

**INQUIRY INTO UNSOLVED MURDERS AND LONG-TERM
MISSING PERSONS CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES
BETWEEN 1965 AND 2010**

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My cousin Michael Austin's remains were found in Kangaroo Valley in the early 1980s. I don't believe there was a proper investigation into the possibility that he was murdered.

Michael Austin grew up in Wollongong. His skeletal remains were found in bush at Kangaroo Valley in the early 1980s by scouts

Police did not investigate whether he was murdered, and he may have been murdered, as Michael who was in his early 20s was a happy person, worked in building homes and there is no reason for him to be in the bush at Kangaroo Valley as he hadn't gone hiking or camping in the bush

He is not on the list of unsolved murdered and missing males