

Annexure 14

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CASE SUMMARIES

1.	Mark STEWART (SPANSWICK)	Date of Death 11/05/1976	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Mark Stewart (Spanswick) was 19 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Stewart was born in Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) in 1957 before moving to Australia, England and then Fiji in 1962. Mark changed his name from Spanswick to Stewart by deed poll and was last seen alive at the Sydney Hilton Hotel on 9 May 1976 where he had booked a room for two nights.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Stewart's body was discovered on rocks below a cliff about 250m south of the Fairy Bower Headland, Manly.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Stewart's sexual orientation or psychological health at the time of his death could not be confirmed. His family indicated that Mr Stewart knew the Fairy Bower area well as his family holidayed there regularly when he was young. No suspects or witnesses were identified who saw Mr Stewart or anyone else on the Fairy Bower Cliff prior to his death.

Coronial/Court Findings: The Coroner found, *'The deceased died of multiple injuries sustained then and there as the result of falling from the cliff top of Fairy Bower headland but whether such fall was accidental or otherwise the evidence adduced does not enable me to say.'*

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

2.	Paul Edward RATH	Date of Death 15/06/1977	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Paul Edward Rath was 27 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Rath was last seen alive by his brother at their family home the day before his death. He was in a happy mood and had never previously indicated suicidal tendencies. Mr Rath was a religious person, working as a catechist at local public schools and devoting much of his time to the Catholic Church. He worked at the *'House with no steps'* three years before leaving with pension entitlements. Mr Rath's parents stated that Paul often went for walks along the Fairy Bower area to calm himself and would often sit on the cliff tops to relax.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Rath's body was found between rocks at the base of the Fairy Bower cliffs, Manly about 300 metres south of a parking area. A handwritten note signed by Mr Rath was located in his pocket which read: *'God loves little children. Children love God with your whole heart and whole soul. Let God's light shine upon you from day to day. Let your little hearts become a replica of His. Place your faith and love in his sacred heart. And he will find a special place in heaven where you will be with Him for eternity.'*

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Rath's sexual orientation at the time of his death could not be confirmed. Mr Rath suffered from schizophrenia and was taking medication up until the time of his death.

Coronial/Court Findings: The Coroner found Mr Rath, *'died of the effects of multiple injuries sustained then and there when he fell accidentally onto rocks at the foot of a cliff....on the evidence, there are no suspicious circumstances, and I formally find there is no prima facie case, against any person, for an indictable offence.'*

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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3.	David Lloyd WILLIAMS	Date of Death 1979 (date unknown)	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL Not Reviewed	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
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Identity: The only information available is within a spreadsheet prepared by a former NSW police employee indicating that David Lloyd Williams was found naked at the bottom of a cliff at Manly in 1979. The person who provided the information was only known as 'Dave Davies', who could not be located without further details. Investigators were unable to locate any records relating to this matter despite extensive searches including all possible dates of birth; dates of death; and/or misspelling of names. Database searches including: COPS; Ryerson Index; Media Archives; Coroner; GRR; Police and State Archives were also unsuccessful.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Williams' personal history; body location; sexual orientation; psychological health; coronial or court findings could not be confirmed.

Coronial/Court Findings: The death of Mr Williams is noted in academic reports indicating its occurrence in the same 'gay beat' area as Mr Stewart (Parrabell Case 1); Mr Rath (Parrabell Case 2); and Mr Johnson (Parrabell Case 29).

SF Parrabell did not review this matter as details of the death could not be confirmed

4.	Walter John BEDSER	Date of Death 02/12/1980	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL Insufficient Information	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
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Identity: Walter John Bedser was 47 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Bedser operated an antique shop in a Parramatta arcade.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Bedser was stabbed numerous times inside his antique shop before running to and collapsing in a nearby grocery store. He was conveyed to hospital where he later died of his injuries. Police interviewed many witnesses who describe seeing a man leave the antique shop moments after the stabbing of Mr Bedser, yelling 'get an ambulance'. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No clear motive has been established for the murder of Mr Bedser. No suspects have been identified.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Bedser's sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was described by people who knew him as same sex attracted or bisexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Mr Bedser's murder remains unsolved.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

5.	Richard SLATER	Date of Death 22/12/1980	Unsolved (charged not convicted)	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)
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Identity: Richard Slater was 69 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Slater had no close associates apart from immediate family and neighbours. Mr Slater suffered from a medical condition that caused him to urinate frequently and is believed to be the reason for his use of public toilets.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Slater was found semi-conscious on the floor of a men's public toilet in Birdwood Park, Newcastle on 19 December 1980 suffering severe head and bodily injuries. There was no evidence to suggest that Mr Slater attended the toilet block other than to urinate, when it is likely that he was struck from behind with a blunt object. The location was known as a gay beat. Mr Slater died of his injuries in hospital 3 days later. His money clip containing \$30 cash was missing. No suspects were identified until 18 months later with the nomination of Jeffrey Miller, 22 years old, as a suspect. Witnesses alleged that Miller was actively targeting gay men in public toilets as robbery victims. Miller was gay and alleged to have attended toilet blocks to engage in sex with other men before robbing them.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Slater's sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was described as a 'family man'.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Miller with the murder of Mr Slater which proceeded through committal hearing but was 'No Billed' before trial in 1983. There was no documentation outlining specific reasons for the matter being 'No Billed', however but it is believed that a lack of direct evidence, coupled with unreliable witness accounts contributed to the matter not proceeding. [REDACTED]

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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6.	Constantinos GIANNARIS	Date of Death 16/11/1981	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Constantinos Giannaris was 47 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Giannaris was the Greek Consul General in Australia.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Giannaris was murdered inside his residence at Goomarah Crescent, Darling Point. His body was found with his mouth gagged, his feet and wrists bound by neck ties. Mr Giannaris had been stabbed on several occasions and his residence had been ransacked. A large amount of property had been stolen including Mr Giannaris' car. Mr Giannaris was killed by Michael Caldwell, 19 years old; and a 16-year-old youth, both of whom indicating that despite being male prostitutes, they identified as heterosexual, and were only working as prostitutes for money to support their extensive drug and alcohol use. The youth had previously engaged in sexual activity with Mr Giannaris, for which he was paid. Both offenders were also convicted of the murder of Mr Peter Parkes (*Parrabell Case 8*) in similar circumstances 16 days prior to the murder of Mr Giannaris. Both offenders admitted their intention to kill Mr Giannaris to rob him.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Giannaris identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the 16-year-old youth with Mr Giannaris' murder and robbery. He was convicted of both charges and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment. Whilst in custody he committed suicide. Police charged Caldwell with Mr Giannaris' murder and robbery. He was convicted of both charges and sentenced to life imprisonment however served only 16 years.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

7.	Gerard Leslie CUTHBERT	Date of Death 17/10/1981	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Gerard Leslie Cuthbert was 37 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Cuthbert was in a gay relationship for approximately 5 years. During that time Mr Cuthbert lived with his partner in a unit at Stephen Street, Paddington. During the year prior to his death Mr Cuthbert ended the relationship and moved into another residence however only months prior to his death Mr Cuthbert returned to live at the same address with his ex-partner in a *'friend's only relationship'*.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Cuthbert was murdered inside his ex-partner's unit. Prior to being murdered, Mr Cuthbert was last seen leaving the YMCA on the evening before his body was located by his flatmates, some 12 to 18 hours post mortem. Police interviewed all flatmates, each of whom had keys to the residence, as there were no signs of forced entry. Both surviving occupants of the unit were eliminated as suspects early in the investigation. A suggestion that some money had been stolen was not confirmed. Police identified several suspects however each was eliminated for different reasons. No signs of forced entry with all key holders accounted for left a strong presumption that Mr Cuthbert willingly allowed his attacker/s entry to the unit before he was killed.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Cuthbert identified as gay in the five years prior to his death when he was in a gay relationship, although not at the time of his death. He was reportedly conflicted between being same sex attracted and adherence to religious faith.

Coroner/Court Findings: The post mortem cause of death was *'multiple incised penetrating wounds of the chest'* with *'a total of 62 stab wounds.'* No persons have been charged and the case remains unsolved. The motive for Mr Cuthbert's murder has also been unable to be determined.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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8.	Peter PARKES	Date of Death 20/10/1981	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Peter Parkes was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Parkes was a gay activist promoting gay rights and worked for a gay counselling service. Mr Parkes was also employed as a volunteer with a local community FM radio station.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Parkes was murdered inside his residential unit at Neot Avenue, Potts Point. Mr Parkes body was found lying on a bedroom floor with his mouth gagged, his feet and wrists bound by neck ties. Mr Parkes residence had been ransacked and his property stolen. Michael Caldwell, 19 years old, and a 16-year-old youth indicated that despite being male prostitutes, they identified as heterosexual, and were only working as prostitutes for money to support their extensive drug and alcohol use. Both Caldwell and the youth had previously engaged in sexual activity with Mr Parkes, for which they were both paid. Both offenders were also convicted of the murder of Mr Constantine Giannaris (*Parrabell Case 6*) in similar circumstances 16 days after the murder of Mr Parkes. Both offenders admitted their intention to kill Mr Parkes in order to rob him.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Parkes sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the 16-year-old youth with Mr Parkes' murder and robbery. He was convicted and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment. Whilst in custody he committed suicide. Police charged Caldwell with Mr Parkes' murder and robbery. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment however served only 16 years.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

9.	Ian BRIDGE	Date of Death 02/02/1982	Solved	SF PARREBELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Ian Bridge was 43 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Bridge's body was located a short distance from his car near a boatshed along the Nepean River, Penrith suffering gunshot wounds which caused his death. Mr Bridge was murdered by brothers Robert Dwyer, 24 years old, and Gary Dwyer, 20 years old after being lured away from a nearby toilet block which was known at the time to be a gay beat. Both brothers identified as heterosexual and worked at a nearby Australia Post Office. There was evidence of animosity between the Dwyer brothers and gay men generally with Gary Dwyer's strong reaction to previously being asked for sex by a group of men at the same location. The Dwyer brothers intended to seek out gay men for the infliction of 'punishment' with both brothers admitting to attending the toilet block knowing it was a location where they could find gay men. They located Mr Bridge, a person they perceived to be gay, and lured him to the Nepean River. One of the brothers fired a shot through the windscreen of Mr Bridge's car that he was sitting in before Mr Bridge attempted to escape by running away. As Mr Bridge ran away he was shot in the back and killed. The Dwyer brothers took a .22 calibre rifle to a known 'gay beat' with a joint intention of carrying out an attack on a gay man.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Bridge's sexual orientation could not be confirmed, notwithstanding his presence at a gay beat. He was perceived to be gay by his attackers who were strangers to him.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Robert Dwyer with murder. Robert Dwyer pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. Police charged Gary Dwyer with murder. Gary Dwyer pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

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10.	Barry Charles SAUNDERS	Date of Death 15/02/1983	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Barry Saunders was 50 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Saunders was located deceased in Rushcutters Bay Park, which at the time was a known gay beat area. Witnesses saw Mr Saunders and the offender Philly Peo Maza, 67 years old, together in Rushcutters Bay Park shortly before Mr Saunders was murdered. Maza was homeless and had set up camp underneath a bridge at the Park. Maza was a very heavy drinker and believed to suffer from Korsakoff Syndrome due to his intake of alcohol over a lengthy period. It is not known what, if anything, transpired between the two men but at some point Maza produced a length of steel and struck Mr Saunders to his forehead, knocking him to the ground. Maza continued to assault Mr Saunders by striking him about his head and body with the length of steel. At some point Maza removed Mr Saunders shorts and underpants before forcing the steel rod deep into Mr Saunders' right buttock. In his record of interview, Maza stated, *'I walked across bridge and he came straight to me. He look at me and I think him dead.... I think he poofter, I go home get steel and come back and belt him into fucking ground.'* The murder weapon was found in Maza's campsite.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Saunders' sexual orientation could not be confirmed. Maza was found to be psychologically unstable at the time he killed Mr Saunders.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Maza with Mr Saunders' murder. He was convicted of manslaughter with his sentence deferred upon entering a 3-year good behaviour bond.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

11.	Peter SHEIL	Date of Death 28/04/1983	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Peter Sheil was 29 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: In a recent media interview Mr Sheil's brother indicated that Mr Sheil suffered from mental illness, stating: *'He (Peter) wrote extraordinary poetry. It was a way to attract the girls. Peter wasn't gay, but he was mentally ill and he could be very gregarious and reckless. It's plausible that he was mistaken for being gay while walking through a gay beat – that he was attacked for that reason.'* Mr Sheil's mother insisted that he was not depressed prior to his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Sheil's body was located with multiple injuries and without trousers at the base of a cliff known as Thompson's Bay, north of Coogee. Strike Force Parrabell did not locate any NSWPF holdings relating to the death of Mr Sheil. Information reviewed was from open media sources only. According to the limited information reviewed, on the night of his death Mr Sheil telephoned his mother saying he would walk home from the Coogee Bay Hotel via the sea-cliffs path. At the time, the ocean path passed through a known gay beat area.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Sheil was described by his family as heterosexual, suffering mental illness.

Coroner/Court Findings: There was no evidence of other persons involvement in Mr Sheil's death. From the limited information reviewed the circumstances surrounding Mr Sheil's death could not be established.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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12.	Gregory Peter REGAN	Date of Death 25/09/1983	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Gregory Peter Regan was 56 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Regan was a Dentist and a counsellor for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Regan's body was located in a bedroom of his residential unit at Bunnerong Road, Matraville some days after his death. Police identified 2 suspects for the killing of Mr Regan, Glenn Mark Roberts, 20 years old; and Stephen William Perry, 20 years old. Both admitted killing Mr Regan after visiting him and consuming alcohol and drugs. Roberts and Perry alleged that Mr Regan made unwanted sexual advances, resulting in both offenders assaulting him by striking his head with closed fists. When unconscious, Mr Regan was bound, gagged and moved to another room. The offenders then ransacked Mr Regan's unit stealing numerous items before placing them in Mr Regan's vehicle. They then wrote a false note stating Mr Regan had gone to Queensland before Mr Regan began to stir. At that time one of the offenders struck Mr Regan with a metal coffee pot causing his death. Both offenders then left the scene in Mr Regan's car. Both Roberts and Perry identified as gay and were in a relationship with each other. Robbery appears to have motivated both men to kill Mr Regan in order to purchase drugs.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Regan's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Glenn Mark Roberts, 20 years old; and Stephen William Perry, 20 years old with murder. Both Perry and Roberts were convicted of manslaughter and each sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

13.	Paul Edmund HOSON	Date of Death 27/10/1983	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Paul Hoson was 52 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Hoson was alleged to have been a member of a paedophile consortium.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Hoson was murdered inside his residential unit in Birtley Place, Elizabeth Bay. Police identified Robert Charles Vincent (aka Veen) 28 years old as a suspect. Vincent was working as a male prostitute, although identified as heterosexual. On the night of his death Mr Hoson met Vincent at the Rex Hotel, Kings Cross. The Rex Hotel was a well-known 'gay friendly' establishment and a common meeting place for gay men. Vincent went home with Mr Hoson where a conversation about 'old times' made Vincent 'snap' and stab Mr Hoson 6 times with a knife taken from the kitchen. Vincent identified as Aboriginal and was sexually assaulted as a child over several years before leaving home with a strong dependence upon alcohol. Vincent had a history of violence including stabbings and another murder conviction in similar circumstances (Ward), for which he served 12 years in prison. He was released on parole only 9 months before killing Mr Hoson.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Hoson identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Vincent with Mr Hoson's murder. A psychiatric report prepared for Vincent stated, 'The murder appears to have been impulsive and one can only guess at the emotions that motivated it. It is likely there were feelings of guilt and revulsion at earning money through homosexual prostitution, for he does not believe himself to be homosexual; it was simply a way of him earning money quickly.' Vincent was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 20 years.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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14.	Julian Ricardo Joseph D'ROZARIO	Date of Death 20/02/1985	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Julian D'Rozario was 33 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr D'Rozario occasionally dressed in female clothing and used an alias 'Jules'.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr D'Rozario's body was located in Rushcutters Bay Park, which at the time was a known gay beat area. Mr D'Rozario had injuries consistent with being assaulted and shot in the head with a .22 calibre firearm. Prior to his death Mr D'Rozario fled to Sydney from Perth due to significant outstanding drug debts owed to Kenneth Sharon (aka Hopewell), a 36-year-old man who identified as gay. Sharon had an extensive criminal history across several Australian states. Sharon followed Mr D'Rozario to Sydney with an accomplice he met in Fremantle Prison, Peter Byrne, a 21-year-old man who identified as heterosexual, to collect the drug debts owed. Sharon and Mr D'Rozario were well known to each other in Perth and may have been in a relationship together at one point in time. When interviewed, Byrne stated on the night that Mr D'Rozario was killed he was drinking with Sharon in a "gay bar" in Kings Cross. Sharon pointed out D'Rozario and asked Byrne to assist in getting D'Rozario drunk before luring him to Rushcutters Bay Park to give him a "kicking". Byrne agreed with all three drinking together before going to Rushcutters Bay park, where Sharon kicked Mr D'Rozario downstairs before shooting him in the head with a .22 calibre handgun. Byrne then returned to Perth the next day and Sharon about one week later. Sometime later Byrne shot and killed Sharon with the same handgun used to kill Mr D'Rozario, after Sharon had allegedly threatened him.

