



NSW POLICE FORCE

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## STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

<b>In the matter of:</b>	Police -v- Jacobs
<b>Place:</b>	Hornsby Police Station
<b>Date:</b>	15 October 2009

<b>Name:</b>	Richard Kells
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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 68 years of age.
3. I was formerly a leader of a group known as the Church of England Boys Society (CEBS). This was a group that was run through Christ Church St Ives. I became a leader in about 1976 and I joined the Church in 1969. I left CEBS in 1982 but remained a member of the CEBS Diocesan Executive Committee.
4. When I was a leader in the St. Ives CEBS group I came to know a gentleman by the name of Simon Jacobs. This was in about 1978. Simon became involved in the church and subsequently became a leader of the CEBS group.
5. CEBS was a group organised by the church. It was for boys aged from around 8 to their mid teens and we met on Friday nights. We would also take the boys on camps and other activities from time to time. I started to get to know Simon quite well as I did the boys in the groups.
6. After meetings on Friday nights I would always stay back and make sure that all the boys were picked up. I noticed on a number of occasions that Simon would give a lift to some of the boys in the group.

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7. I remember around 1981 or 1982 I became increasingly worried about Simon's behaviour towards some of the boys in the CEBS group. I was also spoken to by a number of parents who were concerned about Simon's behaviour towards some of the boys in the CEBS group. Because of this I decided to speak to Simon and in the company of my wife Barbara KELLS I approached Simon. Simon denied the allegations at this meeting and he began to cry and become emotional.
8. I can recall going on camp at Wannawong Camp site in March 1981. Because of the poor weather we did not use to the tents as we would normally do. We stayed in the permanent accommodation. There were double bunks in the accommodation and because of the number of boys they were required to sleep head to toe in each bed.
9. On the Saturday morning I was walking around the accommodation waking and checking on the boys when I saw that Simon was in bed with one of the other boys. They were not head to toe and the boy was under the blanket. I was horrified when I saw this. This was not acceptable behaviour. Simon later told me that he was simply wrestling with the young boy.
10. I know that Simon moved to the Pymble branch of the CEBS. I was so concerned about Simon's behaviour that I approached the Rector at the time and told him of my concerns.
11. Sometime in the late 1980's I made a statement to Police at Pymble in relation to Simon and his behaviour and I have attached this statement as Annexure "A" to this statement.

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