

**REPORT TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM FROM
THE COORDINATOR OF THE CPSC
4/4/1997**

I must apologise for not having this report to you in time for you to have read it prior to your meeting on 7, 8 April. It has been a particularly busy month.

The following is a brief summary of what has been happening in this area since your last meeting on 10, 11 March.

1. Formal appointment of the committee members was greatly appreciated by all. It has already assisted us in moving forward. The on-going arrangement with Sue to serve as Response Coordinator is likely appreciated.
2. On Friday 14/3 I took Det. Const. Michelle Williams and a Police Photographer to the two grave sites at Neerkol. We have since been informed by Insp. Janke that the police will be investigating the allegations of missing children.
3. 60 Minutes requested an interview which took place on Monday 17/3 and I think the details are reasonably well known. Considerable time was given to preparation for this. Jan McGrath of the Brisbane Archdiocesan office was particularly helpful.
4. The Committee met on Monday 17 March; Monday 24 March; Tuesday 1/4. Further meetings are planned for 21/4 and 12/5. Copies of minutes are being forwarded to Di-Anne.
5. I attended a meeting on Professional Standards with the ISMA sub-committee for this purpose on Tuesday 25/3. Excellent work has been done by Margaret Doyle and I will attend a session of the NPC meeting with Margaret to present the work to date and recommendations to the Congregational Leaders.
6. I have provided some 20 pages of additional information to Margaret Doyle.
7. The Process we are using has been finalised as far as the Committee is concerned. We are hoping for formal approval of it at your April meeting.
8. Protocols for Sisters and Staff in handling enquires are also submitted for your approval. Please advise if you want the involvement of the CPSC in implementing these or if it will be handled by the Leadership Team.
9. It is wonderful to have the office available. Some work has been done by Sue and myself in setting it up and we are certainly both making good use of it already.
10. On 14 March I met with David Owens following up his conversation with Anne. The Committee has considered interaction with Dave to this point and a recommendation is before your Team. In support of this I have put together a summary of points for your consideration.
11. The report requested by Mr. Alford, Commissioner for Children, has been compiled and is with Di-Anne for her comments.
12. Publication of the availability of the process and the phone number for contact has begun - 60 mins, Press Release to the Morning Bulletin, Word of Mouth
13. Contacting of complainants we know about but who have not been in touch with us has commenced. I will see Allan Alloway with Myolene Carrick on this coming Sunday at his request.
14. Sue will be away for the remaining three weeks of April. After that she will be contacting more of the people we know about during visits to Perth and Brisbane.

15. Sue and I have put together a draft protocol re accessing of information and submitted for your consideration.
16. I have collected and borrowed Videos of the Neerkol celebrations and for the time being have them in the CPSC office. I have watched them myself.
17. John Cawte contacted me at Stancia's suggestion since he has been questioned by someone with a complaint about Neerkol. I have given him the number to ring.
18. Robert Grant has been booked to come to Rockhampton on 30 June to assist the committee.

I hope the above is sufficient to keep you in touch with developments. We are commencing a register of formal complaints and in future I will try to keep you in touch with the number received. All formal reports during the process will go to Di-Anne.



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