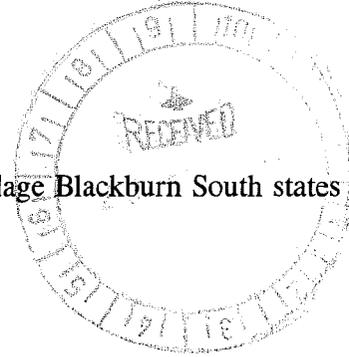


**STATEMENT**

I CLEMENT HOWARD BROADSTOCK of Inala Village Blackburn South states as follows:



I am 77 years old and am a retired brigadier from The Salvation Army.

I managed The Salvation Army boys home Box Hill at 310 Elgar Road Box Hill from January, 1964 to November 1968. The various homes at the boys home were named Wilson Trust, Hayville and Howard House. The children who lived at the boys home were generally either orphans or under-privileged.

I was in charge of all staff at the home, and my duties included general administration, responsibility for employing staff and terminating employment where necessary. Most of the time there were about 118 boys at the home.

There was usually about 16 staff employed at the home. One of the staff members was Bill Willemsen. Willemsen was responsible for carrying out various duties including maintenance duties overseeing cleaning duties and truck driving. He was a useful handyman, and a hard worker. He was an employee and had no rank in The Salvation Army.

Willemsen's duties were mainly at Howard House. Howard House had approximately 56 boys and attached to it was the main dining room. Also at the boys home was a primary school which catered for approximately 30 students. The majority of the students went to Burwood Technical School. Dormitories 7 and 8 belonged to Howard House.

I made it my practice at night to walk around the various homes check the dormitories to make sure the boys were settled and to ensure that all was in order. I also considered this important because of the risk of fire.

I recall that whilst at the home a Mr & Mrs REDA who had two boys attending the home complained that the boys had been sexually interfered with by Willemsen. Because of this complaint I decided to immediately dispense with Willemsen's services. It was always my practice to fight for The Salvation Army's name. I saw it as my duty to care for boys under our control and therefore felt it my duty to terminate the services of Willemsen because of the allegations. I do not recall putting the allegations to Willemsen or interviewing the boys concerned. I would have explained the situation quite calmly to Willemsen as it would not have been my style to rant and rave about the matter. I may have suggested that Willemsen undertake counselling.

I do not recall and have no knowledge of any assaults committed by Willemsen whilst employed by The Salvation Army and believe that if such assaults took place I would have known about it.

I have no recollection of a boy at the home named Ross Hatherly and certainly no boys ever complained to me about sexual misconduct by Willemsen.

I have no recollection of The Salvation Army employing a Mr DeWitt. There was no dormitory or house at the boys home called "Mawson". The other officers at the time were Major Hooper who was in charge of Hayville, Captain Sanders in charge of Howard House Captain and Mrs Stan Exon and Major Banfield.

It was my policy to finish up people if there was any suspicion of misconduct. I told staff that the Salvation Army could not afford to have such people working for it. I am absolutely adamant that Willemsen's services were terminated by me. I maintain that as soon as the allegation of sexual misconduct was made against Willemsen his services were terminated rather than run a risk that any of the boys at the home would be exposed to moral or physical danger.

x..... *C. H. Broadstock* .....

CLEMENT HOWARD BROADSTOCK

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