



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Bishop's Office



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Sister Berneice Loch rsm
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Dear Sister Berneice

Thank you for attending the meeting on Thursday 19 November, with Anne Czekanski, Phillip Bauman, Father Grace and myself. This meeting was in relation to support for David Owen, a former resident of Neerkol.

Following on from that meeting, I am agreeable to sharing the cost of providing \$25,000 to David. The agreement would be that your Congregation and the Diocese of Rockhampton would each contribute \$12,500. I would ask that you pay that amount to the 'Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Rockhampton', and with the Diocese's \$12,500 contribution, I will then forward the full amount of \$25,000 to David.

My intention would be to say to David that having discussed the matter with you, we believe his needs of the moment have prompted us to offer him this support. I would indicate that he would have to sign a legal declaration indicating that he would not seek further monetary redress and I would request that he maintain confidentiality regarding this gesture of support. I would compliment him on his long term patience and again offer an apology and express the hope, on our behalf, that he would find peace.

Thank you for all you are doing to address the ongoing needs of the Neerkol residents.

Yours sincerely

Brian Heenan
Bishop of Rockhampton