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QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Statement of Witness

Name of Witness	Cindy Maree Ranger
Date of Birth	24/05/1967
Address and contact details	Known to Det. Senior Sergeant Barber
Occupation	Education and Information Officer, National Relay Service
Officer taking statement	Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber
Date taken	10/10/2012

I, Cindy Maree Ranger state;

- 1. I am a former worker of the John Oxley Youth Centre (JOYC). I was employed as an Arts Worker for the Centre working in the teaching unit. I replaced the previous Arts Worker, Sara Moynihan.
- I commenced employed with the Department of Communities in about 1989. I left JOYC and resigned from the Department of Communities in 1990, after about 18 months, to travel overseas.
- 3. My position was part of the program team including the teachers, a psychologist, and a nurse, Kim Yuke.
- 4. Kim was there when I got there and she became my friend and mentor and we ran some young mums work shops together.
- 5. I remember the Centre being quite progressive and being allowed to take some of the low risk detainees out of the centre to visit various the art galleries and exhibitions.

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- 6. I remember Anne Dutney was the Deputy Manager of the Centre, because I think I reported to Anne. There may have been someone in between Anne and I, I just can't remember. I may have spoken with Anne about once a month. The Manager of JOYC, while I was there, was Peter Coyne.
- I remember there being only two male teachers in the teaching unit. One was older and one was younger. They are only teachers I recall working at JOYC while I was there.
- 8. I remember there was a Jeff Manitzky in the teaching unit. He was a psychologist I think. I remember a 'Connie', but don't remember anyone else. I can remember lots of faces, but I can't remember their names.
- 9. I recall there being an internal investigation while I was at JOYC. I don't remember who told me about it, but I agreed to be interviewed because I had nothing to hide.
- 10. It was my sense that the investigation was about Peter Coyne. It seemed to be about a clash between a more progressive approach to detention and more punitive approach from people who want to resist change.
- 11. I remember that after the investigation Anne left and Peter got seconded to desk job in Ipswich. I don't recall who replaced Peter as the Manager at JOYC.
- 12. I don't remember who organised the interviews for the investigation. They all happened over a week or so I think. I don't remember when I was interviewed. The interviews were conducted at JOYC. I don't remember who or how many people interviewed me. I seemed to remember someone doing the interview and an admin person, and maybe another person. I don't remember if the interview was recorded. I didn't prepare any written statement or anything ahead f time.

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- 13. I don't recall my interview taking very long. It seemed like I was asked a list of standard questions like; have I witnessed any incidents, etc. I said, "No."
- 14. I got the sense the investigation was actually about any incidents that might have occurred at JOYC and not about Coyne like I first thought. I feel like it was an older man who asked me the questions.
- 15. I don't remember there being any questions about child sexual abuse and I didn't raise any issues regarding child sexual abuse.
- 16. I had a pretty good relationship with a lot of the young girls and there were times they spoke to me about problems they were having. I feel they would have been comfortable talking to me but none of them spoke to me about sexual abuse.
- 17. I believe all of the people in the teaching unit cooperated with the investigation and agree to be interviewed. I remember discussing giving evidence with the teachers but I don't recall anyone discussing child sexual abuse.
- 18. Prior to speaking with Detective Barber, I have never been approached by the police, the media or any other person regarding my time at JOYC. I have never given evidence at any other investigation, inquiry or hearing, and I have never provided any statement, document or other written material to any person regarding my time at JOYC.
- 19. I haven't kept any records, and do not have in my possession any books, documents, or writings, including any electronic records, connected in any way to my employment at JOYC.
- 20. On 10 October 2012, I attended the Commission's offices in George Street, Brisbane by appointment and spoke with Detective Senior Sergeant Brett Barber. At this time I provided a statement to Detective Barber. Detective Barber also showed me a document signed 'Very Concerned'. I had never seen this document

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before and did not recognise the handwriting. I did not write the document and could not assist with identifying the author.

- 21. Detective Barber also read to me a list of names. I vaguely recognised some of the names as youth workers at JOYC while I was there but I don't recall anything particular about these people.
- 22. I did recognise the names David Smith and Gordon Tensdale as the two teachers in the teaching unit while I was at JOYC.
- 23. I also recognised the name Rudy Pekelharing. Rudy may have been a bit higher up than a youth worker and he may have had something to do with organising the programs with the kids, including my program.
- 24. I also recognised the name . I remember hearing that one of the girls, might have had a relationship with one of the workers. I later visited after she left JOYC and found that she was in a relationship with and hey had had a couple of children together.

Cindy Maree Ranger

Declaration
This written statement by me dated 10/10/12 and contained in the pages numbered
1 to is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signed at Moerroolen this 12 day of // 20 12
Witnessed: Signature
Name B. Barber J. MISON B. Rank Det. Senior Sergeant Reg. No. 6382-
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