



STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of: ROLLESTON
 Place: Gordon Police Station
 Date: 22 October 2009

Name: Roger STONE

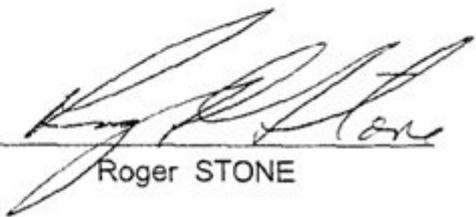
STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 63 years of age.
3. My name is Roger Drayton Stone, I was born Melbourne, Victoria on **RED** 1946. I moved with my parents to Mosman in Sydney immediately post war. I grew up in Mosman attending Mosman Public School then North Sydney Boys High. I attended the University of NSW, graduating in Medicine in 1972. I married Margaret Hawkins in Dec. 1971 immediately after my final exams. Sadly Margaret died of a cerebral tumour in 1975.
4. During my final year at university I was accepted to the RAAF gaining a scholarship, which required me to do 2 years in the RAAF after my intern year. My intern year was at Sutherland Hospital and during that year, 1972, I lived in Cronulla. In 1973, I moved to my current residence at 6 Burraneer Ave St Ives and spent the years 1973 – Feb 1976 in the RAAF at Richmond Air Base.
5. Around 1975 I think it was, I answered an advertisement for a GP in a St Ives General Practice. I knew that because of my wife's failing health I would be staying in the Air Force for the time being, but I wanted to make the Practice aware that I was looking for such a position in the future. The Practice was run by Dr James Pollitt and Dr John Rolleston and it was at interview that I first met both these doctors.

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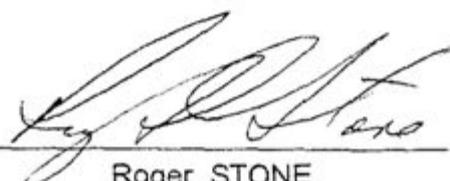
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6. During the next year I remained in the Air Force and cared for my wife at home. On occasions I called on Dr Rolleston for advice and it was he who signed the Death Certificate when she died during 1975. I subsequently joined the Practice of Dr Pollitt and Dr Rolleston in Feb or March of 1976 when the Practice was still at its location at 168 Mona Vale Road near Cowan Road. I worked as an assistant at 168 to POLLITT and ROLLESTON for about 1 month and later moved to 1 Sturt Place in March or April of 1976. I worked as an assistant for 6 months and then became a Partner by purchasing a one third share of the Practice and the property at 1 Sturt Pl, St Ives.
7. My office was the smallest office at the front of the building of 1 Sturt Place. Geographically my room was the most North West corner of the building. Dr Pollitt occupied the middle office and Dr Rolleston occupied the office to the rear. The Rolleston/ Pollitt/ Stone partnership continued until 1979 when Dr Pollitt and I bought out Dr Rolleston's share. Dr Rolleston took a position at Royal North Shore Hospital and, to my recollection; I have not seen him nor spoken to him since he left our Practice. Dr Pollitt and I continued to Practice at 1 Sturt Place as a two-man partnership, employing assistants to cover extra work loads. Around the year 2000, I moved in to the end room being Dr Rolleston's old room as we had extra staff working at the Practice and it was a bigger room, so I claimed it. We continued the Practice until August 2009 when we sold our building to developers and both went to work for a Practice at 341 Mona Vale Road, St Ives.
8. On 22nd April 2004 Mr AWB had an appointment with me. He was well known to me as he and his family had attended our Practice for a very long time, although AW had not attended for a couple of years because he had moved out of the area. In years past, however, he had consulted me on several occasions. I well recall his opening statement at the consultation on this date. After initial greetings I asked what I could do for him and his reply was "this actually has nothing to do with you but I have something I need to discuss about a Dr ROLLESTON who used to work at the Practice". He then continued by saying that there was a matter he wanted to discuss with me. To this point I had no inkling of what was to follow and was horrified as he began to outline events that occurred during consultations he had with Dr Rolleston when he (AW) was about 12 years old. AW said, "I have seen Dr Rolleston at both this Practise at Sturt Place Practice and at Royal North Shore Hospital and Dr Rolleston masturbated me on the pretext of checking me for infection".