Sexual Orientation: Mr D'Rozario identified as gay and was a prominent member of the gay community.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Byrne with the murder of Sharon. Byrne was found guilty of murder in Western Australia and was sentenced to life imprisonment with a non-parole period of 20 years.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

15.	Patrick O'NEILL	Date of Death 22/02/1985	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Patrick O'Neill was 68 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr O'Neill lived in a residential unit along Bayswater Road, Kings Cross.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr O'Neill's body was found inside his residential unit. Mr O'Neill had been stabbed before being set alight. Police identified Mr O'Neill's attacker as Damon Randall Walsh, 18 years old, who met Mr O'Neill in Fitzroy Gardens, Kings Cross, which at the time was well known as a place to meet male prostitutes. Walsh was a male prostitute and was engaged by Mr O'Neill before attending his home. Mr O'Neill and Walsh engaged in consensual sexual activity after which Walsh left the location, however later returned. Walsh retrieved a pair of scissors from an open wardrobe before stabbing Mr O'Neill numerous times to his chest and throat before placing newspapers and clothing on top of Mr O'Neill's body and setting him alight. The only version of events was supplied by Walsh, who made several derogatory remarks to investigating police about gay men and admitted his confusion over his own sexuality.

Sexual Orientation: Mr O'Neill's sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Walsh with Mr O'Neill's murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

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16.	Wayne 'Wendy WAIN' BRENNAN	Date of Death 30/04/1985	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Wayne Brennan (Aka Wendy Wain) was 36 years old at the time of her death.

Personal History: Ms Brennan was well known as a 'drag queen' who worked as a manager and performer at gay cabaret restaurant 'Pete's Beat' in Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. Ms Brennan would routinely sit at the front of her unit block on Darlinghurst Road to solicit men as they walked past, and if successful, take them into her residential unit for sex.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Ms Brennan's body was located naked, lying face down on the floor of her residential unit at Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst. The pathologist report indicated Ms Brennan had [REDACTED] a blow to the back of her head before being shot twice to the back and head with a large (possibly .45 calibre) firearm. The person/s that murdered Ms Brennan intended to kill her. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Police interviewed many people during this investigation, however no clear motive or suspects were identified and no person has been charged with this murder which remains unsolved.

Sexual Orientation: Ms Brennan identified as transgender female.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

17.	Michael John STEVENS	Date of Death 23/06/1985	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Michael Stevens was 22 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Stevens was a professional dancer.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Stevens went drinking with friends along Oxford Street before being attacked. In the early morning hours Mr Stevens and his friends ate at a takeaway shop before walking along Palmer Street, Surry Hills where a voice yelled 'poofers' before one member of Mr Steven's group was struck to the back of his head. Mr Stevens was then violently attacked by at least five youths, each punching and kicking him. The attack required his immediate hospitalisation. Mr Stevens died in hospital without regaining consciousness eight days later. Police identified five juvenile suspects (three 16 years old; and two 17 years old). All suspects claimed that their intention was to 'roll' Mr Stevens and his two friends based upon their perceived sexual orientation. The sexual orientations of the suspects could not be confirmed. All five suspects stated that they went to Oxford Street, a place known to each of them as attracting a large gay population, to 'roll' men and 'poofter bash'.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Stevens identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police arrested five juveniles, all of whom were charged with Mr Stevens' murder. Two of those charged were found not guilty at trial. Three of those charged were convicted of Mr Stevens' murder. One youth was sentenced to 15 years and 4 months imprisonment, while the other two were sentenced to 16 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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18.	Phillip James FINLAY	Date of Death 06/07/1985	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Phillip James Finlay was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Finlay lived in a residential unit at Busaco Road, Marsfield, he owned a BMW motor vehicle and commonly frequented licensed premises along Oxford Street, Surry Hills.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Finlay's body was discovered in an upstairs bedroom of his residential unit. He had been assaulted and strangled to death with a jumper by two 15-year-old youths who then ransacked his residence. The police investigation established that the offenders were '*picked up*' by Mr Finlay in Patches Nightclub. His attackers alleged that Mr Finlay offered them drugs (rush) and to take them for a drive in his BMW. He drove them to his residence where he took them to a bedroom. He allegedly made a sexual advance towards one of the youths who admitted to assaulting Mr Finlay. He stated, '*...When we first met the guy and he went to get his car we decided that we would go with this bloke and roll him and get his money off him. When we were driving over the bridge I did ask him where we were going and he said 'to my place'. We intended that wherever he took us we would hit him a few times, take his money and go. We had no intention of killing him.*' The second youth made admissions to strangling Mr Finlay with an intention of robbery. About half an hour after strangling Mr Finlay, one youth stated, '*I went back upstairs and I was almost positive that he was dead because he hadn't moved at all. After I realised that he had stopped breathing I thought about giving him mouth to mouth but because he was gay it made me feel sick.*'

Sexual Orientation: Mr Finlay identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both youths with Mr Finlay's murder. Both were convicted of manslaughter; one youth was sentenced to 9 years imprisonment and the other 6 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

19.	Giles MATTAINI	Date of Death 15/09/1985	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Giles Mattaini was 27 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: In 1983 Mr Mattaini moved to Australia with his partner. At the time of his death Mr Mattaini had overstayed his visa which was causing him distress. Mr Mattaini was known to take long walks along the Marks Park walking track. Whilst the location was well known as a '*gay beat*', Mr Mattaini did not frequent the area for this reason. A friend engaged in the original search for Mr Mattaini believed he had been reported missing to Police, however no such report could be found and no police investigation was undertaken at the time. It was not until 2002 that the death of Mr Mattaini was formally recorded as reported to Police following media attention surrounding Strike Force Taradale.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Mattaini was last seen walking along the Marks Park walking track at Bondi on or about 15 September 1985. Strike Force Taradale identified a number of youth gangs involved in assault and robbery offences targeting gay men around Marks Park and Tamarama during 1989/1990. There was no direct evidence available to link the same group to the earlier death of Mr Mattaini. No suspects have been identified as involved in the death of Mr Mattaini. Mr Mattaini's body was never recovered.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Mattaini identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: In 2005, the Deputy State Coroner declared Mr Mattaini formally deceased, but where and how he died remains unknown. The Deputy State Coroner stated, '*...there is a strong possibility that he died in similar circumstances to the other men (Warren and Russell).*' The Deputy State Coroner determined, '*Giles Jacques Mattaini died on or about 15 September 1985 in Sydney, the cause and manner of death are undetermined as the evidence before me does not enable me to say.*' The Deputy State Coroner also found that, '*the persons of interest that may have been responsible for the deaths of Mr Warren and Mr Russell would have been far too young at the time of Mr Mattaini's disappearance in August 1985.*'

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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20.	William Antony ROONEY	Date of Death 20/02/1986	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: William Antony Rooney was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Rooney's partner was the last person to see him alive.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Rooney was discovered in a semi-conscious state on the morning of 14 February 1986 behind the L&S Discount store in Crown Lane, Wollongong. Mr Rooney was hospitalised suffering head injuries however died 6 days later due to a large skull fracture. The original police investigation concluded that Mr Rooney may have fallen. In 2002 a further police investigation was conducted with a suspect identified for assaulting and possibly sexually assaulting Mr Rooney. After Mr Rooney's death, 12 other men became victims of the same suspect in similar circumstances with all violently assaulted with a rock and then raped. The suspect identified as gay and was described as an extremely violent individual. The second investigation into Mr Rooney's death suggested that he should be considered the suspect's first victim in what was proven to be a lengthy period of violence and rapes of gay men.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Rooney identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: In 1990 Police charged the suspect with 29 serious and violent offences against 12 other male victims including attempted murder, sexual assault, kidnapping, and assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. The later police investigation created a brief of evidence for the suspect's prosecution over Mr Rooney's death which was forwarded to the DPP for prosecution. Upon review, the DPP determined there was insufficient evidence for charges to be laid relating to Mr Rooney's death. It is likely the original Coronial finding regarding Mr Rooney's death being caused by a fall is incorrect.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

21.	Peter John SIMPSON	Date of Death 01/11/1986	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Peter John Simpson was 45 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Simpson was a married man with children.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Simpson was murdered on the foreshore of Fennell Bay, Newcastle. Mr Simpson suffered severe head injuries and died as a result of several fractures to the base of his skull and upper jawbone. Police identified Mark Becker, 22 years old, as responsible for Mr Simpson's injuries. Becker identified as heterosexual. Becker made admissions to police that he met Mr Simpson in the Toronto Hotel where he was drinking with friends, until closing time when only Mr Simpson was left with Becker. Becker invited Mr Simpson to a 21st birthday party being held at the Fennell Bay Community Hall. Mr Simpson drove Becker in his van. Upon arrival Becker suggested they walk to the foreshore to smoke marijuana. There were no witnesses to the murder with evidence of motivation only from Becker's account to police when he claimed that Mr Simpson unexpectedly attacked him with a rock. Becker told police that he wrestled the rock from Mr Simpson and commenced to hit him in the head with it several times, causing multiple facial and skull fractures. Becker later returned to the party and confessed to a friend before returning home. Becker did not offer any explanation as to why Mr Simpson might have attacked him with a rock.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Simpson identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Becker with Mr Simpson's murder. At trial, it was accepted that Becker had injuries consistent with his version and that Mr Simpson initially attacked him with a rock, however the severe nature of injuries sustained by Mr Simpson was deemed excessive and beyond that required for self-defence. Becker was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 8 years imprisonment with a non-parole period of 3 years and 4 months.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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22.	Raymond Frederick KEAM	Date of Death 13/01/1987	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL [REDACTED]	ACADEMIC REVIEW [REDACTED]
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Identity: Raymond Frederick Keam was 44 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Keam was a father to 2 children and had been in a defacto relationship with his girlfriend for approximately 5 years. [REDACTED].

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: [REDACTED]

Sexual Orientation: Mr Keam identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: [REDACTED]

23.	Keith William RICHARDS	Date of Death 07/05/1987	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Keith William Richards was 53 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Richards was an invalid Pensioner who lived alone in a residential house at Campbell Place, Merrylands. He was a single man having never married and had no living relatives.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Richards' body was located inside his residence. Mr Richards had been violently assaulted with his hands and feet bound. He also had electrical cable twisted around his neck several times with a connection to his feet bindings. He had been stabbed numerous times and his residence had been ransacked. Police identified suspects, John Spinks, 28 years old; and Shane Henderson, 22 years old. Spinks' sexuality could not be confirmed however evidence suggests he may have been bisexual. Henderson identified as heterosexual and was in a defacto relationship with a 17-year-old female. Henderson stated that before the murder of Mr Richards, Spinks said *'he knew a person who would give him money. He said this person feared him. Spinks said this person was a hippie and had thousands (of dollars). He also said the person was a child molester'*. Henderson stated that he saw Spinks punch Mr Richards several times to the head before he left to get a taxi, returning 10 mins later to collect Spinks who was waiting outside with a box of stolen items. Mr Richards was also forced to sign a withdrawal slip for \$1000 which was cashed at a bank the next day. Police established Spinks had previously been convicted of assaulting and robbing Mr Richards 3 years earlier. On that occasion, Spinks assaulted Mr Richards at his home, stole a television and \$100 cash. For that crime Spinks was sentenced to 6 years imprisonment. At the time of murdering Mr Richards, Spinks was on parole. Spinks had an extensive criminal history of violence. Henderson also had an extensive criminal history of violence, theft and drugs.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Richards' sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Spinks with Mr Richards' murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Police charged Henderson with Mr Richards' murder. He was convicted of robbery with striking of Mr Richards and sentenced to 7 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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24.	Stewart John WATTS	Date of Death 05/09/1987	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Stewart John Watts was 26 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Watts had been drinking with his attacker for approximately three days before both retired to bed about on the night of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Watts' body was found at his attacker's residence, which was a small shed turned into a dwelling on a property at Mogo. The person responsible for killing Mr Watts was Terrence John Alexander, 32 years old. Alexander was previously married but resided alone. There was no direct evidence relating to Alexander's sexuality however it appears he identified as heterosexual. Alexander admitted to police his shooting of Mr Watts claiming that he was woken by Mr Watts holding his penis. Alexander told Mr Watts 'to piss off and I shot him'. In order to do so, Alexander got out of bed, dressed, and armed himself with a .22 calibre rifle, before moving to another section of the shed where he shot Mr Watts in the head whilst he was lying on a couch. Alexander then 'grabbed a fry pan that was nearby and hit him with it as hard as I could to stop him gurgling'. The handle broke off and the pan lid fell on to the floor. Alexander then ran about three kilometres to a friend's house where he admitted to shooting Mr Watts before returning to his residence where he dismantled the rifle and waited for police to arrive.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Watts' sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Alexander with the Mr Watts' murder. At trial Alexander raised provocation, which was rejected by the jury. Alexander was convicted of murder and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

