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To Chris Witts/AUE/SAArmy@AUE
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Subject Fw: bexley boys home ::: Website feedback ::: salvos.org.au

Hi Chris,

The following email came in via the website feedback option on the website. It should have gone to the main webmaster inbox. Can you please respond to the following email?

Thanks,
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Comments: Well where do i start some of you people might know me as a former bexley boys homeboy. I have never been on your web site before as i try to stay away from the salvos. But i had a phone call from one of the exhome boys and he said how you have a apology on your web site. In your sttement you say that children experienced great fear living with rigid and harsh discipline,there was no great fear about about harsh

discipline. It was the way you asked us to do things you asked with your hands and feet or the cane. the right way would be to ask or tell a boy to be quite at dinner time not to walk up to him and smash his face into the plate or knock him off his chair with a closed fist. The people that did this would not be game enough to try it on us today. I know you were not there at the time and i get carried away sometimes but that is just the way it is. Victims of physical emotional and sexual abuse. These three things were the normal part of the day just like breakfast, lunch and tea were to you at our age. On you can be proud of is that you taught us to be hard and not soft we have our bad days not many good days as this is always in our heads and we will never be able to get it out of our heads. You say that you acknowledges your failure with those children. Well well is all you had to do was listen to the children cry at night but NO while you were nise and safe in bed out of the rain and the cold with a full belly to help you sleep and you could not wait to wake up in the morning so you could go about enjoying your life. We were sleeping on the roof of the home huddled together to stay warm. It was safer to stay on the roof you would try to stay awake as long as you could so you could see what was about to happen. In the back of your mind it was good if you could just lay your head down and just go to sleep and wake up in the morning safe. Hey it did not happen but you can not blame children from dreaming and hoping, it turned out to be a dream because the reality was you were still in bexley when you woke up. Apology i am sorry how easy are they to say we go through our whole life using those words every day, I apologise I am sorry I did not mean to get mad. I apologise I am sorry I can not show you how much I love you as i do not know how. See we use those words as well but the difference is that we mean our words we do not just type them in a letter and hope people believe it. we may not be clean cut but I tell you I mean what I say. Maby the oldcoys should write a book BEXLEY BOY HOMES THROUGH OUR EYES. Well maby I will write a book soon.

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