

## Goon Ghi

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A magisterial inquiry was held at Chinaman's Flat, Rushworth, on Monday last, by Wolton Wigg, Esq., J.P., on the body of a Chinaman named Goon Ghi, who had been found dead in his hut on the previous morning.

Dr Heily deposed—I am a legally qualified medical practitioner, residing at Rushworth. I attended the deceased some time before his death. He was suffering from chronic disease of the heart and liver. He told me he had been ill for many years, and was at the time of my visit very weak and feeble. On Sunday morning last I went to deceased's hut to see him, and found that he was dead.

He was lying over the fire, and was severely burned. He had been dead a couple of days. Deceased had probably fainted and fallen into the fire, and thus received the injuries that had caused his death. He had no relations in the colony.

Constable McBride deposed—I am a mounted constable, residing at Rushworth. From information received I went to deceased's hut, and found him as described by Dr Heily. His nose was burned off, his left side burned badly, and the clothes on the front part of his body were destroyed and adhering to the flesh. Death had evidently taken place about a couple of days before. Everything about the place betokened misery and poverty. Deceased had no friends in the colony. There were no appearances of foul play.

Goon Ghi had resided on Rushworth about 14 years, and is what is known as a “hatter”.

He was apparently between 60 and 70 years old.

A verdict was returned that the deceased met with his death from injuries received by falling into the fire on or about the 8th inst.

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