

## Meeting at the Catholic Education Office

Friday October 5th, 2001

**Present:** NO [redacted] NM [redacted] Allan Dooley, Jane Swift

NM [redacted] and NO [redacted] were parents called to St Ann's at the time we are talking about. NM [redacted] recently told LJ [redacted] about the situation as she did not know.

Allan explained the *Towards Healing* process, the role that he and Jane will play as contact persons, and Pauline Verity's role.

MU [redacted] left St Ann's in 1992 when he was 20 and NM [redacted] said she and NO [redacted] were called to the school out of the blue by Martin. NM [redacted] thinks Brian was at St Ann's for 4 (or 5) years. M [redacted]'s behaviour was getting worse: he threw a TV across the room one day. Martin said in the phone call to NM [redacted] that MU [redacted] had not done anything but it was "bad". NM [redacted] was very worried; she did not sleep that night.

NO [redacted] and NM [redacted] met with Claude and Martin the next day. Claude and Martin said Brian Perkins was a paedophile. NM [redacted] asked whether MU [redacted] was involved and Claude said they were calling the parents of children who might be involved. No details were given. Claude said that Brian had taken off when the police went to get him.

NM [redacted] said they were left with a great burden of not knowing what happened to their son.

LO [redacted] found out about Brian Perkins from NG [redacted] 12 months ago.

NM [redacted] thinks that LD [redacted] was abused and LG [redacted], and LC [redacted].

NM talked to NE. NM said Claude shut the door on them and would not reveal anything, and that Brian Perkins should never have been allowed to infiltrate the school.

NM's knowledge was from NE. Now she just wants to get on with life. NM was frantic at the time and wanted to know if MU was assaulted. She thinks he was; Brian Perkins had him to stay one weekend. MU went away in van with Brian Perkins but Brian Perkins told NO and NM that they stayed outside the caravan park and used the facilities.

NM says they can't help MU now.

NE said Brian Perkins was sexually assaulting LH all the time. MX used to fight Brian Perkins.

NM rang NE. NE asked LH if Brian Perkins "put his thing in MU's mouth?" LH said no but he took photos. NM asked "Where are the pictures? Who is looking at my son?"

Allan said he could assure NO and NM that Brian Perkins is not offending now.

NM said MU was missing for a day; she believes Brian Perkins had him that day. NM rang REDACTED where MU was supposed to be on work experience but he was not there and was not found until REDA from CVS found him. MU had been missing from 9 until some time in the afternoon.

Brian Perkins wormed his way into the school. It was a total shock to hear about this abuse. MU is a Fragile X.

MU is 28 now.

NM used to ask Brian Perkins to convey things about MU to the school and vice versa.

MS was left on the bus after MU got off. Her mother was dying of cancer.

REDACTED, MS's mother, would ring NM and say ask MU home because MS wasn't? NM and NO are sure MS was abused by Brian Perkins. This happened quite often, about 1 time per fortnight.

If Brian was late with the bus, he would say that along Tapleys Hill Road, by the airport where there was some scrub, he would pull up and wait until the students behaved.

NM said "You should always go with your gut instincts. Brian Perkins got to know families well. He said, "You have a break, and I'll have him for the weekend and you send his stuff to school." Brian Perkins told NM there would be other lads there but she had a gut feeling that worried her. NM took MU's stuff to school, then went to Woolworths and saw Brian Perkins and MU. Brian had only 2 bags of lollies in the trolley. MU was standing and rocking. She was a bit concerned.

There are all the instances on the bus, where it seems that on the bus and in the woodwork area he would get the kids to "play with each other". Brian would say it was good for him to have contact with the students.

NM contacted the police and they said he had gone.

Brian did the Pedal Prix and took a heap of boys back to his place to sleep.

Several years ago NM rang the police when she saw an article in the paper re the Child Exploitation Unit number. She spoke to Bernadette Martin at Sturt CIB. The

female police inspector said Brian Perkins interfered with his [REDACTED]. He carted her around a lot. Bernadette said there was a warrant out for his arrest from about 1994.

[NE] told [NM] there was bondage involved.

[MU] does not show any violence but a few years ago, after he left school, [MU] was walking the dog and approached a stranger (woman) and said would you put a nappy on me?

[LN] – father of [LD] – was told nothing.

[NM] s girlfriend [RE] had [MU] at her place and he asked her to put a nappy on him. He also asked someone else, [RED]. She told him to wait till Mum came home. [NM] told [MU] he must not ask for such things.

[MU] also asked [RE]. [NM] doesn't know how many others he has asked. [NM] used to find baby pins in his bag and he had photos of pilchers, babies and nappies.

[MU] also asked his literacy teacher at CVS to write

Man with a balloon

Babies

Nappies

Man had a nappy on.

[NO] said they had found nothing in the last 2 years.

[REDACTE] at [REDACT] is a psychiatrist recommended by [NE] and she was good with [LH].

LE has recently seen some one whom LO thinks is very good.

### Outcomes Sought

NO and NM want Brian behind bars. Nothing can be done to repair what has happened. The police have said these paedophiles don't stop or change.

LH had more verbal skills than others. He is now back with his REDACTED

NM rang Claude 2 years ago. Claude said it is too long ago and I don't remember.

NM verified that MU would not be able to stand up in court to make a statement.

NM spoke about ME and the fact that she would have evidence to give as she saw the photos.

Allan explained we will type this statement and send it to NM and NO. They will be asked to sign it and send it back with any alterations.

Then Pauline will see if the police are going to take any action and if not the Church will investigate.

### Questions from NM and NO

Why was Brian's background not checked before he was allowed into the school?

Why were they not given more information by Claude at the time?

Why did they not get more information from the police? (NM and NO were fobbed off).

Allan explained if he steps back into SA he would be arrested. He restated that our investigative procedures are on hold until the policy have finished.

Allan guaranteed that we won't keep things secret. Things are handled differently now.

NM and NO said this has changed their lives. NM does not trust MU with anybody.

NM intends to talk to RED about how MU is behaving with all this.

MU had to be taught bus training by REDACTED NM was worried and does not trust. NM is suspicious of someone who has left Community Access but is still doing St Ann's Rec Group, which is a social group. REDACTED He is in his early 40's. He lives on his own in a flat at REDACTED.

NM's daughter said she did not trust him. NM was uneasy when REDACTED was assigned to teacher MU to catch the bus. NM worries about whether MU will be dropped home by REDACTED.

Allan explained that a letter will be sent explaining the process we are in and that Pauline Verity will liaise with the police.

Allan provided copy of Towards Healing.

He explained that Jane and he have responsibilities for investigating.

LD has not been to work for 3 years – he gave away sport. LD was one of the boys targeted by Brian Perkins.

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