25.	Geoffrey SOLNESS	Date of Death 20/10/1986	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Geoffrey SOLNESS was 30 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Solness owned a surf shop called 'Shark Island Surfboards' in Cronulla. Mr Solness was involved in dealing drugs around the Cronulla area. He employed a keen surfer, [NP25], 17 years old, to work part time in his surf shop.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Solness body was found in a caravan on a rural property at Tomerong on the NSW south coast. He was shot to the back of the head with a .22 calibre rifle whilst he slept by his employee, [NP25]. No other injuries were noted in the autopsy report. [NP25] identified as heterosexual. He stated that Mr Solness paid for his part time work by supplying him drugs. [NP25] stated that Mr Solness made 'homosexual advances' to him in lieu of payment for drugs which [NP25] rejected. Coincident with his rising drug debt, [NP25] also became increasingly anxious and depressed, ultimately deciding to kill Mr Solness. In preparation for the murder, [NP25] travelled to his parents' home at Bomaderry and retrieved a .22 calibre rifle. When interviewed by police, [NP25] stated, 'I met Geoffrey Solness at Shark Island at 7.30pm. We left for the coast at 8.11pm. We travelled down the coast we got to Tomerong we lit a fire. Geoff was tired and he went to bed, say around 1am I stayed awake until 3 and then proceeded to the toilet and set myself up and shot Geoffrey Solness at 3.30am Monday morning'. After the murder, [NP25] stole Mr Solness' vehicle and some other property before returning the rifle to Bomaderry, and continuing to drive for several days. [NP25] also outlined to police his motivation to kill Mr. Solness as, 'When I first met Geoff he was a dealer in narcotics and we made friends and Geoffrey tried to pass on some cocaine and marijuana and speed my way to smoke snort and sell. Which made me very angry with Geoff, which is why I cracked it and shot Geoffrey Solness'.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Solness' sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged [NP25] with Mr Solness' murder. He was convicted of murder, stealing Mr Solness' vehicle and other property. [NP25] was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment with a minimum term of 13 years.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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26.	Philip Peter CROMBIE	Date of Death 28/11/1987	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
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Identity: Phillip Crombie was 26 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Crombie was a soldier in the Australian Army attached to the Military School of Engineering, Casula.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: During the evening prior to his death Mr Crombie attended the Celebrities Night Club at Liverpool before leaving his friends to return to the army barracks. He was discovered about 4am by fellow army personnel lying unconscious in Augusta Cullen Park, Liverpool approximately 500 metres from the Celebrities Night Club. Mr Crombie was suffered multiple head injuries resulting in his death at the scene. The pathologist report indicated that he had been violently assaulted and suffered two blows to the rear of his right ear consistent with possibly being struck by a house brick. Mr Crombie's wallet and personal items were stolen. Augusta Cullen Park was a known 'gay beat' location, known locally as 'Poofter Park'. However, Augusta Cullen Park also comprised the direct route back to the army barracks. The investigation did not identify any suspects until 1989, when an appeal for information was made via the television program, 'Australia's Most Wanted' which led police to suspects, Andrew Dale Turner, 19 years old; and Matthew Leo Nash, also 19 years old. The sexuality of Turner or Nash could not be confirmed. A witness stated that both offenders were heard speaking about having 'bashed and robbed a meat head in poofter park'. Police interviewed Nash who admitted his involvement stating, both he and Turner were 'excessively drunk and was going home we passed Augusta Cullen Park and we heard this voice call out something, I can't remember what it was, it wasn't nice and Andrew started clobbering into him and he either tripped Andrew or did something and he was on top of Andrew having quite a good go at Andrew. I heard Andrew yell out 'help' or something so I did something, I know I hit him in the back of the head then after a few minutes the three of us were having a go.....' Nash later recanted this version and provided a second fully implicating Turner in the murder of Mr Crombie. However, this later version was ultimately rejected by the Court.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Crombie identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both Turner and Nash with Mr Crombie's murder. Both were convicted of manslaughter and each sentenced to a minimum term of 5 years imprisonment. Turner was sentenced to an additional 18 months imprisonment for other offences committed after the murder of Mr Crombie.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

27.	Mark Anthony JOHNSON	Date of Death 30/11/1987	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Mark Anthony Johnson was 20 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Johnson was employed as a labourer by Fairfield City Council.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Johnson worked for 2 weeks on the same 'road gang' as Edmond Joseph Muscat, 37 years old. There was no direct evidence relating to Muscat's sexuality however it appeared from psychological assessments that he was heterosexual. Mr Johnson engaged in continual harassment of Muscat by grabbing, touching and making sexual advances towards him. This behaviour was described as provocative, designed to tease Muscat with banter to elicit reactions. Muscat was described psychiatrically as having 'a very limited personality, not especially bright, and quite incapable of handling others socially in both friendly or aggressive situations.' Mr Johnson was shot by Muscat once at close range with a small calibre rifle that Muscat had purchased 12 months prior. Witnesses stated that Johnson's constant harassment and bullying appeared to motivate Muscat's behaviour in shooting him.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Johnson identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Muscat with Mr Johnson's murder. Muscat was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 8 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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28.	Leo PRESS	Date of Death 13/02/1988	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Leo Press was 62 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Press was devoted to his bakery business at Chatswood, church and charity work. He had numerous casual relationships with young males and was commonly known to pick up and proposition hitch-hikers for sex.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Press 's body was found by his brother lying at the foot of stairs at their shared home at Oliver Street, Harbord. Mr Press had been struck on several occasions with a bricklayer's hammer causing several skull fractures. A large sum of money was missing from his residence. At the time, police located unidentified fingerprints on 2 beer cans at the scene. Ten years after Mr Press' murder, police identified the fingerprints as belonging to Barrie Hodge, 29 years of age, who was 19 at the time of Mr. Press' death. Police arrested Hodge who denied knowledge of Mr Press' death. Later that year the DPP withdrew the prosecution. Police conducted further inquiries resulting in the identification of further witnesses to Hodge making admissions to murdering Mr Press. In one version, Hodge was hitchhiking in the Manly area when he was picked up by Mr Press, taken to his home and given beer to drink. Upon falling asleep Hodge was woken by Mr Press touching his genitals when he attacked Mr Press with a hammer.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Press' sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: In 1999 Police again charged Hodge with the murder of Mr Press. At trial Hodge claimed that Mr Press tried to rape him whilst he was asleep and that he was assaulted in retaliation. Hodge's true motive could not be confirmed. Hodge was found guilty of Mr Press' murder and sentenced to 15 Years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded that there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

29.	Scott JOHNSON	Date of Death 09/12/1988	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Not Reviewed</i>
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Identity: Scott Johnson was 27 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Johnson was an American mathematics prodigy, completing his PhD at the Australian National University. According to his brother, on the day of his death Mr Johnson was told he would secure his doctorate.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Johnson's body was found naked on rocks at the base of a 60-metre cliff at Bluefish Point, North Head. His clothes and belongings were located neatly folded on the cliff top above. An Inquest held in 1990 returned a finding of suicide. A second inquest held in 2012 overturned the original finding with an '*open finding.*' The NSW Police Force Unsolved Homicide Team under the reference, Strike Force McNamir has conducted ongoing investigations. A 3rd Coronial Inquest in 2017 has recently concluded.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Johnson identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: In 2017, the NSW State Coroner found that Mr Johnson's death was the result of a gay hate attack, stating: '*I am of the view it is very unlikely Scott took his own life.*' The Coroner noted many reports that gangs of men, including soldiers from the nearby Army barracks attended the area where Mr Johnson died to commit assaults and robberies motivated by gay hate in an area well-known as a gay beat. The Coroner said, '*I am persuaded to the requisite standard that Scott died as a result of a gay hate attack,*' and found it most likely that more than one person was responsible for the attack which led to Mr Johnson either being pushed off the cliff, or falling while trying to escape. The Coroner found that there was insufficient evidence to identify the perpetrators and noted that Mr Johnson's wallet was not found with his clothes or at his partner's residence.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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30.	William Emanuel ALLEN	Date of Death 29/12/1988	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: William Allen was 50 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Allen was a retired school teacher and suspected paedophile. Evidence indicated that he was cultivating and dealing large amounts of cannabis which he would sell or give to young males for sex. Mr Allen was known to frequent the public toilets in Alexandria Park in search of young male sexual partners.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Allen's body was found at his home address in Newton Street, Alexandria. Mr Allen suffered several injuries to his head when assaulted the previous evening in Alexandria Park. Mr Allen was driven home by a passing motorist who saw blood over his face and hands. Mr Allen stated that he had been bashed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr Allen stated that he was bashed and kicked whilst on the ground, before being robbed of his money and keys. When told to report the matter to police, Mr Allen replied, *'That's what you expect when you do the beat.'* Alexandria Park was a well-known gay beat. At the time police identified no clear suspects however circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Allen was noted to be similar to the later murder of Richard Johnson (Parrabell Case 40) in 1990. Both murders occurred at the same location in very similar circumstances. Police retrospectively investigated the 8 offenders from Mr Johnson's murder as fresh suspects for Mr Allen's murder however no evidence to implicate any of the 8 offenders was obtained.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Allen identified as gay.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

31.	Russell PAYNE	Date of Death 30/01/1989	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Russell Payne was 33 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Payne was an Invalid Pensioner with his marital status listed as unknown.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Payne's body was located in his residential unit at Henderson Street, Inverell. The post mortem noted the following *'...a metal piece, which upon closer examination appears to be the tip of the antenna from a television set at the flat...was found inserted inside the urethra of the deceased, about 1cm from the tip.'* Mr Payne's Death Certificate lists the cause of death as *'Septicaemia as a result of an acute urethritis most probably caused by insertion of a foreign body into the penile urethra.'*

Sexual Orientation: Mr Payne's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: This cause of death together with other evidence located at the scene indicated that the injuries causing the death of Mr Payne were self-inflicted.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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32.	Samantha RAYE	Date of Death 20/03/1989	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Samantha Raye was 30 years old at the time of her death.

Personal History: Ms Raye was named at birth, Frederick Roy Lethbridge. She was born with intersex characteristics. Ms Raye was raised as a boy by her parents in New Zealand before emigrating to Australia in the mid-1970s to begin a new life living as a female. In 1988, Ms Raye underwent surgery to transition from male to female. Ms Raye suffered from a number of medical conditions, including type one diabetes requiring daily insulin injections, and asthma which required Ventolin and an oxygen mask.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Ms Raye's body was located in a cave above the high-water mark at South Head, immediately below Hornsby Lighthouse. An empty bottle of insulin was found next to her body as well as a book of handwritten love poems. South Head and the Hornsby Lighthouse were significant to Ms Raye as she often attended the area to sit, reflect and write poetry. Ms Raye left a brief note which read, '*At lighthouse. Will be back?????*' which was discovered by her friend at the Hornsby Lighthouse. Ms Raye had previously informed many people of her intention to commit suicide if her situation in life did not improve. All witnesses interviewed indicated that Ms Raye was capable of taking her own life, and that she was extremely fragile, both mentally and physically, immediately prior to her death.

Sexual Orientation: Ms Raye identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: The post mortem did not reveal any signs of violence to Ms Raye's body. An Inquest was dispensed with by the Coroner, who found that Ms Raye most likely died of natural causes or suicide.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

33.	John Gordon HUGHES	Date of Death 05/05/1989	Solved (acquitted)	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: John Hughes was 45 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Hughes lived with a roommate in a residential unit at Greenknowe Avenue, Potts Point. At the time of his death Mr Hughes was on bail for serious drug supply matters and was believed to owe money related to drug debts. Police identified a suspect known to Mr Hughes for 10 years and described as his '*bodyguard*'. The suspect identified as heterosexual. Up until 2 months prior to his death, Mr Hughes had been living with the suspect. Their relationship ended with the suspect leaving Mr Hughes' residence to live with a woman in Bathurst amid allegations that he had stolen a number of personal items, leaving a strong personal dislike between them. Both Mr Hughes and the suspect made threats against each other. The suspect was aware that Mr Hughes had \$5000 in a bank account and when arrested by police had possession of Mr Hughes Westpac account passbook. The majority of witnesses interviewed were criminal associates, drug clients and personal friends of Mr Hughes.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Hughes was located deceased lying face down across a bed in his residential unit at Greenknowe Street, Potts Point. He had been struck to the head several times with a lamp. His hands and feet had been tied and a pillow case was over his head. He also had an electrical cord around his neck.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Hughes identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the suspect with Mr Hughes' murder. Investigating Police believed that the motive for the murder was robbery and/or revenge. The suspect was acquitted of murder at trial for unknown reasons and died in 2002 from a drug overdose.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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34.	Ross Bradley WARREN	Date of Death 22/07/1989	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Ross WARREN was 25 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Warren was a popular newsreader working for NBN.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Warren was last seen driving along Oxford Street, Darlinghurst on 22 July 1989. He had been socialising with friends. The keys to his car were found 2 days later on a rock ledge below a cliff at Marks Park, Tamarama. His car was located nearby. His body has never been found. Mr Warren frequented gay beats, specifically Marks Park. In 2002, the disappearance of Mr Warren was reinvestigated by Strike Force Taradale which identified a number of youth gangs involved in assault and robbery offences targeting men perceived to be gay around Marks Park and Tamarama. Strike Force Taradale identified sexuality based animosity between suspects and gay men including homophobia, group initiation, proving masculinity, robbery, and a belief that gay men were soft targets who will not fight back or complain to authorities. Strike Force Taradale indicated possible links between other murders and violent assaults against gay men in this area and other gay beats. One identified link involved groups of youths targeting gay men at Bondi and Alexandria including the murder of William Allen (*Parrabell Case 30*); the murder of Wayne Tonks (*Parrabell Case 41*); the murder of Raymond Keam (*Parrabell Case 22*); and the murder of John Russell (*Parrabell Case 36*) among other incidents of violence against gay men.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Warren did not openly identify as gay however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: In 2005, the Deputy State Coroner found that Mr Warren died in Sydney on or about 22 July 1989. The Deputy State Coroner stated, '*whilst the cause and manner of death are unknown, I am satisfied that the deceased was a victim of homicide perpetrated by person or persons unknown.*' The death of Mr Warren remains unsolved.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

35.	Graham PAYNTER	Date of Death 13/10/1989	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Graham Paynter was 36 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Paynter's body was found at the bottom of cliffs at Tathra Beach on the NSW South Coast. He was found with his jeans around his knees and his jumper over his head. Mr Paynter had been drinking heavily with a friend during the day prior to his body being discovered. He had been arrested by police at 7.45pm on the evening before his body was located for stealing a bottle of rum from a Bega liquor store. There was no evidence that Mr Paynter had been assaulted or murdered. There was no evidence to identify any suspect or suggest any other person's involvement in Mr Paynter's death. Details of Mr Paynter's death are scarce and very limited, having been recovered predominantly from historical police occurrence pad entries.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Paynter's sexuality could not be determined.

