



3 E

QCPCI

Date: 26.11.2012

Exhibit number: 55



QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Our reference: [eDocs document number]

Statement of Witness

<i>Name of Witness</i>	Lynne Diane Woolard
<i>Date of Birth</i>	28/05/1954
<i>Address and contact details</i>	
<i>Occupation</i>	Retired
<i>Officer taking statement</i>	Detective Sergeant J A MISON
<i>Date taken</i>	30/10/2012

I, Lynne Diane Woolard state;

1. I am of 58 years of age.
2. My maiden surname was Draper.
3. I am a former employee of the Department of Family Services, [herein referred to as the department].
4. I first started working for the department in 1978. I was employed by the department as a Registered Nurse (RN) at the Wilson Youth Hospital. Wilson then became the Sir Leslie Wilson Youth Centre. I graduated from nursing at the Princess Alexandria Hospital in 1975.
5. Whilst I worked at Wilson I took leave to undertake a Post Graduate paediatric certificate at the Royal Children's Hospital which I completed in the early eighties.



Witness signature..........Signature of officer..........

6. During 1986 to 1987 I was involved in the setting up of a new youth facility. This facility became known as the John Oxley Youth Centre, [herein referred to as JOYC] .This was a brand new purpose built facility for children in care of the department. This centre was designed to change the style of care of residents.

7. The centre opened in about February 1987. The first manager of the centre was Terry McDermott. Upon commencing duty at JOYC I was employed as a Principal Youth Worker. Basically my role was to be in charge a shift. I was also involved in the admissions process.

8. Terry McDermott wasn't the manager for a long time. Terry's replacement was Peter Coyne. Peter was a social worker and he may have come from within the department. Peter had a couple of deputies under him. These included Jennifer Foote and Anne Dutney. I think Jennifer Foote was also Terry's deputy at some stage.

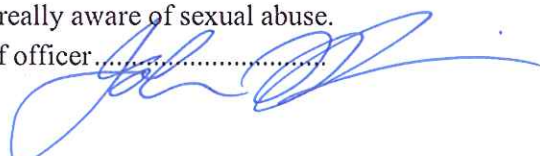
9. Some of the staff that I can recall working back then at JOYC as follows; Peter Coyne – manager, Anne Dutney – Deputy Manager, Jennifer Foote – deputy manager, Rudy Pekalharig – Principal youth worker, Trevor Cox – principal youth worker, Eileen Bisby – senior youth worker, Bruce Cassidy – senior youth worker, Ray Bently – principal youth worker from Westbrook, Colin Bray – senior youth worker, Lex Clemence – youth worker, Fred Feige – senior youth worker, Mark Freemantle –youth worker, Lorraine Haywood- youth worker, Daniel Lannen – youth worker, Jeffrey Manitzky – wasn't a youth worker maybe social worker, Lorraine McGregor –Registered Nurse, Peter McNeven – youth worker, Karen Mersaides – teacher, Sarah Moynihan – activities, Mariana Pearce – youth worker, Warren Chistensen – youth worker, Sabina Konicanin – youth worker, Michael Roch – youth worker, June West – youth worker, Diane Fields – youth worker, Jan French – youth worker, Ted Guzowski – not sure if he was a youth worker, Paul Hamson – youth worker, Kit Mountery – nurse, Margaret Judd – youth worker, Ken Kleidon – youth worker, Trudy Lewis was Anne Dutney' sister – alarm system watcher, Bronwyn Marshall – youth worker, Gloria Mcneven – kitchen, Alexander Meulenberg – mechanics teacher, Mark Mills – youth worker, Jane Mumford –kitchen, Lola Nolan – youth worker, Archie – youth worker, Brad Barfitt – youth worker, Brian Parker – office, Trudy Parker – office, Jodie Preston – office, Josie Russo – cleaner, Jane Thirnbeck – youth worker, Marion Drew – social worker, Gary Truloff – youth worker, Jill Wesche – youth worker, Wayne Armstrony – youth worker, Narend Nath – youth worker, Ken Gerke – youth worker, Darren Leahay – youth worker, David Farnwell – teacher or social worker, David Smith – youth worker, David Lloyd – youth

Witness signature..........Signature of officer..........

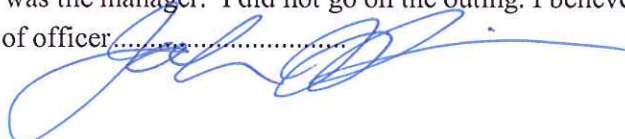
worker, Janice Brimstone – youth worker, Bronwyn Margaret Friend - alarm system watcher, Kerry Deakin – youth worker, Owen Morrison – youth worker, Diedre Duncan – youth worker, Gary Haviland – youth worker, James Douglas – youth worker, Chris Edwards – youth worker, Bruce Goggins – youth worker, Daryl Hood – youth worker, Terry Owens – groundsman, and Gordon Teasdale – youth worker, Gary Thompson – social worker who married Marion Drew, and Gordon Cooper – teacher.

