe that she was in bed for a period of about 8 weeks just prior to this occurrence, suffering from some illness.

Sworn by this deponent,
on the date first mentioned
above, before me,

J. Harrap.....

L. E. Quarmby J.P......
Magistrate