

15-10-01 - GARTH AT GARTH'S HOUSE WITH GREG CLIFTON

Valium if needed – normally 1 at night.

Prothiedon – antidepressant – monitored.

Dilantin

1. Lou Daniels

Everybody knew it was happening. Bishop knew about it (Bishop Davies).

Never good friends. At games in East Devonport decided things were wrong and decided not to have anything to do with Lou and CEBS (boy scouts)

Felt it was Bishop's obligation and he knew

I wasn't involved and not emotionally involved.

2. Patterns of Relationship

REDACTED – late puberty and mother going through change of life.

Mother placed him in Psychiatric Ward at Mersey General and doctor released him into my care until he was able to confront his parents.

Steven had some dubious friends – one was a real queer (n?) – poofy character.

Steven was an outgoing person. He was a wise child, early learnt how to manipulate adults.

He is a failed hippie/yuppie. Reports he uses recreational drugs. Thinks this whole thing is manipulation – getting money – out of church or victims of crime (VOC).

He was very outgoing and extraverted. He could read adults and was aware of sexuality before he was capable of sex. (why how) How he exploited me and my friends.

The time I thought it was friendship. Since investigation by CIB that it was manipulation.

(Adults) friends with everybody.

Triabunna – made friends & got a job and got on

He did not know what he was doing but did manipulate.

Di

Di was incensed – she only saw me act in a fatherly manner. I have got friends Di does not like.

Male bonding

If something silly or funny – hugging

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Has been – agrophobic
Depressed
Alcohol abusing
epileptic

? currently depressed. (my thoughts not his).

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Still hit the bottle when down

Alcohol and nervous breakdown – end of ministry at Buckland 10-12 years.

Breakdown – overwork – loneliness in being a single in country town.

Only clergyman of any denomination

Alcohol – grown over the years

Started Hamilton, Macquarie Plains 73-83 - but escalated since

Breakdown – fits, blackouts, didn't see pink elephants going up the wall, but close to it, withdrawal from people

[Break]

(Used to go with other clergy ?) - Lou Daniels youth group. All in the same age group the young and old. Not many in middle age group. I kept an eye on him. There was a reputation going around that various clergy were swapping boys. Know there were priests of dubious morals.

(Activities) – bush walking, climbing - not structured. Went up to my shack or lived on boat () 5 – 10 (kids) (3 or 4 day camps)

(showering) No more than anyone else. Most was Steven. I always avoided putting Steven in a position where he might be shy (How did you know) His mother told me

(Boundaries) self obvious. The way anyone else would behave. Slap on bum, push - in passing – In front of his Mum or Di. Nothing said (other males)

Did not feel inhibited with him or him with me.

Once touched him on bed - on his birthday – [REDACTED] in room.

(As priest) (Gave examples) not aware of making habit (of sitting people on lap). (Touching genitals) Don't think so.

I taught him to drive in paddock

(Alcohol) I never arranged for them to have it, but they would get it. Adults would be around.

(Was he affectionate) Yes (how) nothing terribly overt. He called me Garth.

Think he called me rector

Definitely things I don't remember. (Some of these happened). Wouldn't think so – can't answer with accuracy.

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(At that time any sexual relationship?) No not really
(sexual relief) nothing – always been pretty asexual
(Since) forever
(Noticed any change) less inclined to think sexually

(Younger) (masturbate) weekly
(Opportunities) – plenty. Women around who think seducing clergy is a conquest. Almost had to fight them off.
(Di.) not any more – pretty impotent, with medication

Dilantin

Valium

Prothiaden (tricyclic antidepressant) Prothiedine – general compliment to Valium

Under Richard Climie GP

Jacob George - seen him several sessions over months

John Edis Hospital

(Genital touching)

Not something I couldn't or wouldn't – but not seeking out

Not out of lust

(in context) - wouldn't be out of boundaries

(why Steve now making these allegations?)

Don't know – going way of his mother?

(solution) - Don't know

if he wants an apology – I'll give him (for what?) don't know

Not as if he blackmailed me. He's got to accept CIB have accepted no case

I've been chastised for no reason of my own

Offered to hand licence into Bishop but if I did that, seen as liability

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