

NEARLY 40 YEARS PASSED FOR HEALESVILLE'S MISSING GIRL: SUZANNE LAWRENCE

Suzanne Lawrence was just 16 years old when she was last seen walking through Healesville's Queens Park on the night of February 7th, 1987. 39 years ago, affectionately nicknamed Suzie, left a 21st birthday party at Healesville's Memorial Hall, to head to her close-by home on Campbell Road. Wearing a white dress and using a walking stick to support her walk following serious injuries, Suzi was at the old entrance of Healesville's Queen's Park when two known friends bumped into her for the last time. Suzi confidently declined the two boys' offer of company for the remainder of her walk, as she had walked the path many times. This was her last sighting and potentially her last ever conversation.

Known as someone who was loveable, emotional, fun, her friends and family cannot fathom anyone who would hurt Suzi, anyone who wouldn't see the light in her. Even on February 7th, where she dressed in a gown that was maybe too fancy for a local birthday, her friends say "she was really glowing that night". Even after the loss of her father two years earlier, and after surviving a serious car accident in coldstream, Suzie still wanted to go back to school, to be with her friends. She had wanted to live.



After countless articles, even those written by Andrew Rule from the Herald Sun, an in-depth and emotional podcast hosted by Emily Webb, a local journalist and co-host of Australian True Crime, features in Women's Day, after 39 years all these efforts from the media and Suzi's family has yielded no new information to where she might be.

Only rumours, alleged sightings and unanswered questions have followed Suzi into the dark. Quiet mumbles at local pubs between trusted friends, you might hear the phrase "Someone must know something". She was a daughter, a sister, and a good friend. She was a teenage girl. Healesville aches and wishes for her to no longer be a manilla folder, to no longer be reduced to a cold case, Healesville wants Suzanne Lawrance to come home.

If you have any information that may assist police to locate Suzanne, please call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