Coroner/Court Findings: Coronial details could not be obtained or located.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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36.	John RUSSELL	Date of Death 23/11/1989	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: John Alan Russell was 31 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Russell lived with his brother at Bondi. He was employed in two jobs and had the support of his family. At the time of his death he was excited about plans to build a kit home on his father's farm at Wollombi, funded by an inheritance. He also intended to travel around Australia.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Russell's body was discovered lying on rocks at the base of a cliff below a popular Bondi to Tamarama walking path, known as Marks Park. The position of Mr Russell's body was unusual with his head facing the rocks and his feet towards the water. Marks Park was a well-known gay beat.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Russell identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: The original Coroners finding stated that Mr Russell died from, *'Effects of multiple injuries sustained then and there when he fell from a cliff to the rocks below, but whether he fell accidentally or otherwise the evidence does not enable me to say'*. In 2002 the circumstances of Mr Russell's death were reinvestigated by Strike Force Taradale which indicated possible links between other murders and violent assaults against gay men in this area and other gay beats. One identified link involved groups of youths targeting gay men at Bondi and Alexandria including the murder of William Allen (*Parrabell Case 30*); the murder of Wayne Tonks (*Parrabell Case 41*); the murder of Raymond Keam (*Parrabell Case 22*); and the disappearance (suspected murder) of Ross Warren (*Parrabell Case 34*) among other incidents of violence against gay men. In 2005 a second Coronial Inquest was held with the Deputy State Coroner finding that Mr Russell died at Marks Park, North Bondi between the 22 and 23 November 1989. The Deputy State Coroner stated, *'the cause of death is multiple injuries sustained when he was thrown from the cliff onto rocks, by a person or persons unknown.'* The death of Mr Russell remains unsolved.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

37.	Andrew CURRIE	Date of Death 13/12/1988	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Andrew Currie was 29 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Currie's body was located at a toilet block in District Park Ovals, Pittwater Road, North Manly. The post mortem examination of Mr Currie's body found no significant injuries to indicate that he may have been assaulted. The Pathologist Toxicology Report stated the direct cause of death was, *'Poisoning by a combination of Pentobarbitone, Codeine, Methadone and Morphine.'* No suspects were identified as being involved in the death of Mr Currie with all the evidence indicating his death was caused by an overdose of drugs.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Currie's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: The Report of Death to the Coroner stated, *'It appears the deceased had attended the location, which is on route from Blyton's residence to his own home, and overdosed and fallen down onto the concrete ground, face down and became unconscious.'*

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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38.	Michael John SWACZAK	Date of Death 01/01/1990	Unsolved (charges dismissed)	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Michael Swaczak was 16 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Swaczak resided with his mother and siblings in Adamstown and was not yet employed.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Two weeks post mortem, Mr Swaczak's decomposed body was located in bushland off The Old Pacific Highway at Twelve Mile Creek, north of Raymond Terrace. Mr Swaczak was identified by dental records and a wrist watch located at the scene. Mr Swaczak's body was naked and no clothing was found. A Post Mortem examination failed to establish a cause of death and the presence of drugs was not detected. Immediately prior to his death Mr Swaczak had been associating with members of the gay community and was last seen at the Islington Bowling Club for an AIDS benefit night. Police identified 2 suspects. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr Swaczak was last seen leaving the Bowling Club with both suspects about 3.30am on New Year's Day, he was not seen alive again. A pattern of sexual behaviour was attributed to the suspects as suggested by several witnesses [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Police interviewed both suspects. Each gave conflicting versions of events. Their vehicle was seized and forensically examined [REDACTED]

Sexual Orientation: Mr Swaczak's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both suspects with manslaughter and the wilful disposal of Mr Swaczak's body however all charges were dismissed for unknown reasons. [REDACTED]

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

39.	Simon Blair WARK	Date of Death 10/01/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Simon Blair Wark was 28 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Wark was employed as a Technical Officer with the City Art Institute. He was residing at The Pymont Arms Hotel, Pymont.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Wark's body was located floating in Sydney Harbour near Dobroyd Head. The Post Mortem examination revealed that Mr Wark sustained multiple fractures to his spinal column, left rib cage and pelvis. Mr Wark's injuries were consistent with a fall from height. Property belonging to Mr Wark was located on the top of cliffs at The Gap, Watsons Bay. Evidence suggested that Mr Wark committed suicide. No suspects or other persons were identified as being involved in Mr Wark's death.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Wark identified as gay. A psychologist had diagnosed Mr Wark with depression for which he was prescribed strong antidepressant medication.

Coroner/Court Findings: The Deputy State Coroner found no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Wark and dispensed with a formal inquest.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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40.	Richard Norman JOHNSON	Date of Death 24/01/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Richard Norman Johnson was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Johnson's body was found near the toilet block of Alexandria Park, Alexandria. Mr Johnson had written his telephone number on a wall in the public toilets at Alexandria Park. On the night of his death he attended Alexandria Park in response to a call from someone who had found his phone number on the wall. Upon attending Alexandria Park, he was set upon by the group of eight youths and assaulted until deceased. Mr Johnson was also robbed of personal items (rings) however the primary motive for luring him to the Park was assault. Police identified 8 suspects. Two were 18 years old and six under 18. All suspects attended Alexandria Park with the specific intent to find a gay man to physically assault, solely on the basis of his perceived sexuality. There was further evidence of more 'groups of youths' likely to be actively targeting gay men to assault and robin Alexandria Park around the time of Mr Johnson's murder. In 1988, two years prior to Mr Johnson's murder, William Allen (*Parrabell Case 30*), was severely assaulted in the same location before dying days later at his home address. The offenders identified for causing Mr Johnson's death along with other youths were identified by police as suspects for involvement in Mr Allen's death, however none were charged. The sexuality of his attackers could not be determined.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Johnson identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged all eight offenders with Mr Johnson's murder. Three offenders, two aged 18 years were convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. Another 17-year-old offender was convicted of Mr Johnson's murder and sentenced to 8 years imprisonment. The remaining five offenders, four aged 16 years and a 17-year-old, were all convicted of Mr Johnson's manslaughter and were sentenced to 10 years; 8 years (x2); 6.5 years; and 5.5 years imprisonment respectively.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

41.	Wayne George TONKS	Date of Death 19/05/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Wayne Tonks was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Tonks was a teacher at Cleveland Street Boys High School. He lived in a residential unit at Hampton Road, Artarmon.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Tonks regularly attended public toilets where he met young males for sex. He had written his home telephone number under an alias 'Rick' as well as personal information on walls of several public toilet blocks around the Chatswood area. Mr Tonks was murdered in his home. His body was found by Police lying face down on the lounge room floor. Mr Tonks was clothed with his ankles, knees and wrists bound with industrial tape. His eyes and mouth had been bound with tape and a plastic bag secured over his head. His cause of death was recorded as suffocation although he also suffered lacerations to the back of his head. There was evidence his unit had been ransacked. A number of fingerprints were obtained from the crime scene however these prints did not identify anyone at the time with extensive inquiries failing to identify those responsible for Mr Tonk's death. In 1997 Police identified NP26 and NP27, both 23 years old, as suspects for the killing of Mr Tonks. Both NP27 and NP26 were 16 years old at the time of Mr Tonks death. NP27 disclosed to police that both he and NP26 intentionally killed Mr Tonks. NP27 was motivated by his belief that Mr Tonks had previously raped NP26. Mr Tonks invited NP27 and NP26 to his home for sex. After killing Mr Tonks, NP27 and NP26 ransacked his unit to disguise the motive as robbery. NP26 denied involvement.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Tonks identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both offenders with Mr Tonk's murder. NP27 was convicted of murder and sentenced to 10.5 years imprisonment. NP26 was convicted and sentenced to 4 years imprisonment with an additional 2 years commencing in 2003.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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42.	Krichakorn RATTANAJURATHAPORN	Date of Death 20/07/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Krichakorn Rattanajurathaporn was 34 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Rattanajurathaporn's body was found at the base of cliffs at Marks Park, South Bondi. Injuries were severe and consistent with having been violently assaulted and thrown from the cliff. About 3am Mr Rattanajurathaporn was violently assaulted by a gang of three offenders, comprising a 17 and 16-year-old brothers, and a 16-year-old youth, at Marks Park which was a well-known gay beat, before he was thrown over a cliff top. At the same time, another man (Mr Sullivan) was also assaulted by the same group but managed to escape. Mr Sullivan heard Mr Rattanajurathaporn calling out in pain prior to being thrown over the cliff. Police suspected involvement of the group in several other violent assaults, robberies and deaths. All three admitted to attacking Mr Rattanajurathaporn.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Rattanajurathaporn identified as gay. The sexuality of each offender could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged all offenders with Mr Rattanajurathaporn's murder, assault, and robbery with wounding. Each offender was convicted and sentenced to 12.5 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

43.	Gary WEBSTER	Date of Death 23/08/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Gary Webster was 42 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Webster's body was found with multiple stab wounds at a motel in Queen Street, Campbelltown inflicted by Graham John Hort, 26 years old. Mr Webster had previous sexual relations with Hort, who was also in a sexual relationship with a 26-year-old woman Hort described as his defacto wife. During the evening of Mr Webster's death, all three consumed alcohol at a local licensed premises before travelling together to the motel. An argument between Mr Webster and Hort's defacto was reported to Hort who in turn argued with Mr Webster. After Mr Webster fell asleep Hort withdrew a knife from a backpack and stabbed Mr Webster multiple times before strangling him with a bed sheet. Hort admitted killing Mr Webster because he had hurt his defacto and indicated that his relationship with Mr Webster was simply for money. At the scene, the word 'Poof' had been carved into the mattress upon which Mr Webster's body laid, and garlic bread had been arranged into a cross.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Webster identified as gay. His attacker identified as bisexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Hort with Mr Webster's murder. Hort was convicted of murder and sentenced to 14 years imprisonment. Police also charged Hort's defacto (Joyce) with murder, robbery and stealing. Joyce was acquitted of murder and robbery, but convicted of stealing.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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44.	William O'SHEA	Date of Death 17/09/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: William O'Shea was 46 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr O'Shea was a vagrant and had been residing in an abandoned factory complex at St Peters for almost four years.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr O'Shea's body was found burnt after the infliction of severe injuries. Police identified two male suspects, one 18 years old and the other 17 years old, each of whom gave differing versions of motivation for killing Mr O'Shea. The older offender described a pre-planned and unprovoked attack of Mr O'Shea with a motivation of robbery. This offender admitted to assaulting Mr O'Shea with a piece of timber before chasing him to a driveway where he was assaulted numerous times by both offenders using an iron bar, a chair and a house brick. Mr O'Shea's body was then dragged back into the complex and thrown onto a fire. The younger offender claimed that Mr O'Shea assaulted him and made a sexual advance towards him, before he and his co-offender violently assaulted him. The sexual advance was not corroborated by the second offender. Evidence suggested that Mr O'Shea was targeted as a vulnerable person, viewed as an easy target. Mr O'Shea's vulnerability was not connected with his sexuality.

Sexual Orientation: Mr O'Shea's sexual orientation could not be confirmed. Mr O'Shea's attacker's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both offenders with Mr O'Shea's murder. The 18-year-old offender was convicted of murder and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. The 17-year-old offender was convicted of murder and sentenced to 9.5 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

45.	Michael MARTIN	Date of Death 08/12/1990	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Michael Martin was 31 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Martin lived in a residence at Virginia Street, Blacktown with his long-term partner of 8 years. Both he and his partner had lived together for the past 5 years. Both men worked for the NSW State Rail Authority.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Martin was murdered at his residence. His body was located with injuries caused by being violently assaulted. He had been stabbed and had his throat cut by Jason Richards, 20 years old. Mr Martin was comfortable with his sexuality but only told persons close to him about his sexual orientation and did not disclose it openly in public. On the night of his death, Mr Martin was drinking at a Tavern in Blacktown with his assailant Richards and others. Mr Martin left the Tavern with Richards and attended a nearby ATM where he withdrew money, before arriving home. About 2.30m neighbours heard loud noises and yelling coming from MARTIN's residence. After murdering Mr Martin, Richards attempted to sell Mr Martin's property at a hotel where he stated, '*robbed a bloke and got the gold and video...I met a bloke. I went back to his house with him. I was going back to have a drink with the bloke. When I got back to the house I laid the slipper in to him and I blacked him out and took all the goods from his house. I just left.*' Prior to the murder of Mr Martin, Richards was on bail, accused of another murder. Richards was involved in a number of extremely violent crimes in the years following and was suspected of involvement in another 3 murders. Richards attended Mr Martin's residence with a clear motivation of robbery.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Martin identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Richards with Mr Martin's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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46.	Maurice McCARTY	Date of Death 07/04/1991	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Maurice McCarty was 46 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr McCarty lived in Victoria but travelled frequently due to his employment with the Australian Ballet. When in Sydney, Mr McCarty stayed with his ex-partner at Newtown. Mr McCarty frequented 'The Wall' at Darlinghurst, and the 'Pleasure Chest' on Oxford Street.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: On the night of his death Mr McCarty attended the Eros theatre where he met his assailant, Christopher McKinnon, 20 years old. Whilst McKinnon had an extensive criminal history, including robbery, he had not previously committed offences of violence against gay men. McKinnon stated that he approached McCarty before travelling with him to his residence at Newtown to purchase cannabis. At his residence, Mr McCarty offered McKinnon wine which he accepted before going into a bedroom where he alleged Mr McCarty made a sexual advance. McKinnon stated that he took hold of a wine bottle and struck Mr McCarty three times to the head. He alleged Mr McCarty then armed himself with a small knife at which time McKinnon armed himself with a large kitchen knife. Both wrestled with McKinnon punching McCarty to the head a number of times. McKinnon left the house stating that he was '*tripped or tackled or something*' before more wrestling and '*I pushed him with both my hands to his chest to get away and his head hit the wall outside the gate of the house. He then slumped to the ground unconscious.*' McKinnon then dragged Mr McCarty, who was described as unconscious, inside before stealing property and Mr McCarty's car. Mr McCarty's cause of death was blood loss and hypoxia caused by significant head injuries.

Sexual Orientation: Mr McCarty identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged McKinnon with Mr McCarty's murder. Despite evidence from witnesses who stated that McKinnon told them he had '*rolled a fag*' he was acquitted of Mr McCarty's murder by reason of self-defence.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

47.	Noel William WALSH	Date of Death 03/05/1991	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Noel William Walsh was 50 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Walsh was an invalid pensioner. He was deaf and mute, blind in one eye and was born mildly retarded. His primary source of communication was via a notepad. Police had previously charged Mr Walsh with two counts of Inciting Homosexual Intercourse under 18 years of age and two counts of Indecent Assault. Mr Walsh was known in the local area for paying Aboriginal boys and girls for sex.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Walsh died from severe head, neck and throat injuries. Those injuries were inflicted by Leeton James Jacky, a 26-year-old Aboriginal man. Jacky stated that he was defending himself after waking to find Mr Walsh in the act of fellatio upon him which was not consensual. Jacky admitted to punching and kicking Mr Walsh after pulling his jumper over his head and jumping on his chest before leaving him unconscious.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Walsh's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Jacky with Mr Walsh's murder. Jacky was convicted of manslaughter relying upon the homosexual advance defence and sentenced to 2.5 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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48.	John Stephen CRANFIELD	Date of Death 22/05/1991	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: John Cranfield was 36 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Cranfield was in an 'on and off' relationship with his 28-year-old partner.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Cranfield lived alone at his residential unit in Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills. His body was located in the lounge room of his unit after concerns were raised by his partner who had been unable to contact him for some days. Mr Cranfield had been strangled with rope and stabbed several times to the chest. There were signs of a violent struggle within his unit. Police arrested Leo Whittaker, 19 years old, and Darren Oliver, 18 years old over the death of Mr Cranfield. Oliver was a close friend of Mr Cranfield and introduced him to Whittaker only weeks prior to his death. There was no animosity among the trio however Mr Cranfield supplied drugs to both Oliver and Whittaker, who later murdered him and stole \$2,400 intended for a drug deal. There was no evidence relating to bias from either Whittaker or Oliver at the time of the murder.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Cranfield identified as gay. Mr Cranfield's attacker's sexuality could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both Whittaker and Oliver with Mr Cranfield's murder. Oliver was convicted of murder and sentenced to 17 years imprisonment. Whittaker was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 7 years and 2 months imprisonment, however his conviction was quashed on appeal.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

