

This is a reading made on 10 February 2014, for transcription purposes, of handwritten notes made by me, **RAYMOND BRAZIL**, at a Towards Healing Facilitation on 20 July 2004.

The handwritten notes were not intended to be a complete record of the meeting or everything said. Where a word is unclear in the writing, I state "*word unclear*".

John Ellis

Refer to Michael Eccleston's report

Abuse over considerable period of time

[Word unclear], [word unclear]

Over time space

Impacted on all over time – continuing

Part of making connection between conduct and effects

Different areas of life/different stages

What lost in life – leaving a gap

"A meteor storm" over a period of time

Things need to be restored to achieve a sense of whole

Impact – loss innocence

Sense of self

On sexuality, relationships with people

Later other impacts/losses

Relationships with children/wife

Health

Career

All affect make decisions about "who I am in the world"

Sense of "being without" all these reference points(Dropped off at various times)

Disintegration/emotional falling apart after realise

But could have been worse – marriage, children, job, able to [word unclear]

Gratitude, compassion for others

Who have been in [word unclear] – less fortunate

Blessed by [word unclear]/that had sustained

But in period since then [word unclear]

Impacts deeper

Despite things retained – not enough to halt

Retained – sense of faith

Quality of courage

Tenacity about life

Powerful intellect

Enough to get through

Family, Church, community, [word unclear]

Material things/provision, [word unclear]

For immediate and extended family

How to “keep going” – work with what’s there

With work colleagues – [word unclear]

Courageous but not in a position able to cope ([word unclear])

Without underlying issue being addressed

A lot negative over past 2½ years

Since disclosure of abuse

But not all negative

Lost other things – lost inability to talk about it

Express self and humbly face that conduct

Lost sense of shame

Lost sense of anger associatedAbility to do therapeutic work in that time

Opened up opportunities if followed through

Realisation that not enough to get on with recognising impacts

[Word unclear] of healing

Response – of substance

Expressed in appropriate terms

Over time

In space

Nicola Ellis

A man of great courage
At times fearful – cope
Mechanisms might not work
And might harm himself
Found him surprisingly [word unclear]
Asking again
Almost palpable [word unclear]
Took a long time to [word unclear]
Strong capacity for stillness and forgiveness

Msgr Rayner

No way know what gone through
Can't condone anything that occurred
Loss of innocence, loss of trust
[Word unclear] disappointed
Victims do suffer, respond in different ways
Can't apologise for Father Duggan
Disrespect of church/[word unclear] of anyone perpetrate abuse against innocent person
(Young people caught in fear, guilt)
Capacity to respond [word unclear]
Apologies aren't sufficient
Abuse can't be tolerated at all
Who is hurt – everyone loses
If part of body of Church is injured
All are harmed
Abuse has affected everyone – different ways
Started moving away couple of years ago
First time confided in someone – had/takes guts

Taking control of something

Better not to have bottled it up/cover it up

Liberating to discuss it

Shame is to let evil [word unclear] to a terrible [word unclear]

Emotional blackmail of [word unclear] a child can be involved

In present case, didn't have mechanisms to come forward

No one should have freedom of [word unclear]/innocence taken

Abuse like that – just one area

No way to make excuses

What Father Duggan – a disgrace

Hope see evil of behaviour before mind went

Never doubted what said

Can't understand degree of hurt

Damage/effect

Children can't do what adults can do (when assaulted)

Not feel sorry – [word unclear], feel sorry for action encountered

Building people up – Father Duggan didn't – failed

At time of Christ – victims [word unclear]

Hope Father Duggan made peace

Church abhorred by abuses

Majority of allegations should be believed

For John Ellis to be able to [word unclear] above

Able to talk about past

(Terrible thing happened [word unclear])

Offensive to Church, society to everyone

John Ellis is brave – “gutsy” – [word unclear]

Made initial call and trust someone

[Word unclear] – confide in someone

Couldn't have been easy ([word unclear])

