

To Jacqui
for filing

Elliott, Rosslyn

From: Greaves, Barry
Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2003 8:37 AM
To: Aspinall, Archbishop Phillip
Subject: FW: Revoking National Awards

Archbishop

For your information, in case you have not had this sent to you independently.

Barry J G

-----Original Message-----

From: Alan Victor [mailto:a.victor@uq.edu.au]
Sent: Monday, 13 October 2003 9:03 PM
Cc: YnYr Foster; Bruce Anderson (Bruce Anderson); Chris Martin (CEBS SA); Chris Oliver; Chris Whittall; Garry Allen; Graeme Nicholls; Ken Harkness; Ken Pidgeon (Dr Ken Pidgeon); Margaret Macpherson; Peter Victor (Telstra); Warren Rumble (Rev Warren Rumble); Phillippa Pocock; Cheryl Selvage; 'Jason Dickens'; Pam Wedgwood; 'Barry Greaves'; 'David Gregory'; 'Ian Somerville'
Subject: RE: Revoking National Awards

Ken,

I sympathise with your situation. Brisbane have revoked John Elliott's Life Membership.

At our meeting on 8th Oct, our Board of Management endorsed all your suggestions.

Specifically, honestly admitting there were mistakes made, not re-writing history, and indicating we have learnt to be more vigilant in the future.

Cheers

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-----Original Message-----

From: Victor, Peter N [mailto:Peter.N.Victor@team.telstra.com]
Sent: Monday, 11 August 2003 12:51
To: Alan J. Victor (E-mail)
Subject: FW: Revoking National Awards
Importance: High

Alan,

Ken used your old e-mail with "mailbox" in it! I haven't replied to him yet.

Peter Victor

> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** Ken Pidgeon [SMTP:REDACTED]
 > **Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2003 12:51 PM
 > **To:** YnYr Foster; Warren Rumble; Peter Victor; Margaret McPherson; Ken Harkness; Graham Jamison; Graeme Nicholls; Garry Allen (Home); Damien Calvert; Chris Wittall; Chris Oliver; Chris Martin; Bruce Anderson; Alan Victor; Iain Furby
 > **Subject:** Revoking National Awards
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 > Dear Colleagues,

> As you will be painfully aware CEBS in SA and elsewhere has been the
> subject of adverse media attention due to the undeniably unacceptable
behaviour of former Officers.

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> Not all names are in the public domain, and I am aware that others
> stand accused, some of whom may not be brought to justice due to the
> huge
load on the investigating people and the elapse of time.

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> I am aware that there are accusations applying to at least a couple of
> former members who have been awarded the Society's highest honours. I
> am
personally in receipt of written accusations against two in particular and the police
know of these from the original source.

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> The SA State Executive have discussed this matter and consider that
> past Awards of a State or National level awarded to people who have
> been
convicted of paedophilia should be revoked and the records subsequently read that
these were subsequently revoked.

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> I was asked to bring this decision to National's attention, especially
> as National are the only people capable of revoking National Awards to
> my
understanding, hence this e-mail.

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> In addition to this I personally wonder what we should be doing about
> similar awards presented to persons under suspicion (even if they are
> not
formally charged by the police due to the elapse of time etc. but where there is
documentary evidence alleging serious misconduct).

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> I have seen elsewhere words used such as "evidence had it been
> presented in a court would most likely lead to a conviction" or
> something
like that to take into account the cases where formal police prosecution has not
occurred for whatever reason, but the Church considers it necessary to exclude the
particular person from some aspect of Ministry, or even remove them from active parish
ministry, but doesn't have a formal conviction in the area of concern.

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> I believe part of the healing and cleansing of the Society requires we
> to take some concerted action in this area, and the above is where our
thinking has got to on the matter thus far.

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> I am also aware that following the Sydney National Camp I wrote in my
> role as SA Contingent Leader of our suspicions about potentially
inappropriate behaviour of a couple of NSW leaders. Whilst these two persons, to my
knowledge, never appeared again within SA, I am aware that one of them was awarded one
of the Society's highest honours, a matter that has disturbed me for some time.

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> How we go about cleansing ourselves from that fact that some of these
> honours, in the light of hindsight, should the full nature of their
activities been known, would never have been awarded, is something I believe we need
to grapple with.

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> My personal opinion is that we cannot re-write history, nor should we
> attempt to, but we can in some cases acknowledge that we have made
mistakes in certain circumstances and thus the idea of formally revoking the awards,
yet maintaining them listed as originally awarded seems to be an honest mechanism.

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> I'd be keen to hear what others think.

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> Kind Regards
> Ken

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> Our Minutes record:
> "Council decided that the Awards and Life Memberships given to any
> person found guilty of abusing children during their time with us,
> will be
revoked and this will include all State Awards"

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