49.	Felipe FLORES	Date of Death 02/09/1991	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Felipe Flores was 27 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: On the night of his death, Mr Flores was drinking alcohol at The Courthouse Hotel and The Exchange Hotel, Surry Hills, where his attacker, 28-year-old Paul Armstrong was employed as a doorman.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Flores' body was located by a patrolling security guard in a park at the end of Lincoln Crescent Woolloomooloo. Lincoln Crescent was an area known as 'lover's lane'. Mr Flores suffered extensive facial and bodily injuries with his trousers and underpants found around his ankles. Mr Flores' jacket and wallet were missing. In 2008 DNA recovered from Mr Flores' body was matched to Paul Armstrong. Armstrong identified as bisexual and was divorced from his wife. He had 2 children. After being arrested in Tasmania Armstrong eventually admitted to murdering Mr Flores indicating their engagement in consensual sex before Mr Flores informed him of his HIV status. Armstrong admitted to bashing Mr Flores to death after being upset about his HIV status. Armstrong had a violent criminal history including convictions for many assaults, rapes and robberies upon young males.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Flores identified as gay and suffered from HIV.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Armstrong with Mr Flores' murder. He pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 13 years and 3 months imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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50.	William DUTFIELD	Date of Death 19/11/1991	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: William James Dutfield was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Dutfield was close friends with Arthur Ashworth, 76 years old.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: On the night of his death Mr Dutfield and Ashworth had been to dinner at a nearby Mosman restaurant, before returning to Mr Dutfield's unit together. Ashworth indicated his absence about 9pm. Later that evening, a neighbour heard an argument from Mr Dutfield's unit followed by a loud noise. Mr Dutfield's body was located the next day by Ashworth who had returned to the residence. Ashworth was initially excluded as a suspect in relation to the murder given his age and frailty. Mr Dutfield suffered numerous head injuries having been violently assaulted with a cast iron sticky tape dispenser and a lamp having been attacked from behind whilst sitting in his lounge chair. An almost empty bottle of whiskey and two glasses were located on a coffee table. The offender broke out of the rear of the residence after stealing a small sum of cash. About one month prior to his murder, Mr Dutfield was the victim of a violent assault and robbery at his residence where he was punched and kicked about the head before \$900 was stolen. No suspects were identified for this robbery.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Dutfield identified as bisexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: No suspects were identified for Mr Dutfield's murder until 1998 and then 2008 when police re-investigated and re-affirmed Ashworth as a suspect. Ashworth's DNA was matched to the murder weapon and blood located within the unit. His original timeline of events was found to be incorrect and untruthful. Ashworth died in 2006. The Coroner stated that Dutfield, ".....was *bashed.....that he invited someone home and there was in effect some sort of rip-off, probably for money.*"

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

51.	Robert MALCOLM	Date of Death 21/01/1992	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Robert Hart Malcolm was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Malcolm lived with his elderly parents in the Sutherland Shire. Mr Malcolm was described by his friends as a heavy drinker to the point of alcoholism.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Malcolm was last seen eleven days prior to his death heavily intoxicated at a hotel in Redfern with Anthony Hookey, 20 years old; and Kirk Phillips, 31 years old. A short time later Mr Malcolm was located in a derelict house at Holden Street, Redfern. He was unconscious, suffering severe injuries consistent with being assaulted. His pants and underwear were around his ankles. A large amount of money had been stolen from him. Mr Malcolm died 10 days later in hospital. Mr Malcolm was found in an area well known for high volume crime including robbery offences. Police identified and interviewed both Hookey and Phillips, both of whom denied any knowledge of Mr Malcolm or his murder.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Malcolm's sexuality could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police arrested and charged both Phillips and Hookey with Mr Malcolm's murder based upon circumstantial evidence, however both were found not guilty and discharged.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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52.	Robert Anthony KNOX	Date of Death 31/01/1992	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Robert(Tony)Knox was 37 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Knox lived alone and was well known in his local community. He was nicknamed *'the professor'* or the *'the scientist'* due to his eccentric behaviour. Mr Knox was a *'loner'* having no real friends, however he was always friendly with people that he would meet and occasionally had a drink with his neighbour.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Knox's body was located in the hallway of his residence at Wollombi Road, Bellbird by a friend who was returning some borrowed tools. Mr Knox's body was naked from the waist down. He had been severely assaulted and stabbed. Police identified a suspect, Steven McGregor, 22 years old, who was engaged to be married at the time. Mr Knox and McGregor were known to each other as acquaintances, with no animosity between them. McGregor originally denied involvement in Mr Knox's murder, however later made admissions some days later claiming that he acted in self-defence due to *'homosexual advance'*. Physical evidence did not corroborate McGregor's version of events. After leaving Mr Knox's residence, McGregor drove to Cessnock refuse tip where he disposed of the murder weapons and his clothing. The only motive for the murder of Mr Knox was provided by McGregor and later discredited during his trial.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Knox suffered from schizophrenia. Mr Knox's sexual orientation could not be confirmed, albeit his father described him as having *"a very strong aversion to homosexuality"* and that he would *"react violently"* to any advances of this nature.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged McGregor with Mr Knox's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

53.	Brian TRAVERS	Date of Death 01/03/1992	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Not Reviewed</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Not Reviewed</i>
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Brian Travers was murdered by Daniel Roetz in Latrobe, Tasmania on 1 March 1992.

Strike Force Parrabell did not review this matter as the death occurred outside the jurisdiction of New South Wales

54.	Simon McHUGH	Date of Death 02/06/1992	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Simon McHugh was 29 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr McHugh worked in a successful business enterprise founded by his father. He was known as a *'binge drinker'* of alcohol and financially well off. He was also suspected of using amphetamines.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr McHugh's body was located in the Barnsley Weir, partially clothed, missing his pants and wristwatch. Mr McHugh sustained severe injuries including a fractured skull and broken arm, with drowning listed as the cause of death. The injuries caused were consistent with being beaten with a tyre iron. Prior to his death Mr McHugh was drinking at various hotels before attending the Bellevue Hotel, Newcastle where he met Paul Hart, 24 years old and Nigel Boland, 25 years old. Both Boland and Hart were known drug users/suppliers with connections to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. During the evening Boland complained to the Hotel Manager about Mr McHugh's behaviour, before Mr McHugh left the Hotel followed shortly thereafter by Boland and Hart who assaulted him violently. Police identified both Boland and Hart on the day of Mr McHugh's death. Hart was arrested some days later followed by Boland. Hart made no admissions to police. Boland provided an alibi which police refuted. Police seized a bag of clothing from Hart's residence which contained Mr McHugh's missing watch. No admissions of motivation or intent were ever made by either Boland or Hart

Sexual Orientation: Mr McHugh's sexual orientation could not be confirmed. He was believed to be heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both Boland and Hart with Mr McHugh's murder. Both Boland and Hart were convicted of murder and each sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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55.	Brian WALKER	Date of Death 22/07/1992	Solved (charges withdrawn)	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Brian Walker was 30 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Walker's body was located inside the residence of John Hokin, 48 years old, at Burnett Street, Merrylands. In the days prior to his death Mr Walker met Hokin whilst drinking together. Police interviewed Hokin who claimed he was woken by Mr Walker before they went to the back yard where they started drinking heavily. Hokin claimed that at some point Mr Walker started talking in a 'sexual manner' and began touching his leg. Hokin stated he was heterosexual and frightened by gay men. He stated that he rejected Mr Walker's advances and asked him to leave. Hokin stated that Mr Walker armed himself with a shovel and attacked him. Hokin avoided the shovel before taking Mr Walker in a wrestling hold at which time a lengthy struggle took place. During the struggle, Mr Walker broke a beer bottle and cut Hokin several times to his stomach and back. Hokin then choked Mr Walker until he died of upper cervical injury (torn/crush spinal ligament) and asphyxiation. After killing Mr Walker, Hokin immediately ran to Merrylands Police Station where he told Police that he did not let go of Mr Walker because he was frightened by him.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Walker's sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Hokin with Mr Walker's manslaughter, however the Director of Public Prosecutions withdrew the charge prior to trial [REDACTED]

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

56.	Cyril OLSEN	Date of Death 22/08/1992	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL Insufficient Information	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
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Identity: Cyril Olsen was 61 years old at the time of his death

Personal History: Mr Olsen was retired and shared a residential unit with his friend, John Sheedy, at Queen Street, Woollahra. He was a heavy consumer of alcohol.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Olsen's body was located floating face down in Rushcutters Bay near a Marina, where he had last been seen alive. The post mortem report indicated that Mr Olsen [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr Olsen's injuries were described in totality as more consistent with a struggle or physical confrontation than a fall. During the evening before his death, Mr Olsen was drinking in the Rex Hotel, Potts Point before attending 'The Den' Nightclub on Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. Mr Olsen was later seen walking in an unstable fashion towards the Rushcutters Bay Yacht Club not wearing pants or shoes and with dried blood on his face. Rushcutters Bay was a well-known gay beat at the time. Police uncovered evidence indicating that Mr Olsen may have been assaulted and robbed shortly before his death and identified three suspects, [REDACTED]

Sexual Orientation: Mr Olsen identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Mr Olsen was heavily intoxicated at the time of his death. The Coroner found that Mr Olsen drowned after accidentally falling from a Marina into Rushcutters Bay, most probably due to being disorientated from either hitting his head or being assaulted. The investigation remains open and unsolved.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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57.	Robert John MACLEAN	Date of Death 11/09/1992	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Robert Maclean was 48 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Maclean was a disability pensioner. He was overweight and receiving medical treatment for asthma and heart disease and lived with his long-term female defacto partner.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Maclean's body was discovered in George Street, Sydney with extensive injuries to his head and body. Mr Maclean was assaulted after leaving the 'Jackson's on George' nightclub on George Street, Sydney by Paul Gellatly, 27 years old. Gellatly identified as heterosexual and was a stranger to Mr Maclean. Mr Maclean was heavily intoxicated and had been involved in several minor altercations with Gellatly, who mistakenly believed Mr Maclean to be gay. Gellatly approached Mr Maclean after the club had closed and said, 'Don't you ever touch me you fag' before punching Mr Maclean to the face and knocking him to the ground. Afterward Gellatly shouted, 'Watch out for him, he's a faggot.' Mr Maclean replied, 'So what if I am.' A short time Gellatly encouraged 'street kids' to assault Mr Maclean which they did by kicking and punching him until he became unconscious. Gellatly also kicked Mr Maclean to the face whilst he was unconscious on the ground.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Maclean identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Gellatly with Mr Maclean's manslaughter and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Gellatly was convicted and sentenced to 400 hours community service.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

58.	Sidney Alexander HOARE	Date of Death 11/09/1992	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Sidney Hoare was 63 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Hoare lived in a residential premises at Austin Street, Marulan. He was employed locally as a bus driver.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Hoare's body was located at his residence with severe head trauma. He was murdered by brothers Garry Diamond, 18 years old, and [NP28], 16 years old. Garry Diamond identified as heterosexual. Garry Diamond claimed that Mr Hoare had sexually assaulted him some time ago and gave him money to not report the matter. On the night of Mr Hoare's death, both Garry and [NP28] went to Mr Hoare's address to borrow money from him. According to Garry Diamond, Mr Hoare made sexual advances towards him and touched his groin before also making sexual advances towards his brother [NP28]. Garry Diamond to his car where he removed a wheel brace before striking Mr Hoare about the head, until he was dead. The brothers then stole a sum of money, property and a firearm from Mr Hoare's residence. Garry and his girlfriend returned to the property the next day to 'cleanse the crime scene' however instead decided to report to police. [NP28] partially supported his brother's version of events and recalled his brother calling Mr Hoare 'a dog' immediately prior to assaulting and killing him.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Hoare identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged both Garry and [NP28] with Mr Hoare's murder. Garry Diamond was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six years imprisonment. [NP28] was convicted of being an accessory after the fact to murder and sentenced to a three-year good behaviour bond with a \$2000 surety.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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59.	Donald GILLIES	Date of Death 20/05/1993	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Donald Gillies was 36 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Gillies was a real estate agent at Mudgee and lived in a residential premises at Douro Street, Mudgee.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Gillies' body was located in his residence at Mudgee. There was an extreme level of violence used to kill Mr Gillies, who had been punched 20-30 times to the face before being stabbed with a pair of scissors approximately 10 times. Mr Gillies was murdered by Malcolm Green, 22 years old, who was heterosexual and knew Mr Gillies as a friend of his sister and brother-in-law. On the night of his death Mr Gillies invited Green to his residence for dinner and drinks. Green stated that they had consumed a large amount of alcohol before Mr Gillies convinced him to stay overnight. Green stated that during the night Mr Gillies entered his bed with him naked. Mr Gillies started touching Green. His advances were rejected however Mr Gillies persisted touching him around the waist and groin. Green stated that he then hit Mr Gillies *'again and again on top of the head until he didn't look like Don to me.'* Green then took hold of scissors that were on the floor nearby and struck Mr Gillies until he rolled off the bed. Green denied having a sexual relationship with Mr Gillies. Green owed Mr Gillies \$100 at the time of his death. Green told police that his father sexually abused each of his four sisters which prompted the degree of his reaction towards Mr Gillies, which was accepted by the court as contributing heavily to the death of Mr Gillies rather than the sexual advances of Mr Gillies in isolation.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Gillies sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay or bisexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Green with Mr Gillies' murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a minimum of eight years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to establish a bias crime

60.	Kevin William MARSH	Date of Death 30/06/1993	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Kevin Marsh was 64 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Marsh lived alone in a residential unit at Massey Street, Berkeley.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Marsh's body was located in a neighbouring residential unit. He suffered severe injuries as a result of being assaulted with a blunt force instrument and had been stabbed approximately 12 times. Mr Marsh was murdered by a 17-year-old youth who did not personally know Mr Marsh however had heard rumours of his bisexuality. The youth's sexual orientation could not be confirmed. The youth stated that he had been drinking at a friend's house and was walking home when Mr Marsh invited him inside for a few drinks. Before leaving, Mr Marsh grabbed his buttocks and began moaning. The youth stated that he pushed Mr Marsh who threw some punches. The youth then violently assaulted Mr Marsh by punching him to the ground before hitting him with a concrete garden gnome. He then armed himself with a large knife and stabbed Mr Marsh up to 12 times before stealing his cigarettes. The youth later admitted to friends his killing of Mr Marsh, however never told police reasons for the ferocity of his attack, which was extreme.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Marsh identified as bisexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the youth with Mr Marsh's murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a maximum of 6 years imprisonment with a minimum of 3 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

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61.	Gordon Bryan TUCKEY	Date of Death 03/07/1993	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Gordon Tuckey was 22 years old at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Tuckey's body was located on a cycleway near Woonona Beach. He was wearing female clothing on the top half of his body. He was naked from the waist down with a stocking wrapped around his penis. A pair of female high heel shoes was found next to his body. Police identified Thomas Dunn, 19 years old as a suspect. Dunn identified as heterosexual and was not known to Mr Tuckey. Dunn was riding his bike along the cycleway with Jason Rees. Mr Tuckey, dressed as his body was found jumped out at Dunn knocking him off his bike yelling, '*I want to fuck you.*' Dunn then wrestled with Mr Tuckey before overpowering and assaulting him. Rees dragged Dunn off Mr Tuckey however Dunn broke away and continued to assault Mr Tuckey by kicking him to his head and body. Dunn and Rees then left the location and went to a nearby friend's house where Dunn cleansed himself. Afterward Dunn was overheard speaking about what '*Colin the rock spider had done to his sister*'. Dunn then returned to the cycleway and again violently assaulted Mr Tuckey inflicting fatal injuries before returning again to his friend's residence to again clean himself. At the urging of his friends, Dunn later rang an ambulance for Mr Tuckey. Dunn's motivation to return to the scene a second time and fatally assault Mr Tuckey appeared to be an act of revenge with his misunderstanding of Mr Tuckey's sexuality which he conflated with paedophilia.

