



## YMCA CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### Report to Board John Lord Incident

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On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2 parents came into Caringbah YMCA and made a report to Centre Manager Shane Demir and Children's Services Coordinator Jacqui Barnat. The report contained allegations of misconduct of a sexual nature against an OSHC Centre Coordinator John Lord.

John works at the Caringbah Public School OSHC but at the time of the allegation was engaged in a Vacation Care excursion.

The parents immediately attended Miranda Police Station and made a report to Detectives. The Detectives contacted Shane and advised him YMCA staff were not to discuss any aspects of the allegations with John.

Management immediately suspended John on full pay whilst the Police investigations took place.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October the case was picked up by Kogarah JIRT, a specialised unit dealing with Child Protection matters.

Following their initial interviews with the 2 children involved Police have issued an AVO against John.

We have cooperated fully with Police during this time including providing reports as requested and access to staff for interviews. These interviews have now commenced.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> we were advised by Miranda Police and the Kogarah JIRT, that a second family had come forward and made a report.

In light of this additional allegation we are currently working with a DoCS Consultant and writing to all parents at the OSHC services John has worked at to inform them of the matter and who they can contact if they have any concerns.

HR are currently reviewing our ongoing paid suspension of John with Employers Mutual.