Know the evil that occurred years – sorry it occurred
Corporate sorrow not same as personal sorrow by perpetrator
Regret of Church that someone who you had confidence in abused you
Father Duggan let you down
What he did was inexcusable
(Hope Father Duggan saw terrible thing he did)
Father Duggan will have that judgement
John Ellis does not have to face that [word unclear]
Not caught up with it
Not part of the guilt of that relationship
Find [word unclear] spirituality
Perpetrator reflects on other members of the Church
Church [word unclear] have done good
Trusted someone who should have been mentoring you – let you down
Avoid own [word unclear]
(Easy to say [word unclear]) but not [word unclear] up again

John Ellis

Father Duggan a person who trusted/placed confidence and could have given things
Person sense of faith, spirituality, [word unclear], [word unclear] by Father Duggan
Loss of a mentor/guide (in spiritual sense)
Other priest [word unclear] Father Duggan – [word unclear] could have fulfilled role
(John Ellis say [word unclear] [word unclear])
Healing of Substance
Length of time which it occurred and for which it hasn't been dealt with and unaddressed
Father Duggan, Benedictine Order folded
Return to [word unclear]
No check done – [word unclear] with “heard only of good repute”
Not know [word unclear]/no exposure to kids until in Sydney

Not sure

John Ellis came in 1975

(Ordained 1950)

Bass Hill from 1974

(Ordained by Cardinal Gilroy in Sydney)

1974 – Father Duggan write to Cardinal Freeman saying [word unclear] to come to Australia

(Cardinal required letter confirming availability)

Wanted to found Benedictine Order in Australia, again late 75

Seeking approval

Extension further work ([word unclear])

Can't get extension/need to be incardinated

Permission to move to Sydney (no reference to good repute 1981)

1979 – Gynea

Father Duggan and [word unclear] asked to be freed of association with Order 1983

1986 seeks another extension

1989 – extension doubtful

Requests incardination into Sydney 1990

1990 accepted into Archdiocese September

27 December 1990 – [word unclear]

Abuse – start separate file

Highlights opportunity to ask/do checks

Now

checks in place

Screened

Police checks

Information and form signed by Bishop regarding [word unclear] problem

Therefore, personal response by [word unclear]

Personal assurance by Bishop who is releasing

Done differently – advice from CCER (screen and police checks)

Offer

\$25,000 to \$30,000

Deed of release

Release of [word unclear] of Church from legal action [word unclear] in future

Gesture by Church to help victim move forward

Ex gratia, not compensation

Therefore, relationship two ways – [word unclear] [word unclear] that person has moved forward and will not take further action

Maximum - \$50,000

But a gesture

Victims vary, some seek no gesture

Deed does not preclude police action

But precludes [word unclear] legal action

Can't [word unclear] everything

Can't compensate loss income or financial loss

A gesture by the Church

Maximum where extensive violence, hospitalisation, age of person

Trying to act in good faith

Culpability of Bishop who is aware is different from culpability of Bishop who is not

Receive some advice from a panel regarding [scrubbed out word] background but not on quantum

If brought to a conclusion –

Cardinal would meet with and convey regrets

Response – healing

Express sorrow

If retains part of [word unclear] process only

Looking at bringing healing to matter

Outcomes, conclusions, outstanding issues

Msgr Rayner

Financial gesture requires Deed Release

Meeting express sorrow – apology – not appropriate if [word unclear] ongoing

Appointment spiritual director – not conditional

Msgr Rayner financial gesture – stay open: no [word unclear] timeframe with appointment spiritual director

Consider if meeting possible despite Deed Release not signed

John Ellis [word unclear]

Acknowledgment Msgr Rayner – personal involvement

([words unclear]) but distrust and surprise (apology – conditional – [word unclear])

Hoped pursue Towards Healing process without legal advice

Different [word unclear] Towards Healing process with Deed Release

(Not prepared sign Deed)