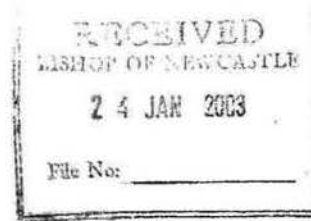


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**CONFIDENTIAL-SENSITIVE
 INFORMATION**

Bishop Roger Herft
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Dear Bishop Roger,

I have been contacted by the Reverend Rosemary Gillham, Pastoral Care Officer of the Central Coast, regarding a matter brought to her attention by the CKR. The issue concerns Ian Barrack, a former student of St. John's College, Morpeth. As you are aware, an allegation of sexual assault was made against Ian Barrack by the CKU. It is alleged the assault occurred six years ago. This matter was brought to the attention of the former Archdeacon of Newcastle, Fr. Bruce Hoare and yourself approximately one year ago. You referred the matter to the police. The issue is being managed by police at REDACTED. The REDACT family has been advised that the police are continuing with their investigations concerning Mr. Barrack and there could be a possibility of further charges being made against him.

In her role as Pastoral Care Officer, the Reverend Rosemary Gillham, was discussing various parish matters with the CKR when the CKR also advised her that she wished to discuss the matter of Ian Barrack. It appears that three members of the REDACT family, when present at a Beach Mission organised by Scripture Union at Towoon Bay Central Coast, observed a person they believe to be Ian Barrack at the Beach Mission. It is unknown if he was acting as an actual pastoral member/leader of the Mission Team. Naturally, the REDACT family are concerned that Ian Barrack appears to be involved in activities with children and young people in a church setting. It is also unknown if he is involved with any other church organization within the Sydney area.

It may well be that the Diocese has a duty of care with regard to advising Scripture Union that Ian Barrack is being investigated with regard to sexual assault of a minor. However, my personal concern is that it appears that issue/s relating to Ian Barrack are still in the process of being investigated by police and my understanding is that the Diocese probably has a responsibility not to impinge on that investigation.

I have also been advised, that the REDACT family have not been informed of the responsibility of the Diocese towards them, as well as Diocesan support services that may be offered to them.

Sincerely

JEAN SANDERS
 CHAIR – CASM.