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Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Jane Vivian Mumford
<i>Date of Birth</i>	13/03/1962
<i>Address and contact details</i>	Known to Detective Sergeant Colless
<i>Occupation</i>	Cookery teacher
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant Fabian Colless
<i>Date taken</i>	19/10/2012

I, Jane Vivian Mumford state;

1. My full and correct name is Jane Vivian Mumford and I am 50 years of age having been born on the 13 March 1962. I am currently employed as a cookery teacher at Central Queensland TAFE.
2. On the 19 October 2012, I was interviewed by Detective Sergeant Colless, investigator from the Office of the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, and provided the details contained with this statement.
3. I am a former employee of the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC), I did not work at Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre. I started at JOYC at the very beginning, I was a brand new employee, part of the start-up crew, so when JOYC first opened. I was there when the children entered the centre. I had never worked in a youth detention centre before; my only experience with children is that I had a background in scouting. I was also a qualified chef.
4. I remember I was interviewed as the chef/youth worker at JOYC. As part of my duties as a cook/chef I was responsible for cooking meals for the staff and children.

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5. The only direct contact with children that I had at JOYC was when I would deliver the meals and also when I would have a one-on-one with specific children that involved teaching specific children life-skills where we would bring them into the kitchen and teach them some kitchen and cooking skills. For example I recall ninety percent of the kids did not know how to use a potato peeler. It was a case of building a rapport with the kids and teaching them some skills. I recall one girl was considering doing an apprenticeship as I was a qualified chef, but that didn't eventuate.
6. I remember that I didn't spend a lot of time up in the wings where the children and youth workers were.
7. I was thirty weeks pregnant with my son when I left JOYC so I think I would have left in September 1990 as he was born on the 21 November 1990. He is almost 22 years of age. I didn't believe in taking maternity leave so I just finished up and I did not return to JOYC.
8. I recall that the centre manager at JOYC when I was there was Peter Coyne. I think that Peter moved on from JOYC when I there still there. I cannot recall who the manager who was after this. I also remember one of the managers (deputy) there was a female called Jenny (Foote) who had polio and walked with a cane and another female manager call Anne (Dutney).
9. When I first started there at JOYC there were two cooks myself and another cook called Scott (Healing). Scott later became a youth worker at JOYC. Another chef , Kerry Deakin (Jones), came in and replaced Scott
10. I have kept in contact with two of my colleagues who are Kerry Deakin now Kerry Jones and Lorraine Logan. Lorraine Logan worked in housekeeping and had taken over the position from a Deidre Duncan. Diedre was the start-up housekeeper and she was responsible for issuing clothes and things like that to the children. I also remember a Gloria McNeven and her son Peter McNeven who was a youth worker at

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JOYC. I also remember a Josie and an Effie working there. Josie was one of the cleaners.

11. When I was at JOYC in 1989/1990, I was not aware of any specific problems occurring there. I was situated down in the kitchen so I was somewhat isolated. I agree that there were some tensions between management and staff at JOYC when I was there however I do not know of any specific details, just the feelings that things were not right. I had suspicions that there were some tensions between staff and a female principal or senior youth worker there. This was neither Anne nor Jenny.
12. I was also aware that there were some tensions between staff and Peter Coyne when I was there but I do not know the specifics of these tensions. I think it was about how he managed things and some of his directives but again I could not tell you any specifics.
13. I was not a member of any union while I was employed at JOYC. I did not supply any statements to any person or body about problems at JOYC at any time.
14. I remember something to the effect of an inquiry that was conducted at JOYC in later 1989 or early 1990 however I did not take part in this inquiry while I was at JOYC or outside of JOYC.
15. I did not give this inquiry any statements or evidence in relation to allegations of sexual abuse nor did I supply any anonymous letters to any body or person.
16. I cannot recall of any persons giving evidence to this inquiry.
17. I was not aware of any allegations of sexual abuse while I was employed at JOYC involving staff and or children. I was aware of the reasons why there were separate rooms and dormitories for children but I was not aware of any specific allegations of sexual abuse. I heard rumours associated with of one of the male child residents

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having allegations of committing sexual offences in the external foster care but not while at JOYC.

18. I did not attend the Ford inquiry, nor did I give any evidence, statements or submissions to the Ford Inquiry.

19. I have not given any evidence or submit any statements or submissions to any parliamentary inquiries.

20. I have never been interviewed by any other persons, police or media in relation to the Inquiry at JOYC.

Jane Vivian Mumford

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 19 October 2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 4 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J Mumford. Signature

Signed at Mackay this 24 day of October 20 12

Witnessed:

 Signature

Name P. G. Colless Rank D/Sgt Reg. No. 9632

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