



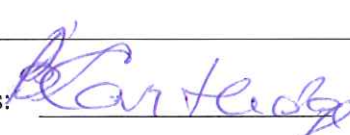
**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

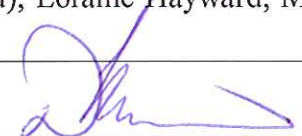
**Statement of Witness**

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Brian CARTLEDGE
<i>Date of Birth</i>	25/04/1936
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Occupation</i>	Retired
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Senior Constable Denise PARER
<i>Date taken</i>	12/09/2012

I, Brian CARTLEDGE state;

1. I am a former employee of the Department of Children's Services [herein referred to as the Department].
2. I commenced employment with the department in 1976 where I undertook duties as a youth worker at the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre. I performed duties at Sir Leslie Youth Centre for approximately 12 years before working for a short period of time at the Basil Stafford Centre. In 1988 I undertook employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre as a youth worker. I took up this position sometime in late 1988 and ceased employment there first half of 1999. I would have worked at the John Oxley Centre for approximately 6-8 months in total.
3. During the time of my employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre I recall Peter Coyne as the centre manager. Senior staff members included Deputy Manager Anne Dutney and Principals Rudi Pekelharing, Trevor Cox and Lyn Draper.
4. Other youth workers included Fred Feige, Lex Clements, 'Connie' Konicainin, 'Archie', Irene Colmer, Chris Edwards (now Deceased), Loraine Hayward, Marj

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JUDD, Alex Meulenberg, Michael Roch, Gordon Teasdale, Loriane McGreggor, June West, Bradley Parfitt, Barry Cassidy, Sister Hornery (Nurse), Jeffry Manitzzy (Social worker) and Jane Thirnbeck.

5. I remember there being a level of conflict between management and staff during my time at the John Oxley Youth Centre. From my own perception the majority of the conflict arose out of what appeared to be Peter Coyne's desire to move on staff he had 'inherited'. By this I mean several of the staff employed at the John Oxley Centre had come across from the Sir Leslie Wilson Centre. Amongst those persons there were some that held more formal qualifications and training than others. Again from my own perception, those staff members from Wilson who were perhaps less qualified appeared targeted. Any minor misdemeanours those persons may have committed resulted in them having to complete lengthy reports or undergo counselling for their actions, where as others did not.
  
6. During my time at John Oxley Youth Centre I recall providing a statement or some sort of incident report relating to what I remember as being a big stuff up. Essentially, I had been provided information that one of the male detainees had been intending on sneaking in to one of the girl's rooms that evening. I had provided briefing to another worker taking over from my shift. Although we both believed we were talking about the same information it later transpired we had not. I know that as a result of this miscommunication one of the males did in fact sneak in to the females room that night however do not believe that any sexual contact took place. I recall having to brief either Peter or Anne about the matter and that they were to take care of it. I do not recall how the matter was addressed. This is the only notification or statement I can ever remember raising with management at the John Oxley Youth Centre.
  
7. At no time during my employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre did I see or have any conversations with any persons relating to management concerns. After I left the John Oxley Centre I was contacted by a person of whose name and details escape me now.

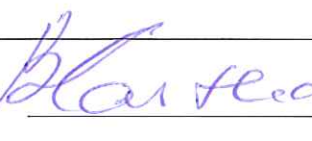
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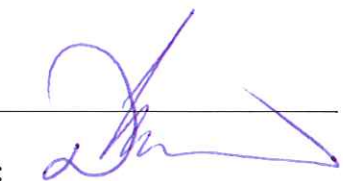
8. As a result of this contact I attended an office somewhere in George Street Brisbane where I spoke with a gentleman identified as a retired magistrate. I cannot recall his name. On that day he had with him a female associate. Again I cannot provide a name and do not recall her ever being formally introduced to me at the meeting.
9. I would describe this meeting as more a pleasant chat. Discussions related to Peter Coyne's management of the John Oxley Youth Centre. I remember specifically not naming names so to speak during this meeting, however the gentleman was able to fill in the blanks with the names I did not mention. The female associate recorded handwritten notes during the conversation.
10. At no time during this conversation did any party present make any reference or comment relating to any sexual abuse at the John Oxley Youth Centre or any other location.
11. Sometime much later after this meeting I remember news articles published about the Heiner Inquiry. After reading/seeing these articles I remember thinking that the meeting I had with the retired magistrate and the notes that had been taken were just to end up as littler as comment was made in the media that the Inquiry was not legally constituted and all materials had been shredded.
12. I do not have any knowledge of any other person who gave evidence at the Heiner Inquiry.
13. I have never given evidence or statement to any other inquiry in relation to my employment at the John Oxley Centre.
14. I have never been interviewed by any other person/s, other than the gentleman and his female associated referred to above, about my employment at the John Oxley Youth Centre.

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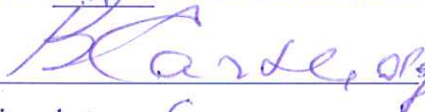


15. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Detective Parer attended my home address during which time I provided her with my knowledge of this matter.
  
16. During this conversation Detective Parer produced to me a photocopy of a hand written document dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1989 signed 'Very Concerned'. I am able to state that I am not the author of this document nor do I recognise the handwriting contained in the document.

Brian CARTLEDGE

**Declaration**

This written statement by me dated 21-09-2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

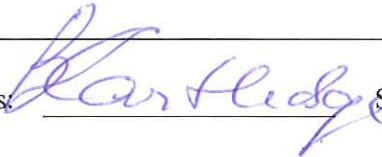
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Signed at COORPAROO this 21<sup>st</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 20 12

Witnessed:

 Signature

Name D Parer Rank DSC Reg. No. 10736

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