THE identity of the Somerton man is a mystery that has left police and scientists baffled more than 67 years on.

His fully-clothed body was found by walkers at Somerton beach on December 1, 1948.

A post-mortem determined the man, aged about 45, died of poisoning but his identity remains a mystery to this day.

But an online crowd fundraiser is aiming to raise $200,000 to help solve the case once and for all. The website, Indiegogo, launched the fundraising effort on Tuesday and has so far raised just $390 from 11 donations.

It states that significant costs are associated with the required intensive searches of historical records and freedom of information applications. “Samples of the man’s hair have been preserved in a museum and we are performing ongoing work to analyse the isotopes in the hair to find clues as to the man’s movements in the last month of his life,” the fundraising website states.

“We have also determined that the hair stains positive for DNA and have found that his maternal DNA haplotype is H. “However, the DNA concentration levels in the hair are rather low for finding living relatives on genealogical DNA databases.”

The fundraising website is at: https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/identification-of-the-somerton-man#/story