

Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957), Wednesday 15 June 1932, page 7**WOMAN'S BODY IN POOL.****RECOVERED BY DRAGGING.****Boys Met Death by Drowning.**

Using grappling irons from a boat obtained from Footscray, police recovered the body of Mrs. Ivy Jessie Letitia Russell, aged 27 years, of Maidstone, from the Sunshine swimming pool yesterday morning. It was found directly below a diving stage at the north end of the pool, about 70 yards from the place where the bodies of her two sons, Harold George Russell, aged 3½ years, and Eric Russell, aged 1½ years, were found on Sunday. The police also recovered from the pool a perambulator, in which it is believed the two children were taken to Sunshine.

Post-mortem examinations yesterday discovered that the two children had died from drowning, thus disposing of certain other police theories. It had been suggested by the police that the fact that the children's bodies were found floating face upward after a comparatively short immersion indicated that the boys were dead before they reached the water.

A strange feature of the tragedy is the fact that a blue gabardine overcoat, which is thought to belong to a man, was found in the pool. The body of Mrs. Russell was clothed in a reddish-brown coat. It is thought, however, that the blue overcoat may have been used to cover the children while they were in the perambulator.

The bodies of Mrs. Russell and her two children will be buried in the Footscray Cemetery on Thursday morning. The funeral will leave the home of Mrs. Russell's aunt, Mrs. Spurratt, Commercial road, Footscray, at half-past 10 o'clock.

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