



The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

5 March 2013

Mr Keith Allen came to visit John Cleary without notice at approx. 2.45pm today Mr Allen explained that the nature of his visit was to discuss Professional standards matters (particularly relating to the Reverend Steven Gray (deceased)).

Mr Allen advised the following

- Reverend Gray's behaviour at the parish of Wyong was not isolated to the particular event relating to the current compensation claim. Mr Allen advised that he was aware of another event e.g. Where the Reverend Gray was quote "having sex with an underage male on top of a table with lamingtons on the table also." Mr Allen also recalls advising Mr John Woods (former Registrar of the Diocese) at the time of this matter and, as Mr John Woods, according to Mr Allen was "homophobic" Mr Allen thought it was amusing to bring some lamingtons to that meeting. Mr Allen advised that Bishop Holland was aware of Reverend Gray's conduct in the Diocese of Sydney prior to being a licenced priest in the Diocese of Newcastle "
- Mr Allen first mentioned this story last Thursday following the DC Board meeting in the presence of Reverend Hugh Bright who appeared to be familiar with the story.
- The Rev Keith Clark (deceased) parish of The Entrance was aware of Reverend Gray's activities and suggested to Mr Allen to quote "move him on"
- Bishop Richard Appleby was also aware of the problems as was the Reverend [REDACTED]
- Mr Allen advised that the Reverend [REDACTED] himself was involved with young boys and was "moved on" from the Diocese of Newcastle to the Diocese of [REDACTED] for this reason in order to avoid further problems in the Newcastle Diocese.
- Mr Allen also advised that there was problems in the Morisset area as the then rector (no name) was quote "extremely camp"
- Mr Allen advised that the Reverend Gray used to have meetings with groups of young boys under the rail bridge at Wyong around the time that "Nick Greiner became Premier of NSW". The Reverend Gray, according to Mr Allen, plied the boys with cigarettes and alcohol and quote "things went on" and to this day the police have no knowledge of this matter
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- Mr Allen advised that if ever I needed to know anything further about Reverend Gray's activities he would be happy to advise me. Mr Allen acted for the Reverend Gray in a criminal trial.
- Mr Allen advised that the date of resignation of the Reverend Gray was falsified.
- Mr Allen advised that research should be done on Bishop Holland files relating to the parish of Wyong and/or the Reverend Gray as there should be plenty of information on these files which would be fairly damning
- Mr Allen advised that Bishop Holland was told to keep out of the matters and that should Mr Allen become aware of Bishop Holland's need to be called for the Royal Commission he would advise Bishop Holland to say that he cannot remember any of these events
- Mr Allen asked why the director of professional standards was now investigating matters during matters during Bishop Holland's time and under what authority
- Mr Allen advised that he is unwilling to brief Scott Puxty on church historical matters as requested by Bishop Peter Stuart
- Mr Allen advised that he would also not speak to Mr Geoff Spring about these matters as Mr Spring has "a chequered past himself"
- Mr Allen also advised that he would lose privilege to any statement made to Mr Puxty
- Mr Allen advised that he was aware of problems relating to the late Reverend James Brown
- Mr Allen advised that he was aware of problems relating to Reverend [REDACTED] and although Reverend [REDACTED] was not a priest in the Cessnock area he had quote "an interest in the Cessnock area". In the context of the entire discussion, this clearly meant young males in the Cessnock area.

Meeting ended around 3.20pm

Matter referred to Mr Michael Elliott (Director of Professional Standards, Anglican Diocese of Newcastle) 6/3/13 for further action including preparing a report for the NSW Police.

John Cleary

Diocesan Business Manager

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