

1201  
**MERCY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

**SISTERS OF MERCY**  
**ROCKHAMPTON CONGREGATION**



THE RANGE,  
 263 AGNES STREET,  
 ROCKHAMPTON Q. 4700

P.O. BOX 1576,  
 ROCKHAMPTON Q. 4700

TEL: 079 - 27 1866  
 FAX: 079 - 22 3040

18 March 1997

Bernard Brown  
 Broken Rites (Australia) Collective Inc  
 P O Box 162  
 CARLTON NORTH VIC 3054

Dear Bernard,

My name is Anne Slattery and I recently began work as the deputy leader (or Vicar) of the Rockhampton Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. I am also a member of our Congregation's Professional Standard's Committee.

We want to contact any persons who wish to discuss their experiences while they were children at St Joseph's Home, Neerkol.

We noted in an article in "The Morning Bulletin", Rockhampton's local paper, on Tuesday 17 September, that you were the spokesman for Broken Rites and that two women, now in their 40s, complained that they had suffered sexual abuse while at Neerkol in the 1960s.

As we do not know how to contact them personally, we are asking for your assistance. Could you advise them of the above address and my name if they wish to discuss their experiences with us? Alternatively, they could phone a member of our Professional Standard's Committee on 041 775 1535.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Sr Anne Slattery  
 Congregational Vicar