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MATTER: ADRIAN NISBETT

CLIENT: KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

I telephoned Stuart Pearson.

I said, "Stuart, it's Grahame Wilson. I interviewed you recently."

He said, "Yes, how are you?"

I said, "Fine, I'd like to ask you something. Did a boy named Adrian Steer ever talk with you about Adrian Nisbett?"

He said, "Yes, he did."

I said, "Can you tell me what sorts of things?"

He said, "You may need to refresh my memory. He left in late '80s I believe, '87, '88, '89. When he spoke to me – perhaps 15, 16 years since he spoke to me. I remember him as a boy, nose and face, as a young teenager. Nothing is coming to my mind. The conversation at the time was serious for him. I'm struggling for details."

I said, "He was one or two years behind ARO [redacted]."

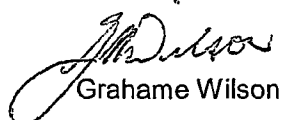
He said, "He may have had some issues at the time. I can't remember whether he saw me before or after he left school. He was the second of the two boys I was speaking to you about. ARO [redacted] came to see me as an old boy about a matter that had occurred one or two years before. There were ongoing concerns. Coincidentally, I think, Adrian Steer came to see me. There was an older matter and a current concern. I launched an investigation. ARO [redacted]'s clear number of insinuations, he was maybe nineteen years old, his parents were involved. Adrian was a much quieter boy. He was popular, hence why he was targeted. He probably wouldn't like me saying it, but he was a soft boy, he had effeminate features. He was not quite like ARO [redacted]. He was not a man's man. I'm still struggling. What I can remember is that the insinuations were even less worrying than ARO [redacted]'s – He took me into the darkroom. He showed me pornographic material. Adrian's (Steer) were not the same insinuations – He looks at me. I don't like the way he looks at me. He was still at school. They were all weaker allegations, the same line, the same pattern at an earlier stage."

I said, "Michael Probert, did he ever discuss Kooyong with you. You'd left before Kooyong opened I think."

He said, "No, it had been purchased. I knew the layout of the land. I'd been there. It was the last year probably that I was there. I don't think he ever spoke to me about anything at Kooyong. I'm not sure the boarders, left, I left August 1990. There may have been some boarders there for six months."

I said, "Did he ever tell you about bathrooms, shower rooms and Adrian Nisbett looking at students."

He said, "No, I can't recall. I've had an association with Michael over time, but I can't recall. There's still a pattern there. He's (Adrian Nisbett) an undeveloped character, still in the same place."


Grahame Wilson