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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of: Police Vs. Barrie STEWART
 Place: Grafton Police Station
 Date: 03 April 2009

Name: ARW

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 23 years of age.
3. I attended Knox Grammar, Wahroonga as a day student during for the years of 1993 until 2003. This was from Year two (2) until completion of my schooling in Year twelve (12). I started year five in 1996 and completed year six in 1997. In year 5 my teacher was Mr Craig TRELOAR. In year six my teacher was Mr Dougal COLE. The Head Master of the Preparatory school at the time was Bob THOMAS, and the head Master of the Senior School was Dr Ian PATERSON. During classes with Mr TRELOAR he would often tell stories about an "uncle Bazza." Mr Barrie STEWART was a music teacher at the school. I would often see Barrie STEWART and Mr TRELOAR together. It was common knowledge that they were friends.
4. Barrie STEWART was the music teacher at the school during this time. I would often see him on playground duty during lunch and recess times. Mr STEWART was an openly gay man and I would describe him as "camp." It was never stated that he was gay, however it was just known between all the students. It was known that when a student in class would ask to go to the bathroom during class time. Mr STEWART would reply word to the effect of "Come up here I have a rubber band." I found this weird and strange. I would feel very uncomfortable about this comment.

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5. During playground duty it would be common to see Mr STEWART. I would often witness Mr STEWART tickling other students on the playground. This was a common occurrence and would occur on most times when he was on playground duty. On one occasion in Year 5 I was on the playground. Mr STEWART came from behind and laced his arms around me and put his hands on my stomach. He started tickling me. I was very uncomfortable and tried to break from his grip. I do not remember him saying anything. On this occasion I was wearing my school uniform which consisted of school shorts, short sleeved shirt and tie, knee high socks and black shoes. I was not alone and was done in front of a number of students.
6. During year five and six I was in the pipe band. Mr STEWART knew that I was in this band. As a pipe band student we would often get changed into a kilt. This was the school uniform for the pipers. I would not wear this often. Mr STEWART made the comment to me "What do you wear under your kilt?" I remember saying something to the effect of "I don't know." I felt very uncomfortable about this comment. It was either on this day or within a couple of days I mentioned this comment to my father, REDACTED. I am aware that my father attended the school and had a meeting with Bob THOMAS. I was not at this meeting. I do not remember the outcome or the result of the meeting. After this meeting I remember that Mr STEWART avoiding me after this. I remember feeling very pleased about this.
7. Approximately two years later when I was in year seven or eight. I had a conversation with a group of my friends in relation to the incidents with Mr STEWART. I remember the friends there included REDACTED and REDACTED. The conversation was in related to Mr STEWARTS behaviour and the tickling that he would be involved in. As we got older and entered high school it was very common between the students of Mr STEWARTS behaviour. It became a bit of a joke. I told a large amount of people in my grade about the comment with the kilt. I can recall that REDACTED would often see Mr STEWART during lunch times and he would be given a jelly bean. RED never told me anything more about this, however found this to be strange. I remember another student, REDACTED. I remember that he was a favourite of Mr STERWART and would get a lot of attention from Mr STEWART. He was not a close friend of mine.
8. When it was released in the media, I again spoke to my parents about Barrie STEWART had been arrested. I told my parents that Barrie STEWART would tickle me. My mother was unaware of this occurrence. I decided to contact the police.

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