Sexual Orientation/Psychological Health: Mr Tuckey's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Dunn with murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to eleven years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

62.	John MILICEVIC	Date of Death 16/08/1993	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: John Milicevic was 44 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Milicevic worked for the Westpac Bank and lived alone.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Milicevic's body was located with severe wounds in Rushcutters Bay Park on the day prior to his death. At the time Rushcutters Bay Park was a well-known gay beat. He had suffered three stab wounds, two wounds to his back and one to his mouth. He was taken to hospital where he died after surgery. Mr Milicevic was murdered by three juvenile offenders, two 17-year-old youths and a 15-year-old girl who fled to Canberra the day after Mr Milicevic's death and were arrested by police some days later. All three juveniles identified as heterosexual and were not known to Mr Milicevic. One of the offenders admitted to police that they were '*looking for someone to roll for some money up at the Cross.*' The group went to Rushcutters Bay because they knew it to be a gay meeting place. One of the 17-year-old youths struck Mr Milicevic with his fist to the head before the second 17-year-old offender stabbed him. The group went to Rushcutters Bay Park with the specific intention of robbing someone, perceived to be gay as an easy target, although they did not take any property from Mr Milicevic after assaulting him. Both 17-year-old offenders expressed animosity towards gay men in general and made homophobic remarks to interviewing police. The initial motive given by the offenders was robbery however they specifically targeted gay men to assault and rob.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Milicevic's sexuality could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the primary offender with Mr Milicevic's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. Police charged the second offender with Mr Milicevic's murder. He pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment. Police charged the 15-year-old girl with murder. She pled guilty to being an accessory after the fact to murder and was given a suspended sentence with 3 years good behaviour.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence of a bias crime

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63.	Mervyn 'Tom' ARGAET	Date of Death 30/10/1993	Solved (Self-defence)	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Mervyn Argaet was 36 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Argaet was openly gay however did not speak openly to others about his sexuality.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Argaet's body was located inside a residential unit at Marrickville Road, Dulwich Hill, which was the residence of Steven Bonner, 24 years old, who identified as heterosexual. Mr Argaet knew Bonner as a member of his social group. Bonner indicated that Mr Argaet had propositioned him for sex on a previous occasion to the night of his death. On that occasion Bonner, whilst drinking at his home with Mr Argaet, rejected his sexual advance resulting in Mr Argaet becoming angry and leaving his residence. On the night of Mr Argaet's death, he and Bonner had been drinking at the Gladstone Hotel with mutual friends. All these people went from the hotel to Bonner's residence next door where they continued to drink and play music. In the early hours, most of the group left leaving Bonner and Mr Argaet drinking alone. Bonner stated that upon asking Mr Argaet to leave he stood up and screamed, *'If I want to fuck you I'll fuck you'*. Mr Argaet then grabbed Bonner and they wrestled with Bonner stating that he believed Mr Argaet was trying to sexually assault him. Bonner stated, *'I grabbed that (knife) and pushed at him with the knife to get him away from me. I was desperate not to end up on the ground because at that stage I believed he was trying to rape me or hurt me.'* Mr Argaet was stabbed once to the throat with a large kitchen knife causing his death. The knife used was described as a weapon of opportunity used in self-defence.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Argaet identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Bonner with murder. At trial Bonner was acquitted by the jury of murder and manslaughter on grounds of self-defence.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

64.	Barry WEBSTER	Date of Death 26/11/1993	Solved	SF PARRABELL Suspected Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)
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Identity: Barry Webster was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Webster was a convicted paedophile. He had served a custodial sentence for sexually assaulting a 17-year-old boy. He was the recipient of welfare benefits and worked for St Vincent's De Paul 2 days per week. He had little interaction with his neighbours who avoided him because of his history and reputation as a *'rock spider'*.

Location of Body: Mr Webster's body was located several months after death, buried near his residential unit at Little Rudder Street, Kempsey. Mr Webster suffered extensive injuries to his head that were caused by being repeatedly hit over the head by a brick. Mr Webster was murdered by his neighbour, Phillip Chapman, 25 years old who was known to Mr Webster and identified as heterosexual. Chapman indicated that he was told of Mr Webster some time earlier. He said, *'Hey, gays are tolerable but as long as they stay on their side of the fence and I stay on mine. So, in other words, I'm straight and he's gay, and that's what it was, you know'*. On the night of Mr Webster's death, he was drinking and smoking cannabis with Chapman whilst watching a movie at his residence. A 12-year-old boy appeared in the movie, at which time Chapman indicated that Mr Webster *'was saying that he'd like to take him to bed and he was such a sweet little boy and he'd like to take him to bed for sex and he wouldn't mind having a little boy like that, and things like that.'*

And it sort of upset me because I don't like child molesters, I think they're filthy individuals, you know.' According to Chapman, a short time later a naked Mr Webster attempted to force him into his bedroom for sex. At that time Chapman struck Mr Webster to the head with a brick several times before placing him into his bed and leaving the residence. Chapman returned several days later to find Mr Webster deceased. He then ransacked Mr Webster's unit to appear as though a robbery had occurred before burying Mr Webster's body beneath the veranda. Mr Webster's body was not discovered until several months later in March 1994.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Webster's sexual orientation could not be determined.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Chapman with Mr Webster's murder. Chapman raised the unwanted homosexual advance defence, however the injuries inflicted upon Mr Chapman were deemed substantially disproportionate to simply rejecting asexual advance. Chapman pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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65.	Crispin Wilson DYE	Date of Death 25/12/1993	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Crispin Dye was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Dye was a music publisher and musician who lived mostly in Cairns, Queensland.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Two days prior to his death police located Mr Dye with severe head injuries lying on the roadway of Campbell Street Darlinghurst. Mr Dye was taken to hospital however died of his injuries two days later on Christmas Day, 1993. On the night he was assaulted, Mr Dye had been drinking at various hotels in and around Oxford Street, Surry Hills until about 4am. He was last seen heavily intoxicated in Oxford Street. About 4.30am Mr Dye was assaulted by three men who were seen standing over him whilst he was lying on the roadway of Campbell Street. These men were seen removing something from Mr Dye's clothing before running away. Police later confirmed that Mr Dye's wallet and money were missing. At the time of Mr Dye's murder, the area was well known for street robberies and assaults. The robbery of Mr Dye was very similar to an earlier robbery of another man in nearby Woolloomooloo which occurred one-hour prior. Police also identified other assaults and robberies which occurred in close proximity of time and space to the murder of Mr Dye.

Over a 12-month investigation police identified numerous suspects who were either excluded or not proceeded against due to a lack of evidence. A suspect, Richard Leonard, was later convicted of two other murders (*Including Case 67 - Dempsey*). Leonard made admissions to killing Mr Dye, however he was excluded from involvement after an extensive reinvestigation.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Dye most likely identified as bisexual, although his close friends believed him to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: The murder of Mr Dye remains unsolved. Whilst it appears that robbery was a primary motivation for the murder of Mr Dye a bias motivation could not be eliminated.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

66.	Gordon MILLS	Date of Death 15/03/1994	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Gordon Mills was 39 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Mills lived alone in his residence at Moira Avenue, West Ryde.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Mills decomposed body (wearing an unbuttoned shave coat) was located inside his residence approximately 5 weeks after his death. He suffered severe facial injuries and died from blood loss. Mr Mills was killed by Kenneth Richards, 23 years old; Leslie Kosakowski, 22 years old; and John Porter, 51 years old. Richards identified as bisexual. Mr Mills was involved in casual sexual relationships with Porter and Richards, albeit Richards claimed he had previously been sexually assaulted by Mr Mills whilst heavily intoxicated. Porter identified as gay. At different times, Mr Mills provided Richards with accommodation, between Richards staying with Porter and after several periods of incarceration. Mr Mills and Porter disliked each other. Porter threatened Mr Mills on various occasions being jealous of Mr Mills' relationship with Richards. Kosakowski met both Richards and Porter only weeks prior to Mr Mills death. Kosakowski's sexual orientation could not be determined. Richards motivated Porter and Kosakowski to assist him in obtaining money from Mr Mills and promised to share all proceeds. All three offenders travelled to Mr Mills' residence about 11.30pm. Richards and Kosakowski knocked on the rear bedroom window where Mr Mills was woken. Mr Mills allowed Richards entry. Once inside Richards assaulted Mr Mills by punching him to the face. Kosakowski entered Mr Mills residence and saw Richards assaulting Mr Mills, whilst he searched the bedroom for property to steal. Porter later entered Mr Mills' residence and stole property.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Mills identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Richards with Mr Mills' murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 7 years imprisonment. Police charged Porter with Mr Mills' murder. He was convicted of being an accessory after the fact to manslaughter and sentenced to a 2-year suspended sentence with a \$500 surety. Police charged Kosakowski with Mr Mills' murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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67.	Stephen DEMPSEY	Date of Death 02/08/1994	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)
<p>Identity: Stephen Dempsey was 34 years old at the time of his death.</p> <p>Personal History: Mr Dempsey was a landscape gardener.</p> <p>Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Dempsey's dismembered body was located wrapped in chicken wire, and weighed down with rocks in McCarrs Creek, Pittwater about 4.5 months after his death. Mr Dempsey was murdered by Richard Leonard, 21 years of age at Deep Creek Reserve, which at the time was a well-known 'gay beat'. Leonard's sexuality could not be confirmed however it is believed he was bisexual. There was no prior association between Mr Dempsey and Leonard. Leonard stated that he was in Deep Creek Reserve with a compound bow shooting fish when he saw Mr Dempsey urinating in a cave. According to Leonard, Mr Dempsey propositioned him for sex and walked towards him. Leonard then shot Mr Dempsey by firing an arrow from a high-powered compound bow into his chest when he was 10 feet away. Leonard stated that he felt threatened at the time requiring his use of force. This version was not accepted at court. Leonard later dumped Mr Dempsey's body in the nearby lake. Leonard returned the next day and retrieved Mr Dempsey's body before dismembering him by cutting off his head and limbs. Leonard then placed body parts in two garbage bags before taking them home and storing them in his refrigerator. Leonard removed the body parts on different occasions and may have played with them. After four months, Leonard and his new girlfriend [126] removed Mr Dempsey's body parts from the refrigerator, wrapped them in chicken wire, weighed them down with rocks and threw them into McCarrs Creek at Pittwater. In the intervening period Leonard and [126] murdered a taxi driver (Mr Bahmad) in a frenzy attack. Police identified Leonard and [126] as suspects before Leonard confessed. When interviewed about the murder of Mr Dempsey, Leonard stated that his motive was to stop Mr Dempsey. At court Leonard's explanation was determined to be self-serving with key aspects relating to the circumstances of provocation by Mr Dempsey being discredited. Evidence was provided that prior to Mr Dempsey's murder, Leonard had frequented Deep Creek Reserve for several months where he had fired arrows at other people including two bushwalkers 8 months earlier, and at wild animals. A canoeist also reported having several arrows fired at him. Leonard acted alone in the murder of Mr Dempsey. Leonard was described in evidence as a disturbed individual. As a child, he would regularly mutilate and kill kittens by dismemberment. The level of violence displayed to murder Mr Dempsey was extreme, unprovoked, unjustified and described in evidence as 'more like a progression from hunting fish to stalking human game'.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation: Mr Dempsey identified as gay. He was known to frequent 'gay beats' regularly.</p> <p>Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Leonard with Mr Dempsey's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Police also charged Leonard with Mr Bahmad's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to a concurrent term of imprisonment.</p> <p>SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime</p>					
68.	James William MEEK	Date of Death 07/03/1995	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
<p>Identity: James (Jim) Meek was 47 years old at the time of his death.</p> <p>Personal History: Mr Meek lived in a residential unit at the Northcott Social Housing estate. He regularly visited different 'gay beat' locations. He had a reputation for meeting younger men in Ward Park, opposite his residential unit, some said 'street kids' and offering them a bed and food in exchange for sex.</p> <p>Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Meek's body was found inside his residential unit. He suffered severe head injuries as a result of blunt force trauma. It was determined that Mr Meek had been struck to the head by his killer using a ceramic bowl. Police identified an 18-year-old suspect, who had known Mr Meek for approximately 6 months after meeting him via his sister. The suspect resided in Tasmania before moving to Sydney where he stayed and slept at several relative's places and Mr Meek's residence. His sexuality could not be determined. Despite there being no witnesses to Mr Meek's death, investigators established that the suspect had slept on Mr Meek's couch two days prior to his death. The suspect admitted to staying at Mr Meek's residence 2 days prior and that he stole a ring from the premises upon leaving and pawned it later that same day. The suspect denied any involvement in Mr Meek's death. There was no sign of disturbance within or forced entry to Mr Meek's unit. It is likely Mr Meek knew his killer and allowed them entry.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation: Mr Meek identified as gay.</p> <p>Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the suspect with Mr Meek's murder. At trial, he was found not guilty by judicial direction.</p> <p>SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime</p>					

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69.	Kenneth BRENNAN	Date of Death 11/06/1995	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW Not Reviewed
<p>Identity: Kenneth Brennan was 53 years old at the time of his death.</p> <p>Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Brennan's body was located by his partner inside his residential unit at Onslow Avenue, Elizabeth Bay. Mr Brennan engaged in sexual intercourse shortly before his death. There was also evidence of a struggle. Mr Brennan suffered ■ stab wounds ■</p> <p>■ Although Mr Brennan was in a long-term relationship, he was openly promiscuous with other men. Mr Brennan regularly attended gay saunas and advertised in newspapers for sexual partners. On Saturday before his death, Mr Brennan and his long-term partner went to a friend's residence, before Mr Brennan excused himself citing illness and left alone. The day after, Mr Brennan was seen at a gay sauna in the Kings Cross area where he also used an ATM and was last seen alive in the early evening of Sunday 11 June 1995. Numerous forensic exhibits were collected including DNA, semen, hair, blood, ■ and fingerprints. Police identified many suspects, with some excluded and others remaining current. The level of violence was extreme, however there was no other circumstantial indications of a bias motivated crime. This case was reinvestigated by the Unsolved Homicide Team in 2016/2017. No charges have been preferred. The motive for Mr Brannan's murder has not been determined, leaving the case unsolved.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation: Mr Brennan identified as gay.</p> <p>Coroner/Court Findings: This case was placed before the Coroner in 1996 who concluded that, "<i>Kenneth Richard BRENNAN died on or about 11 June 1995 at 5B/15-19 Onslow Avenue, Elizabeth Bay of stab wounds to chest inflicted then and there by person/s unknown</i>". This investigation is currently on file with the Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT). Any fresh information relating to the death of Mr Brennan will be the subject of further investigation.</p> <p>SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime</p>					

70.	Craig THOMAS	Date of Death 29/08/1995	Solved (Acquitted)	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
<p>Identity: Craig Thomas was 41 years old at the time of his death.</p> <p>Personal History: Mr Thomas lived with Damien Bennett, 35 years old; and Peter Hawes, 27 years old in a communal boarding house operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society at Waltham Street, Coogee.</p> <p>Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Hours before his death, Mr Thomas was sitting in Hawes room drinking alcohol. Mr Thomas announced that he was gay to Hawes and Bennett, with Bennett announcing his bisexuality. Hawes sexual orientation could not be confirmed. Both Hawes and Bennett light-heartedly teased Mr Thomas about his sexuality, albeit at one-point Hawes struck Mr Thomas to the face, knocking him off his chair. Hawes later left the room to purchase more alcohol. In the absence of Hawes, Bennett offered to have sex with Mr Thomas for money, which was rejected and led to a fight between Mr Thomas and Hawes where furniture belonging to Bennett was broken and the room left in disarray. Upon Hawes return Bennett outlined the turn of events. Hawes began assaulting Mr Thomas, before stabbing him to the body on 9 occasions with a knife obtained from his room. Bennett took money from Mr Thomas after his death, which he and Hawes used to purchase further alcohol. Bennett was the only person who provided a version of events to police, indicating that Hawes was responsible for Mr Thomas' murder. Bennett stated that prior to stabbing Mr Thomas, Hawes said, '<i>The fag has got to die. Fucking sick of gays.</i>' Hawes was said to have inflicted extreme injuries using extreme violence accompanied by homophobic vitriol against Mr Thomas.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation: Mr Thomas identified as gay.</p> <p>Coroner/Court Findings: Police arrested both Hawes and Bennett when they returned to the boarding house. Robbery of Mr Thomas was not considered the primary motive for his murder, rather than an opportunistic crime after the fact of his death. Police charged Hawes with Mr Thomas' murder. At trial, the charge was dismissed after the presiding judge issued a Prasad Direction at the end of the Crown case. This was due to the Crown being unable to prove that Hawes alone killed Mr Thomas. The Court found, '<i>the evidence of Bennett is actually or potentially unreliable, lacking in force, not sufficiently compelling to convict the accused.</i>' Bennett was an alcoholic and heavy user of heroin, which caused him brain damage and black outs when drinking. He gave evidence that he '<i>did things</i>', including committing crimes, with no latent memory. He admitted on the night of Mr Thomas' death he had blacked out, leading to an irrevocable unreliability of his evidence and requiring the charge of murder against Hawes to be dismissed by judicial direction. Police also charged Bennett with Mr Thomas' murder. Bennett's murder charge was withdrawn prior to trial and replaced with assault and receiving stolen goods. He pled guilty to both charges and was sentenced to a \$1,000 surety and 3-year suspended sentence.</p> <p>SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime</p>					