10. During my time at JOYC I also relieved in the higher positions of deputy manager and manager of the centre.
11. Whilst Peter Coyne was manager there were some staff that didn't accept Peter Coyne's management style. I was not one of these staff. I was in fact a supporter of Peter Coyne and the deputy's approach.
12. The union subsequently became involved with the staff grievances at JOYC. I believe one group wrote to Peter Coyne's superior and made a complaint. There were a number of issues that were raised. The sequence of events is hazy so I don't know what set it off exactly. I know there was an issue with handcuffs. There was another issue about the school outing where there was an allegation that a girl was raped by two of the residents. There was also a riot at the centre which was widely reported in the newspapers at the time. I am sure there are other issues that were raised but I cannot recall them.
13. I not sure of the breakdown of which staff were involved in the grievance, I have some inkling that Danny Lannen was involved but I am not sure. I felt I was the only principal that supported Peter Coyne's management style.
14. I felt Peter Coyne was kind and fair to the residents. I also felt that he would not tolerate residents being physically aggressive to staff or other residents.
15. I am aware of the Heiner Inquiry that occurred back then. I presumed the Heiner Inquiry was created over the perceived treatment of residents and part of this would have been complaints made against Peter Coyne by some staff. I knew this Inquiry was occurring whilst I was at JOYC due to the level discussion amongst staff and their unrest.
16. I believe I would of sent something in writing to this inquiry because of my support for Peter Coyne. I don't recall if I wrote anything about sexual abuse in this letter or submission. Back then I wasn't really aware of sexual abuse.

Witness signature.....Signature of officer.....



17. I remember sometime around the time of the Inquiry I met with one person at JOYC. I can't remember this person's name but I think it was Peter Coyne's immediate boss, however I am not sure of this. I can say the person I met with was a male person in his late fifties. This person could have had the name of George as a first name but I am not sure. I don't recall the actual discussion I had with this person but looking back now I believe it was about Peter Coyne and the general running of the centre.
18. Looking back now I believe I was also involved in lots of meetings at JOYC with other department officials during the Peter Coyne crisis.
19. I don't recall if I ever attended and gave evidence at the Heiner Inquiry.
20. My memory of these times or perceptions is that the Heiner Inquiry was unfair in that Peter Coyne's supporters including myself were not given much of a say about what was going on at the JOYC.
21. I also recall back then during the Inquiry I wrote a letter to the Director General of the department, Ruth Matchett. I can't recall the contents of this letter but I believe it would of been about my support of Peter Coyne and the fact residents were treated fairly. This letter would have been very generalised. Back then I had a belief I may lose my job due to senior departmental staff attitude towards management at JOYC.
22. At no stage during the Inquiry did I get the impression that Peter Coyne sought support from me. As stated I was already a supporter of Peter Coyne and his methods.
23. On the 30th October 2012 Detective Mison showed me a letter dated (22/09/1989) addressed to Ms J. Walker and signed Lynne Draper. I am the author of this letter. I recognised my signature on the bottom of the second page. I recall J Walker to be Janine Walker.
24. Whilst I worked for the department I was a member of the relevant union. I considered myself not active in the union.
25. I remember a sexual incident involving an aboriginal female resident called Annette Harding during a school outing from JOYC. I don't know the date when this incident occurred however Peter Coyne was the manager. I did not go on the outing. I believe on



the day of the incident Rudy Pekalharung may have been the principal youth worker but I am not sure. I can recall the teacher Karen Mersaides was on the outing. I have a vague memory of supervising a visit between Annette Harding and her mother at the time of this incident. In my position as a principal youth worker I have heard lots of discussion at the centre amongst management and staff. I have also obtained information from the media reports.

26. I remember while I was working at JOYC there was talk at the centre about a relationship between youth worker [redacted] and resident [redacted]. I recall I only had suspicions however I have since learned that [redacted] and [redacted] got married and had children together.
27. I resigned from the department in either 1993 or 1994. Since leaving the department I have not provided any statements or interviews to any person about my time at JOYC.

Declaration

This written statement by me dated 30-10-2012 and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 5 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature] Signature
Signed at Brisbane this 30th day of October 2012

Witnessed:
[Signature] Signature
Name J.A. Mison Rank Det Sgt Reg. No. 8065