

Chronology of key events/facts

Wednesday 23rd November, 2011

Key facts to date:

- Allegations were made to YMCA Centre Management on 30 September 2011 after an incident occurred on the bus during an off-site excursion.
- YMCA Centre Management notified Miranda Police Station immediately.
- The 24-year-old man was stood down from YMCA employment on 30 September 2011 upon subsequent communication with NSW Police.
- The Kogarah Joint Investigation Response Team (JIRT) was established to investigate the case.
 - The JIRT is a triage of support including the Department of Health, Department of Families and Communities and NSW Police.
 - The Child Protection Helpline is where all concerned parents are supported with serious concerns elevated to the JIRT.
- A second incident was reported on October 10 2011.
- The YMCA communicated to all parents and families on 13 October 2011 notifying them of the allegations and directing concerned parents to Miranda Police Station.
- The man was charged with four counts of aggravated indecent assault on Friday 14 October 2011. It was alleged the two children, aged 8 and 10 were in care organised by a Caringbah-based community organisation.
 - He was granted strict conditional bail to appear at Sutherland Local Court on 10 November 2011.
- On Monday 17 October the YMCA met with the JIRT to understand the implications of proceedings and decide the best way to move forward at this difficult time.
- NSW Police issued a media release to confirm the charges.
- The YMCA communicated to staff, principals and families to communicate the media release and direct families to the Child Protection Helpline on Tuesday 18 October.
- The man was involuntarily admitted to hospital for psychiatric assessment and voluntary released on Sunday 23 October 2011.
- The man was arrested on Monday 24 October at Miranda Police Station.
 - At the time, he was charged with seven additional counts of aggravated indecent assault.
 - The assaults were alleged to be on 4 children aged between 9 and 11.
 - Only 1 of the additional children was in organised care at the time and we are confident this was not the YMCA.
 - The man was refused bail and appeared in Court on Tuesday 25 October 2011
- The man did not show to the Court Hearing and is now in custody.



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- The Court ordered a Suppression Order denying the Media the opportunity to name the defendant, the children or any party to the proceedings (the YMCA, and the other Community organisations the man was associated with).
 - It is now against the law for the media to do so.
 - It is now a matter before the court and the information above is public knowledge.
- Communication was issued to staff, principals and families on Thursday 27 October 2011.
- A staff meeting was held on 27 October at 6:30pm at Caringbah YMCA.
- Prior to the second Court Hearing on 10 November 2011, additional charges were laid on the accused:
 - He is now charged with 14 counts of aggravated indecent assault against 8 boys aged between 8 and 11.
 - The YMCA acknowledges it is one of the organisations in which the accused came into contact with 3 of the 8 boys but is not the only organisation to have been affected.
- The accused was absent at the second Court Hearing at Sutherland Local Court on Thursday 10 November 2011, but media and a few parents were present.
- There were two main outcomes from today's proceedings:
 - The case has been adjourned until Tuesday 29th November, 2011, and will now take place at Central Local Court.
 - The existing suppression order and non-publication order on this case have been maintained and extend to the 29th November.
- The suppression order, enforced to protect the identity of affected children and families, prevents any details of the case being made public with the non-publication order stopping media from reporting on it.
- The suppression order also means the YMCA is limited to what it can say publically on the case. As such it is inappropriate for us to speak to media at this time.
- Following the Court Hearing communication was sent to YMCA staff to inform them of outcomes.
- An invitation to a series of Parent Information Sessions was distributed on Friday 11 November, 2011.
- Parent Information Nights are taking place on Monday 21 November, Wednesday 23 November and Thursday 24 November in the Sutherland Shire area. They are closed meetings for OSHC parents.

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