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71.	Scott Stuart MILLER	Date of Death 02/03/1997	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Scott Miller was 21 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Miller was about to start studying at university at the time of his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Miller's body was located at the base of a 7-metre cliff at Wharf 5, Hickson Road, Darling Harbour. Mr Miller earlier attended the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade with a group of friends earlier that evening. Mr Miller was last seen in the vicinity of the Orient Hotel, The Rocks. He was earlier asked to leave the Observer Hotel due to his level of intoxication. Police were unable to establish a motive for Mr Miller's death but did rule out misadventure due to factors including the positioning of his body; a high wire fence on the cliff above which would have inhibited Mr Miller falling; and injuries to his body which were consistent with being assaulted. Two years later police identified two male suspects in light of comments they made to others about being involved in incidents of violence at The Rocks. Notwithstanding further investigation there was insufficient evidence to implicate either in Mr Miller's death.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Miller identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: The Coroner returned an open finding stating that Mr Miller died, '*at Sydney of multiple injuries inflicted by a person or persons unknown. As to the persons or persons who inflicted the injuries and the precise manner in which such injuries were inflicted, the evidence adduced does not enable me to say.*'

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

72.	Christopher SMITH	Date of Death 08/04/1996	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
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Identity: Christopher Smith was 23 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Smith was employed as a greengrocer at Coles Supermarket, Wyoming. He lived with his parents and siblings.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Smith's body was located about 2.20am on the foreshore of Brisbane Waters, 100 metres south of the Brian McGowan Bridge, Gosford. Injuries were identified to the right side of his cheek line and right eye, as well as numerous abrasions and bruises to his body, arms and legs. Mr Smith's jeans were fully open with the button fastened, his belt undone and pulled through the loops to about the middle of his back. His wallet was located about 50 metres away on a dirt track. A post mortem revealed that Mr Smith had been strangled and had drowned causing death. The offender, Darren Jarrett, 24 years old, was originally spoken to by police at the scene. At that time, he denied knowing Mr Smith, simply saying that he followed two men along the pathway before finding and attempting to revive Mr Smith. Jarrett identified as heterosexual. CCTV footage showed Jarrett's meeting of Mr Smith at the Central Coast Leagues Club with other friends before leaving together. Jarrett later returned to the Club alone, shortly before Mr Smith's body was found. Police arrested Jarrett who admitted knowing Mr Smith and leaving the Club with him. Jarrett alleged that Mr Smith made an unwanted sexual advance by touching his waist and pulling at him. Jarrett stated that he rejected Mr Smith's advance and pushed him away and into the water, initially indicating an accident. There were other direct witnesses to Mr Smith's death leaving Jarrett's version uncontested. However, Jarrett was found with Mr Smith's wristwatch in his pocket and Mr Smith's injuries were inconsistent with Jarrett's version. Jarrett had previously been involved in a violent robbery involving his assault of a disabled donation collector, before stealing donation money and a receipt book. Jarrett's intention (robbery or murder) was unclear when assaulting and strangling him, however the level of violence displayed, if in response to an unwanted sexual advance, was extreme.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Smith's sexuality could not be confirmed however his family believed him to be heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Jarrett with Mr Smith's murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 8 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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73.	Peter Brown ROWLAND	Date of Death 25/06/1996	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Gay)</i>
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Identity: Dr Peter Rowland was 67 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Dr Rowland lived in a residence on his property called 'Kingsgrove' in Gundaroo with his partner. He specialised in treating people with drug and alcohol dependencies, as well as AIDS patients.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Dr Rowland's body was located at his residence aside his pet dog. Dr Rowland suffered 5 gunshot wounds. His dog was also shot. Dr Rowland was murdered by brothers Michael Privett, 28 years old; and Dean Privett, 27 years old. Michael and Dean Privett went into Dr Rowland's bedroom where he had woken, and shot him at close range to the face. Michael Privett identified as heterosexual and was in a relationship with a female partner and child. Dean Privett's sexual orientation could not be confirmed. Dean Privett had visited Dr Rowland's property prior to the murder. Dean Privett was in the process of renovating Dr Rowland's house, which was under construction and uninhabitable leaving Dr Rowland living in a nearby shed. When first interviewed by Police, Michael Privett admitted to shooting Dr Rowland stating that he did it because he was gay and denying his brother's presence. Michael Privett later recanted this version stating that it was in fact his younger brother, Dean Privett who had recruited him and two others (Spencer and Teale) to attend Dr Rowland's premises to steal two generators. Dean Privett was said by all to have brought the shotgun and shot Dr Rowland. Dean Privett declined to be interviewed, and at trial denied being present at the murder scene. Others present at the scene told police that Dean Privett informed them "*a fag Doctor*" lived at the premises.

Sexual Orientation: Dr Rowland identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Michael Privett with Dr Rowland's murder. He was convicted and sentenced to 14 years and 8 months imprisonment. Police charged Dean Privett with Dr Rowland's murder. He was sentenced to 17 years and 9 months imprisonment. The two other people present at the murder scene, Byron Edward "Toby" Spencer, and Gary Teale took no active role with evidence suggesting they were at the scene upon the pretence of stealing generators. Neither men were charged in relation to Dr Rowland's death.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

74.	Geoffrey BOYSON	Date of Death 24/10/1996	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
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Identity: Geoffrey Boyson was 54 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Boyson lived in a residential unit at London Street, Enmore.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Boyson's body was located inside his residential unit, naked with his throat cut. He suffered multiple stab wounds inflicted by a knife taken from his kitchen. Mr Boyson was murdered by a 16-year-old boy known to be a '*street kid*' who had previously resided with Mr Boyson. The boy admitted to killing Mr Boyson telling police that he went to visit Mr Boyson at his unit earlier that night. Mr Boyson went out and bought a bottle of whiskey which the 16-year-old boy commenced to drink whilst they watched a movie together. The boy stated that Mr Boyson started making sexual advances, and that Boyson had '*molested*' him a few weeks prior and that he did not want it to happen again. He admitted going to the kitchen, arming himself with a knife and stabbing Mr Boyson several times. The boy sliced Mr Boyson's throat and stabbed him four times, which was considered an extreme response to stop an unwanted sexual advance, involving a high level of violence.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Boyson's sexual orientation could not be confirmed however he was believed to be gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the boy with Mr Boyson's murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 4 years imprisonment, which was suspended with a \$500 surety from the Children's Court.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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75.	Carl STOCKTON	Date of Death 11/11/1996	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Carl Stockton was 52 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Stockton lived alone in Surry Hills and worked as a train driver. He was not open about his sexuality. His family members were committed Christians. Mr Stockton often drank alone and socialised with very few people. He did not appear to have many friends or acquaintances. He lived alone and owned a Rolls Royce motor vehicle.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Stockton died at St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst 5 days after being transported from Campbell House (a proclaimed place) where he had been placed after a night drinking. Mr Stockton was seen drinking earlier in the evening at The Bar Cleveland before leaving. He was later found sitting on the roadway a short distance away and was taken back to the hotel. Due to his level of intoxication he was conveyed to a proclaimed place. In the morning Mr Stockton began vomiting and became disorientated. He was conveyed to St Vincent's Hospital where it was revealed that he had sustained 3 separate injuries to his head which caused his death. No suspects were identified. It was not known how he came to have received his injuries, with 3 doctors (neurosurgeon, pathologist and police medical officer) all having differing opinions.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Stockton identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: The Coroner returned an open finding stating that Mr Stockton's injuries could have been caused by him being assaulted, falling, being hit by a motor vehicle, or any combination of all three. Police excluded a motive of robbery because although Mr Stockton's car keys could not be located, neither his house nor Rolls Royce car had been stolen or broken into.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

76.	Paul ERSKINE	Date of Death 06/11/1996	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Paul Erskine was 27 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Erskine was single, not employed, and lived with his mother and her partner. He had several physical disabilities, and was intellectually impaired with reduced memory capacity and limited communication skills. His nature was generally described as introverted. He had been attending a food preparation course at TAFE on Thursday evenings for a month prior to his death.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Erskine's body was located in the rear yard of a residential premises at Quarry Road, Bossley Park, which was also the address of his killer, a 17-year-old youth. Mr Erskine suffered multiple injuries including bruising and abrasions around his neck and head. He suffered massive internal trauma with numerous knife wounds to his chest. Mr Erskine was wearing tracksuit pants which were torn and pulled down to his knees. The youth responsible for Mr Erskine's death identified as bisexual. The youth was also identified as a suspect by police for the attempted sexual assault of another male six months prior to Mr Erskine's death. The youth initially denied any knowledge of Mr Erskine or involvement in his death. However, Police established that both Mr Erskine and the youth both attended a Food Preparation Course at the local TAFE. Evidence indicated that the youth lured Mr Erskine to his residence where he attempted to sexually assault him. Mr Erskine rejected the youth's sexual advances with the youth then strangling Mr Erskine, leaving his body in the backyard. Post mortem, the youth inflicted several knife wounds and removed some of Mr Erskine's clothing. The youth later admitted to Police that he had killed Mr Erskine alleging that Mr Erskine had followed him home and attempted to sexually assault him. The youth eventually led police to where he had secreted knives used to stab Mr Erskine in a nearby drain and creek where he had also disposed of Mr Erskine's property and shoes in a backpack. The version provided by the youth was extremely self-serving and a number of allegations were later proven to be false.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Erskine's sexuality could not be confirmed however his was believed to be heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the youth with Mr Erskine's murder. He was convicted of manslaughter in the Children's Court and sentenced to 12years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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77.	Robert CAMPBELL	Date of Death 13/06/1997	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Robert Campbell was 38 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Campbell suffered from chronic alcoholism and asthma. Mr Campbell engaged in routine behaviour in that every morning he would go to the Memorial Park, Corrimal where he would stay until mid-morning. He would return to Memorial Park in the afternoon where he would stay until the early hours of the following morning drinking a mixture of methylates and water.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Campbell's body was located in a prone position on a bench seat within Memorial Park, Corrimal. 48 puncture wounds were identified about the head and neck area, including penetrating wounds to the skull, jugular and thorax. The wounds were consistent with a violent attack. A number of items were stolen from Mr Campbell including credit cards. Mr Campbell was last seen alive at 11pm at a nearby Woolworths on the night prior to his death. The day after his death a number of Mr Campbell's credit cards were used to withdraw money from his bank accounts at nearby ATM's by Gordon Crocker, 27 years old. Crocker identified as heterosexual and was in a heterosexual relationship. Crocker did not know Mr Campbell prior to the murder. Crocker admitted to police that his motive for killing Mr Campbell was robbery in order to fuel his heavy drug (amphetamine) dependency, stating that he had no specific victim in mind. Mr Campbell was heavily intoxicated and alone in Memorial Park on the night of his death. Crocker saw Mr Campbell as an easy target for robbery, initially befriending him before demanding credit cards and PIN numbers. Once Mr Campbell complied, Crocker savagely attacked and killed him with a screwdriver.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Campbell's sexual orientation could not be confirmed.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Crocker with Mr Campbell's murder. He was convicted of murder and another attack resulting in the serious wounding of another victim. He was sentenced to 27 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

78.	Joseph ZIMMER	Date of Death 19/10/1997	Solved	SF PARRABELL Suspected Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Gay Related Bias (Anti-Paedophile)
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Identity: Joseph Zimmer was 64 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Zimmer worked at the Polish Club in Ashfield and lived in a boarding house nearby.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Zimmer's body was located inside his room at the boarding house. He suffered severe head injuries which were inflicted with a fire extinguisher, and had a large incision wound to his back inflicted by a large knife. Mr Zimmer's room had been ransacked with a number of items stolen. About one month after his death, police arrested Rafal Polanski, 22 years old, after recovering items belonging to Mr Zimmer inside his residence. Polanski was a painter's assistant and identified as heterosexual. Mr Zimmer met Polanski earlier in the night and offered him a place to stay after Polanski was ejected from the Polish Club for being intoxicated. Polanski admitted murdering Mr Zimmer to police. He stated that upon initially returning to the boarding house, Mr Zimmer offered him \$50 for oral sex. Polanski rejected the proposal stating that he only wanted to sleep. Polanski claimed that Mr Zimmer played a pornographic video and started to kiss and fondle him on more than a single occasion. Polanski rejected these advances, left the room and took a fire extinguisher from the hallway before returning and bludgeoning Mr Zimmer to death. There was no known animosity between Mr Zimmer and Polanski, who stated that he was afraid of being raped. There were no independent witnesses to Mr Zimmer's murder leaving the validity of the conversation unable to be verified. The account given by Polanski was considered more than likely self-serving.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Zimmer identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Polanski with Mr Zimmer's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

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79.	Barry COULTER	Date of Death 01/11/1997	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW No Bias
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Identity: Barry Coulter was 68 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Coulter was a married man with two adult children.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Coulter's body was located with several gunshot wounds inflicted at close range on a property known as 'Inaminka' in Windeyer. Mr Coulter was murdered by a 15-year-old youth who had lured Mr Coulter to the property with the intention of killing him. The 15-year-old youth stated to police, '*I rang Barry (Mr Coulter) and invited him over and - can I say why? 2 years previous he sexually abused me and raped me, whatever, and lately I'd started having very bad panic attacks, like if somebody brushed against me I couldn't breathe, felt physically sick, cold chills, etcetera, and started having, I, I, I couldn't sleep, started having nightmares, and so I decided I'd invite Barry over, with intentions of shooting him, which I did. He arrived and approached me, and I shot him several times, and then immediately called my brother, who in turn called the police*'. The youth claimed that two years prior, Mr Coulter had 'raped' him one evening. The 15-year-old youth identified as heterosexual, however after being sexually assaulted suffered ongoing psychological issues and panic attacks, which he indicated as the primary source of motivation for killing Mr Coulter. Immediately after shooting Mr Coulter the youth called his brother and confessed to the murder stating that he had '*shot the bastard who had molested him*'. The youth's actions were premeditated and displayed an extreme level of violence. There was no evidence that Mr Coulter's sexuality was considered a motivating factor, rather the 15-year-old youth's actions were prompted by the sexual abuse he had suffered at the hands of his victim, Mr Coulter which had seriously damaged his psychological and emotional state.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Coulter identified as heterosexual. His wife did not know of any extramarital affairs (heterosexual or homosexual) that Mr Coulter may have had during their marriage.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the 15-year-old youth with murder. He was convicted of Mr Coulter's manslaughter and sentenced to 6 years imprisonment at a juvenile institution.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

80.	David ROSE	Date of Death 20/12/1997	Unsolved	SF PARRABELL Insufficient Information	ACADEMIC REVIEW Insufficient Information
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Identity: David Rose was 41 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Rose was living his life as a transgender man. He dressed in female attire from 18 years of age. At the time of his death, Mr Rose was undergoing hormone therapy (Estrogens) to progress his transition to female and was suffering side effects from the treatment including nausea and headaches. Mr Rose worked as a computer analyst for Westpac Bank and often wore female clothing to work. Mr Rose also volunteered as a community radio presenter on radio stations 2RPH (Radio for the Print Handicapped) and 2SER. Mr Rose occasionally used an alias of 'Samantha' and disguised his voice to sound more feminine.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Rose's body was located inside his residential unit at Addison Street, Kensington. His body suffered severe injuries including fractures of his skull and severe bruising. Mr Rose's injuries were consistent with numerous heavy blows to the head with a blunt object. [REDACTED]

