

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**MINUTES**

**CHILD PROTECTION TASKFORCE**

**CHURCH OFFICE WAKEFIELD STREET 1/09/04**

**Present:** Sue Cain, Msg David Cappo, Jane Swift, Tony Fuller, Chris Rann

**Apologies:** Archbishop Wilson, Allan Dooley, Pauline Frick.

Sue Cain tabled the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee report on Australians who experienced institutional or out of home care as children.

**Actions arising form the minutes of the previous meeting:**

1. Sue has arranged a meeting to consider a response to Sister Loreto's letter
2. Sue and Anne met to work out a response to Karen Rogers' request on behalf of [REDACTED].
3. Tony has received a draft report from Paul Slattery relating to the finding of the Brian Hays' report.
4. [REDACTED]

**St. Ann's**

Anne reported that in consultation with Sue she had telephoned [REDACTED] and Karen Rogers to make further enquiries relating to [REDACTED]'s time at St. Ann's.

Anne said that [REDACTED] sounded genuinely distressed and still grieving for the death of her husband who died earlier this year. She also sounded a little confused about the exact details of [REDACTED]'s time at St. Ann's. She was unsure of the enrolment dates and said that [REDACTED] had attended a number of school settings and she could not remember the sequence of these enrolments. She did recall that while at St. Ann's, [REDACTED] had attended camp at Noalunga and that [REDACTED] was her teacher.

[REDACTED] had left the school and she wondered now whether he had tried to tell Claude about Brian and whether Claude had ignored this. She said that [REDACTED] was also exposed to a peadophile bus driver when she was much younger and attending [REDACTED]. This man later shot someone and committed suicide. [REDACTED] said that she felt a great deal of guilt and concern that [REDACTED] could have

been exposed to Brian Perkins She does blame the church for not taking more care in their selection of staff and she thinks that [REDACTED] is entitled to the gift that the other children received.

[REDACTED] was leaving on Tuesday to go overseas for 6 weeks and said that she had authorized Karen Rogers to act on her behalf.

In her follow up conversation with Karen Rogers Anne raised the question of whether [REDACTED] would have been in the unsupervised company of Brian Perkins while on the bus to TAFE, RDA and swimming. Karen said that Family 6 [REDACTED] had corroborated the fact that Brian had transported the children to these activities when their teacher did not supervise them. Karen suggested that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could be contacted to verify this. She said that [REDACTED] would also be able to confirm whether [REDACTED] had attended woodwork classes which he had not personally supervised.

Regarding the incident at camp, Karen recalled that [REDACTED] had told her that she and her husband had been reluctant to send [REDACTED] on the school camp. The teachers at St. Ann's had said that it was an important part of her development. Apparently Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] took [REDACTED] to camp. She remembered that the camp was at Noarlunga and that Brian Perkins was at the camp. When the students returned from camp [REDACTED], the PE teacher, told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had cried and screamed so much that the staff had locked her in a room on her own. Karen suggested that [REDACTED] would be able to corroborate this.

Karen went on to say that Brian Perkins had driven students to a disco at St. Patrick's Special School and had taken students out the bus alone during the disco. She asked me whether I knew anything about this. Fortunately I did not

