

Information from Robert Stocks to Independent Enquiry:

3 October 2003

Chronology taken from Diary Notes:

Date	Event Description:
15 April 1997	Noted contact with Valerie Crawford (partner of Robert McClelland) who was living at Harrogate Camp site and was experiencing some health issues.
Afternoon 7 May 1997	Carried out a safety inspection of campsite and identified a number of serious hazards and called in an electrician.
26 May 1997	Geoff Blackwood preparing questions for Harrogate investigation.
1pm 27 May 1997:	Geoff Blackwood and Robert Stocks signed off on questions for Harrogate mismanagement investigation. Carried out 2 Investigation interviews.
2.00pm	Interviewed Peter Bleby, Manager of Brandenburg
3.00pm	Interviewed Robert Brandenburg in relation to negligence/mismanagement issues.
28 May 1997	Met again with Peter Bleby to for further clarification re investigation.
12.30 pm 28 May 1997	Met with Caretaker, Robert McClelland, at Harrogate Campsite. He made insinuation about Brandenburg often being in company of adolescent boys and them staying overnight at the campsite together. He had raised this and how it looked with Brandenburg who downplayed the allegation.
12 noon, 2 June 1997	Geoff Blackwood and Robert Stocks interviewed Robert Brandenburg and put allegations made by McClelland to him. He took his time in answering before denying any involvement with paedophilic activities. He did say something strange when asked directly about his involvement with young males. "I am sorry I make it so hard on you young guys". Not sure what was meant by that comment.
24 June 1997	Written report compiled and delivered to Anglicare SA CEO, Gerard Menses. Recommending Brandenburg be dismissed for mismanagement of campsites and that the allegations around paedophilic activities be further investigated with reference to SA police.
18 July 2003, 11 am	I received a telephone call from Chris Sharp from Hunt and Hunt telling me he was representing Jan Horsnell, CEO from Anglicare SA. He read an article from Advertiser Friday 11/7/2003 that quoted an Anglicare employee talking about internal investigations into Brandenburg. He asked me if I had spoken to the journalist in question. I answered that I

had never spoken to the journalist on any matter. I felt uncomfortable when Chris Sharp Responded with "Thank you and hopefully I will not have to trouble you again about this in the future."

I Robert Stocks worked at Anglicare SA between April 1994 and January 1999 in the Human Resources department. During that time I was requested by the CEO to conduct a number of internal investigations into complaints or allegations made by Staff. Unfortunately during my employment at Anglicare there were significantly high numbers of complaints and allegations so that the internal investigations terms of reference and reporting formats became standardized.

Investigating procedure was basically:

1. Appointed to investigation panel by CEO
2. Develop terms of reference for investigation.
3. Carry out investigation
4. Document findings and make recommendations to CEO

It was then up to the CEO to take whatever action they thought appropriate.

Between May and June 1997 I was the safety manager for Anglicare SA and what began as a site inspection of the Harrogate Campsite became an investigation into negligence on the part of the campsite manager Robert Brandenburg. During the course of the investigation allegations were made to the extent that Robert Brandenburg often had young males accompany him on his overnight visits to Harrogate Campsite. When questioned as part of the investigation Brandenburg denied involvement with any paedophilic activities.

The CEO at the time, Gerard Menses was briefed as the investigation proceeded and a written report was delivered to the CEO recommending the dismissal of Brandenburg and further investigation of the allegations about Brandenburg's activities with adolescent males with reference to SA Police.

I was informed by my Manager Geoff Blackwood that the CEO had received the report. I understand that in response to the report, the CEO met with Robert Brandenburg with Peter Bleby present and questioned Brandenburg.

The result. Brandenburg was not dismissed. He was moved out of campsites and given another more administrative role. He retired a few months later. The CEO resigned and moved interstate a few months later.

I believe Brandenburg should have been dismissed and the allegations referred to the SA Police for criminal investigation.

From this I believe the CEO of Anglicare SA, Gerard Menses, as a high profile representative of the Adelaide Diocese of Anglican Church had notice or at least warning into alleged criminal activities of Robert Brandenburg and the failure to respond appropriately contributed to the Church failing to carry out its duty of care to its parishioners and the wider public.

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