Sexual Orientation: Mr Rose identified as asexual (without sexual feelings or association)

Coroner/Court Findings: Police identified a number of suspects, however no charges were laid, leaving the sexual identity of Mr Rose' attacker unknown. It was believed that Mr Rose had never had a sexual relationship. [REDACTED]

Mr Rose was considered wealthy, owning several properties with a large amount of money in the bank. Police could not establish any clear motivation for Mr Rose's murder, whether linked to sexuality or other bias. The level of violence used to kill Mr Rose was substantial, however there was no evidence to suggest premeditation. Mr Rose's murder remains unsolved.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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81.	Trevor PARKIN	Date of Death 27/12/1997	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)</i>
<p>Identity: Trevor Parkin was 36 years old at the time of his death.</p> <p>Personal History: Mr Parkin was a convicted paedophile who openly spoke about his incarceration for sex crimes.</p> <p>Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Parkin's body was located at his residential unit at Glebe Point Road, Glebe. Mr Parkin had suffered severe injuries, many occurring post mortem. Mr Parkin's body was mutilated, including disembowelment. His testicles were severed and placed into the kitchen sink. Mr Parkin's killer was a 17-year-old youth who had a girlfriend at the time however identified as bisexual, often prostituting himself at <i>'The Wall'</i> to fund his heroin addiction. Police arrested the youth 13 months after Mr Parkin's death. He initially admitted to killing Mr Parkin, however declined to be formally interviewed. One of the youth's associates, who was drinking with him on the night of Mr Parkin's murder claimed that the youth told him, <i>'I met this bloke while I was walking around and went to his place. I was having a joint with him. He needed to go to the toilet, so I looked around to see what I could rort'</i>. The youth was asked why he killed Mr Parkin. He said, <i>'Because he was trying to make a move on me.....we met at this pub in Glebe. I was just talking to him and then we went back to his house and he started rubbing my leg, and I said, 'What the fuck are you doing man. Don't fucking touch me, I'll fucken kill you.' The guy walked into the kitchen and came out with a knife and he said, 'What are you going to do?' I said, 'Don't fucking come near me you fucking faggot.' I saw this bowling pin beside me at the side of the couch and I picked it up man and I just whacked him over the head with it. Do you know what it's like to crush someone's skull?'.... I took the knife off him and started stabbing him.'</i> In the months following Mr Parkin's death, the youth made comments to his friends disclosing details about Mr Parkin's murder, referring to him as a <i>'faggot'</i>. Over the course of time the youth gave different accounts of his motivation to kill Mr Parkin which moved between an unwanted sexual advance; Mr Parkin's criminal history of paedophilia; and robbery; or a combination of various motives. The youth used extreme violence to kill Mr Parkin, including the mutilation of his body post mortem.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation: Mr Parkin identified as bisexual.</p> <p>Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged the 17-year-old youth with Mr Parkin's murder. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to 45 years imprisonment.</p> <p>SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime</p>					
82.	David O'HEARN	Date of Death 13/06/1998	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
<p>Identity: David O'Hearn was 59 years old at the time of his death.</p> <p>Personal History: Mr O'Hearn was the proprietor of a small mixed business in Dapto.</p> <p>Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr O'Hearn's body was located at his residential unit at Bateman Avenue, Albion Park. Mr O'Hearn suffered severe injuries including multiple skull fractures and disembowelment. His killer mutilated Mr O'Hearn's body. He palced sections of bowel and intestine along the kitchen bench. He removed the head placing it into the kitchen sink. He inserted the handle of a claw hammer into the anus. The left hand was severed and used to draw a pentagram, upside down cross, and the word 'SATAN' in blood on the lounge room walls. Approximately 3 months after Mr O'Hearn's death, Mark Van Krevel (aka Valera), 19 years old attended Wollongong Police Station and confessed to murdering Mr O'Hearn. Valera identified as heterosexual. Valera's murder of Mr O'Hearn appeared to have been completely random stemming from deep anger issues and family stress. When asked why he attended Mr O'Hearn's residence, Valera stated, <i>'I don't know, because I had in my mind that I wanted to kill someone that day, and I went to his house. I seen that he was the only one in his house and I went there.'</i> Valera gained entry to Mr O'Hearn's unit by claiming to be looking for accommodation, which he used as a ploy to gain Mr O'Hearn's trust and be invited into the premises. Valera stated that he killed Mr O'Hearn by hitting him over the head many times with a heavy crystal decanter. Valera stated that his mutilation of Mr O'Hearn's body and the symbols he created had no meaning to him, and that he performed these acts of extreme violence out of curiosity. Valera said that he learnt about the various satanic symbols through <i>'satanic music'</i> like Deicide and Cannibal Corpse. It appeared that Valera knew little to nothing about Mr O'Hearn or his sexuality prior to murdering him. At the same time, Valera made admissions to his murder of another gay man, Mr Frank Arkell (<i>Parrabell Case 83</i>) which occurred 13 days after Mr O'Hearn's death.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation: Mr O'Hearn identified as gay.</p> <p>Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Valera with the murder of Mr O'Hearn and Mr Arkell. He was convicted of both murders and sentenced to life imprisonment.</p> <p>SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime</p>					

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83.	Frank ARKELL	Date of Death 26/06/1998	Solved	SF PARRABELL Suspected Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)
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Identity: Frank Arkell was 68 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Arkell was the former Lord Mayor of Wollongong. Immediately prior to his death, there was considerable media attention and community speculation surrounding his involvement in paedophilia. He had recently been charged with 29 sex offences against boys and was the subject of bail. Mr Arkell protested his innocence and was defending all charges.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Arkell's body was located at his residential address with several fractures to his skull and strangulation marks around his throat. The offender Mark Valera, 19 years old identified as heterosexual. Valera had an open hatred for gay men and paedophiles. It was not known whether Mr Arkell knew Valera, however Valera knew of Mr Arkell through media reporting at the time. During one of his interviews Valera was asked of his opinion regarding paedophiles. He responded saying, 'Yes. I, I despise 'em, completely despise 'em"...just the things what they do to poor little children, yeah. It's just not normal. I mean, it's not normal what I've done, but it's, people just don't do that. It's not meant to be.' Valera described Mr Arkell just prior to being killed as being on his knees, covering his face. Mr Arkell said, 'What are you doing, what are you doing? I thought we were friends.' Valera responded, 'No I fuckin' hate your guts. I want to kill you.' Valera killed Mr Arkell by repeatedly hitting him to the head with an ashtray and lamp causing multiple skull fractures. He then strangled Mr Arkell with a power cord. Valera then kicked Mr Arkell to the face and upper body before inserting lapel pins into the eyes and cheeks. Valera was also charged with a similarly horrific murder of another gay man, David O'Hearn (*Parrabell Case 82*) two weeks prior. Both victims identified as gay. However, unlike Mr Arkell's death, according to Valera, he was unaware of Mr O'Hearn's sexual orientation prior to or at the time of his murder. Valera believed that the extreme violence used against Mr Arkell was legitimate because of his belief that Mr Arkell was a paedophile.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Arkell identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Valera with the murder of Mr O'Hearn and Mr Arkell. He was convicted of both murders and sentenced to life imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

84.	John CHUDLEIGH	Date of Death 21/12/1998	Solved	SF PARRABELL No Evidence of Bias Crime	ACADEMIC REVIEW Gay Bias Related (Anti-Paedophile)
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Identity: John Chudleigh was 72 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Chudleigh was married with 3 children. It appeared that he was living a committed heterosexual lifestyle, however he had 3 previous criminal convictions for indecently assaulting young males.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Chudleigh's body was located, buried, 97 kilometres from his address. It was believed that Mr Chudleigh fell and hit his head after being assaulted by Hamish Kerr, 25 years old, at Mr Chudleigh's holiday house. The location was significant as there was evidence that Mr Chudleigh had previously lured young males from a nearby beach to his holiday house, where he sexually assaulted them. Kerr had known Mr Chudleigh since he was 15 years old and had allegedly been sexually abused by him over a 10-year period, specifically at his holiday house. Mr Kerr's sexual orientation could not be confirmed. According to Kerr there was escalating animosity between he and Mr Chudleigh as a result of unwanted sexual abuse, which had progressively escalated. In a statement to police, Kerr stated that he, 'did not intend to kill or cause serious injury to him (Chudleigh)' and that he 'believed that it was necessary to do what I [he] did in order to stop JC (Chudleigh) from sexually assaulting me.' Kerr stated that on the night he murdered Mr Chudleigh they became involved in an altercation, with Kerr punching Mr Chudleigh once to the head. Kerr then left the premises and visited friends in Kings Cross before returning to Mr Chudleigh's address finding him deceased. He removed Mr Chudleigh's body and set fire to the residence. Kerr stated that he had been the victim of sexual abuse at the hands of Mr Chudleigh over 10 years which was a clear factor in his death.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Chudleigh identified as heterosexual.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Kerr with Mr Chudleigh's murder and other offences relating to the burning of his residence and interference with his body. Kerr was acquitted of all offences.

SF Parrabell concluded there was no evidence of a bias crime

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85.	Brendan McGOVERN	Date of Death 03/03/1999	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Suspected Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Brendan McGovern was 29 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr McGovern was employed by IBM Australia. Friends of Mr McGovern described him as a sexually promiscuous person who engaged in frequent single occasion sexual encounters.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr McGovern's body was located near a bush track off Gladesville Reserve, Huntleys Point. Strangulation marks appeared on his throat. When discovered Mr McGovern's jeans were undone and he was not wearing underpants. He was killed by Kane Graham, 20 years old, with whom he had just had sex. Graham stole property from Mr McGovern including his car, which he dumped in West Ryde. Graham identified as heterosexual. He met Mr McGovern on a telephone chat line, predominately used to organise sexual encounters. Graham indicated his original intention when using the chat line was to meet females. Mr McGovern initiated a conversation which Graham initially declined, however after a second attempt by Mr McGovern, Graham conversed with him via messages. Arrangements were made for the pair to meet at West Ryde Primary School during evening hours. Police identified Graham as a suspect. Graham initially claimed that he killed Mr McGovern in defence of himself stating that Mr McGovern hit him on the head at the Primary School, knocking him unconscious. He stated that he later woke in Gladesville Reserve being sexually assaulted by Mr McGovern, whom he resisted by strangling him during a struggle. On that basis, he asserted that he did not mean to kill Mr McGovern. There were no independent witnesses to Mr McGovern's death. The level of violence displayed by Graham towards Mr McGovern was extreme under the circumstances and it was likely that Mr McGovern's sexuality was a factor in his death.

Sexual Orientation: Mr McGovern identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Graham with Mr McGovern's murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was evidence to suspect a bias crime

86.	Harry JANSONS	Date of Death 14/07/1999	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>Insufficient Information</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>Insufficient Information</i>
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Identity: Harry Jansons was 57 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Jansons was not employed. He lived with his 87-year-old mother at Hill Street, Cabramatta. He spent most of his welfare benefits on alcohol and prostitutes.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: Mr Jansons body was located at his residence with severe injuries to his head and throat as a result of being repeatedly punched and kicked. Earlier, on the day of his death, Mr Jansons met Bradley Bellamy, 29 years old, outside a Cabramatta Hotel, before bringing him to his home address. Bellamy identified as heterosexual and was in a heterosexual relationship. Bellamy had a \$1000 per day heroin addiction and was committing many crimes to fund his drug dependency. At that time, it was common for drug addicts to prostitute themselves for heroin or money, particularly at Cabramatta Park. Whilst there was no evidence to suggest Bellamy was prostituting himself, he was in the vicinity when he met the deceased. Bellamy did not know Mr Jansons prior to this encounter. Bellamy admitted to Police that he killed Mr Jansons before subduing Mr Jansons mother and ransacking the house. He left with cash, jewellery and other valuables later disposing of the property to an unknown drug supplier for heroin. Bellamy's girlfriend told Police that he told her that "*some poofter tried to put the hard word on me so I hit him and left*". It was not known whether Bellamy accompanied Mr Jansons home with an expectation of performing sexually in exchange for money.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Jansons identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police arrested Bellamy about 1 month after Mr Jansons death for other offences. Bellamy gave no clear indication of his motive for killing Mr Jansons, leaving speculation whether there was an unwanted sexual advance; influenced by the consumption of drugs; or robbery. Police charged Bellamy with Mr Jansons' murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded there was insufficient information to establish a bias crime

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87.	Jamie CREIGHTON	Date of Death 22/06/1999	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Jamie Creighton was 32 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Creighton was in a gay relationship spanning 10 years with Ali Mokdad, 31 years old, since 1989. The couple lived in a residential house at Bourke Street, Zetland. Mr Creighton was a part time hairdresser whilst completing a real estate agency course.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: The bodies of Mr Creighton and Mr Mokdad were located at their home address in Bourke Street, Zetland. They had both suffered several gunshot wounds inflicted by Gordon Scurr. Scurr worked in the hospitality industry which is how he met Mr Mokdad. Scurr killed both Mr Creighton and Mr Mokdad by shooting them several times with a pistol he owned. Police established a clear motive for Scurr's killing of both men which stemmed from Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton allegedly making threats and being involved in adverse incidents against and detrimental to Scurr, his family, and another family, known as the Beaumonts. The threats from Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton originated from fraud/stealing charges pending against Mr Mokdad in which Scurr and Beaumont were key witnesses. There was no evidence that any other person was aware of Scurr's intention to kill Mr Creighton and Mr Mokdad and it was clear that Scurr acted alone, motivated by protecting himself, his family and the Beaumont family based upon threats made by Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Creighton identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Scurr with both Mr Creighton's murder and Mr Mokdad's murder. He was found guilty of manslaughter for each death and sentenced to 6 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded that there was no evidence of bias crime

88.	Ali MOKDAD	Date of Death 22/06/1999	Solved	SF PARRABELL <i>No Evidence of Bias Crime</i>	ACADEMIC REVIEW <i>No Bias</i>
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Identity: Ali Mokdad was 31 years old at the time of his death.

Personal History: Mr Mokdad was in a gay relationship spanning 10 years with Jamie Creighton, 32 years old, since 1989. The couple lived in a residential house at Bourke Street, Zetland. Mr Mokdad was employed in the hospitality industry.

Location of Body/Circumstances of Death: The bodies of Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton were located at their home address in Bourke Street, Zetland. They had both suffered several gunshot wounds inflicted by Gordon Scurr. Scurr worked in the hospitality industry which is how he met Mr Mokdad. Scurr killed both Mr Creighton and Mr Mokdad by shooting them several times with a pistol he owned. Police established a clear motive for Scurr's killing of both men which stemmed from Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton allegedly making threats and being involved in adverse incidents against and detrimental to Scurr, his family, and another family, known as the Beaumonts. The threats from Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton originated from fraud/stealing charges pending against Mr Mokdad in which Scurr and Beaumont were key witnesses. There was no evidence that any other person was aware of Scurr's intention to kill Mr Creighton and Mr Mokdad and it was clear that Scurr acted alone, motivated by protecting himself, his family and the Beaumont family based upon threats made by Mr Mokdad and Mr Creighton.

Sexual Orientation: Mr Mokdad identified as gay.

Coroner/Court Findings: Police charged Scurr with both Mr Creighton's murder and Mr Mokdad's murder. He was found guilty of manslaughter for each death and sentenced to 6 years imprisonment.

SF Parrabell concluded that there was no evidence of a bias crime