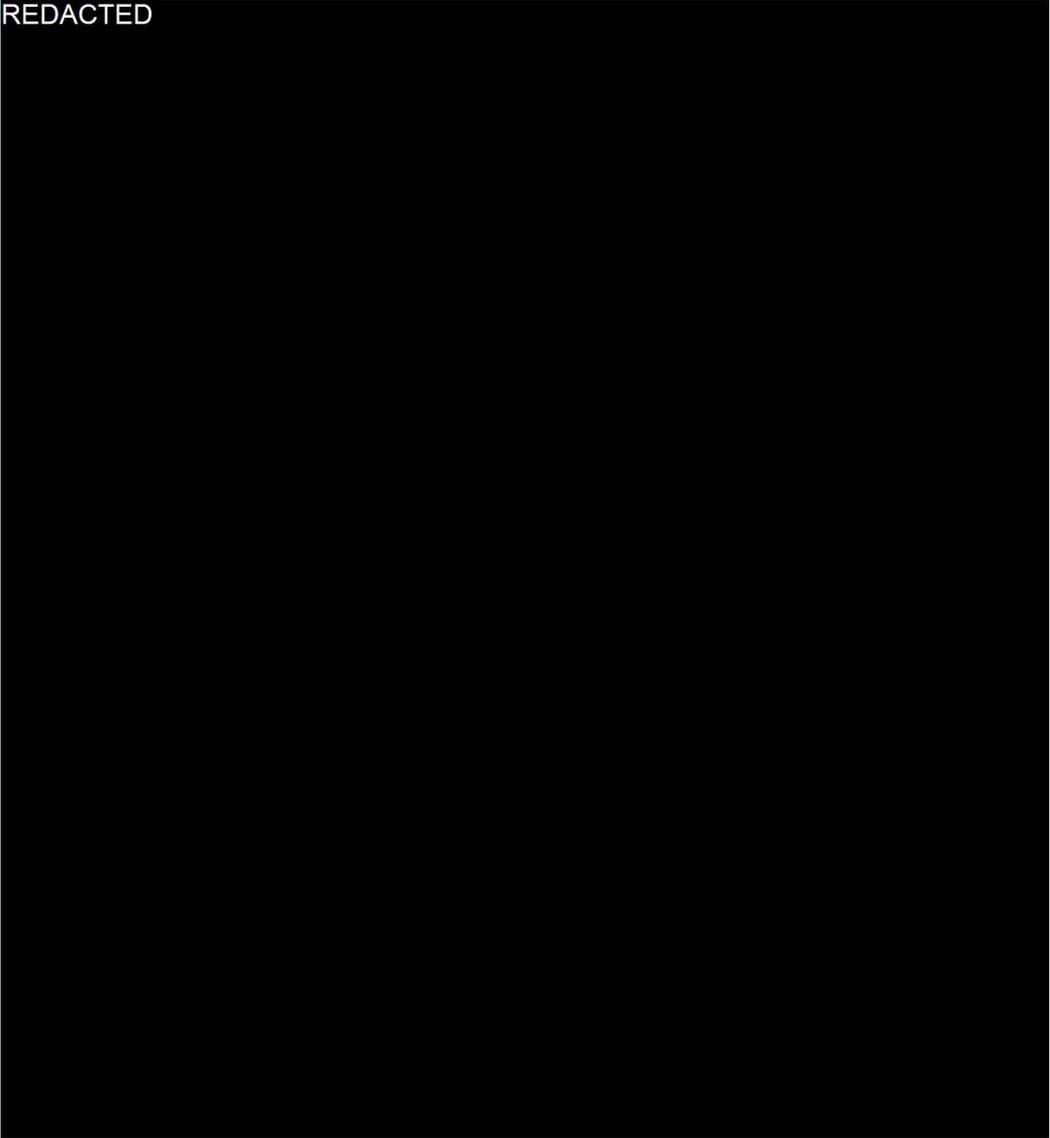
Karen reiterated [REDACTED]'s request for [REDACTED] to have counseling with Malcolm Robinson, who she said had brought about such a significant change in LH [REDACTED] and LB [REDACTED]. ([REDACTED] had told Anne that she did not want [REDACTED] to have to revisit the memories of St. Ann's)

Sr. Loreto established that [REDACTED] had been working at SAC for the last 8 year.

There was agreement that Sister Loreto needed to be brought into the discussion. She would be pivotal to following up any further information. Sr Loreto's PC and may need to be briefed about the situation so that he is able to provide her with support.

Msg David Cappo requested that Sue, Tony and Anne meet to analyse the implications of these allegations for the St. Ann's Taskforce.

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Anne Carolin

7/09/04