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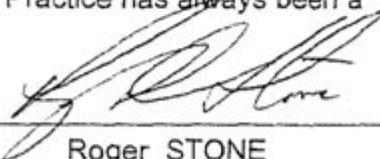
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9. I cannot recall, and did not indicate in the notes that I made immediately after the consultation, whether this occurred on more than one occasion. The impression was that it had occurred more than once. [AWB] said that he had not told anyone of these happenings "until recently". I cannot recall if he told me who else he had told. As a result of the conversation I had with [AWB] I made a number of notes that I have kept on file. These notes were made by me for the record and file of [AWB].
10. [AWB] went on to say, "Dr Rolleston should not be in a position where he can have access to trusting youngsters and possibly be able to abuse them". [AW] said he was unsure what to do, that he hadn't "thought it through" but wanted to talk to me about it. At the time he said he would like to have a further discussion with Dr Pollitt and myself, but this did not eventuate. [AWB] said his motivation for speaking now was to protect future potential victims and I do recall wondering if the fact that he now had young children himself may have been a stimulus. [AW] said that while the events of the past had not prevented him from having a successful career he was troubled at times emotionally.
10. We discussed in broad terms what his options might be and I indicated to him that should he pursue things I would give him whatever support I could, but I felt that in the first instance probably the Police was a starting point. Immediately following that consultation I recorded the details because this was clearly a very serious allegation and should things proceed I felt I would need some notes, although the substance of the discussion is not the sort of thing one forgets. I did inform Dr Pollitt later that day of the discussion I had with [AWB].
11. I believe the next interaction with [AW] was when I received a letter from him in October 2005 requesting details about the time Dr Rolleston worked at our Practice and asking for copies of his medical notes. I think we did have a phone call or two about this and I did provide him with the information he requested. My next awareness was when Hornsby Police interviewed me earlier this year indicating there had been complaints. They did not indicate who had made complaints and so I rang [AWB] to ask had he pursued the matter that he had spoken to me about in 2004 and that if not, perhaps, if he wished to pursue it, it may be in his interests to contact Hornsby Police. I gathered from what he said that he had already taken action.
12. During the time I worked with Dr Rolleston I never had the slightest inkling that his approach to and treatment of any patient was other than appropriate. Our Practice has always been a

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busy one and each Dr was in his own office and thus unaware of what may or may not be occurring in another's office. There were, and still are, occasions when we may enter each other's office to seek a medical opinion or retrieve equipment but there was never any occasion that I entered Dr Rolleston's office that I felt there was anything unusual occurring.

13. In all my years in General Practice I think I have felt the need to have a "chaperone" or objective adult present on only one occasion. Nor has having "chaperones" present for "delicate" matters ever been a requirement in our Practice as I have always believed that maintaining a cautious and professional manner is paramount. I also believe that over the years this has been the usual practice in General Practice in this country. Having said that I cannot recall any circumstance where I have examined young people, say under the age of 16, without an adult, usually a parent, present and I think it would certainly be inappropriate to examine a child's genitalia without a parent present.

14. As a Qualified General Practitioner, there are a few reasons to examine a male child's genitalia, for example:

As a baby, to check that the testes have descended as part of a general check or at the parent's request because they are concerned;

-in the case of an injury,

-as part of assessment regarding growth,

-where a parent may express concern regarding stature and among other things it may be appropriate to assess whether puberty has begun by checking for signs of axillary or pubic hair and maybe testicular size,

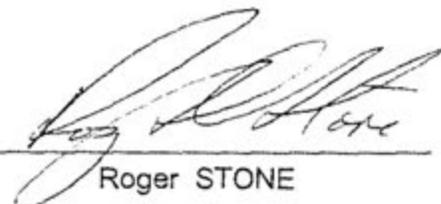
-in a child presenting with abdominal pain, theoretically a quick check of the testes to exclude torsion would be appropriate,

I cannot think of any reason to masturbate any child or youth nor to ask them to masturbate. I would think any such action would be highly questionable.

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15. I have drawn a number of aerial diagrams of locations of 168 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives, 1 Sturt Pl, St Ives and an overview of the intersection of Mona Vale Rd, and Cowan Rd, St Ives and certain landmarks of interest. These diagrams form part of my statement.

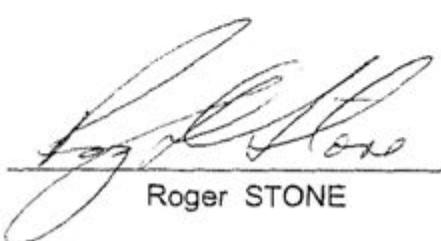
16. I have made photocopies of a number of documents pertaining to

- Item 1. Notes I made in relation to AWB.
- Item.2 A receipt that Dr John ROLLESTON had written out to a Mr EDNEY.
- Item.3. A letter of Correspondence between my self Dr STONE to Dr's POLLITT and ROLLESTON.
- Item.4. Finical Records in relation to the Practice at 1 Sturt Pl, St Ives between myself Dr STONE and Dr's POLLITT and ROLLESTON.

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