

Certified transcript - interview of Mr Ulo KLEMMER

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Brief Description: Mr Ulo KLEMMER was referred to SF Macnamir by the NOK. He states that he was a gay outreach worker affiliated with the AIDS council. On 11/06/2013 Mr KLEMMER met with police for the purpose of sharing his knowlegde of the gay beat at North Head. He took the police to North Head to explain his knowledge of the area.

Mr. KLEMMER stated he attended the gay beat area in the 1990's and stated it was only used during the daytime, sunrise to sunset. He stated it was also used as an area for naked sunbaking. Mr. KLEMMER indicated areas to investigators amongst the tracks that were utilised by gay men for anonymous sex or nude sunbaking. In relation to anonymous sex, Mr. KLEMMER stated that it was not usually prearranged, however could be regular dependant on user habits.

He confirmed the commonly understood explanation of a 'gay beat' as being a place for sex. In relation to the folding of clothes and in response to the question if this was a gay-related sign or code, he replied no.

He stated sex between males would be initiated with small talk, he said it would be up to the individuals how this was to be engaged in.

Mr. KLEMMER stated the area probably stopped being a gay beat in the late 90's. Mr. KLEMMER last used the area himself around 1993. He stated the gay beat was not known by a particular name, and he knew it as the cliffs at Manly, Shelley Beach car park, or where you go through a wall.

When asked if gay men would be likely to have sex on the edge of the cliff for additional thrill, he replied not likely but possible. In response to the likelihood of arguments before or after anonymous sex, stated not common but possible. Reply to question about reporting of assaults he said a lot of bashings would not be reported because of fear of what police would do to you.

See attached certified transcript.

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WALK THROUGH

- V.1 DETECTIVE SERGEANT PENNY BROWN
- V.2 ULO KLEMMER
- V.3 DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE NICOLE JONES
- V.4 SUPERINTENDENT PHIL FLOGEL
- V.5 DETECTIVE SENIOR CONSTABLE PAUL RULLO
- V.1 Was..... where we are?
- V.2 It could even be that point.
- V.1 (INAUDIBLE CONVERSATION) We're just trying to locate the position directly above the body of Scott Johnson so I'm with the original Crime Scene Officer, Superintendent Phil FLOGEL and we're trying to locate the area directly above where Scott was found. And we've just come through this rugged bush to try and locate the area, you can see there's the wall. It could be further along here Now I'm recording this ...might be another area area. I can see the wall from here. And I'll just show you the vegetation what we had to walk through to get here. And that's where Scott
- V.3 I'm Detective Senior Constable Nicole Jones of the Homicide Squad. We're here at North Head with Ulo Klemmer.
- V.2 I can't hear you , I'm in deaf in this ear, I'd better go around this side.
- V.3 This side. At North Head with Ulo Klemmer and we're here in relation to the death of Scott Johnson. Also present is Detective Senior Constable Paul RULLO on the video camera. What we're going to be asking you to do for us today is take us to a particular area that was a gay beat in the 80s and - - -
- V.2 And before.
- V.3 And before.
- V.2 Mmm.
- V.3 And possibly still is.
- V.2 No.

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- V.3 No. And you can point out some, the area that you would go and the entrance and all that sort of stuff.
- V.2 How it worked.
- V.3 How it worked and that'd be great so the time is now 1.37pm on Tuesday, the 11th of June. We'll just cut and start back up at the beginning of the beat. O.K. The time is now 1.49pm and also Penny, Detective Sergeant Penny Brown has joined us here. And we're just at the entrance of the North Head beat as it was in the 80s and before.
- V.2 Not as it was yeah it's much larger, it used to be up to her, you used to have to crawl in through there, this has all been knocked out since.
- V.3 And as far as you are aware this particular wall was the start of the beat.
- V.2 Basically yeah, yeah.
- V.3 Yeah. O.K. We might just go through and if you could just point out some areas for us.
- V.2 O.K. O.K. Essentially you'd walk down way or this way.
- V.3 So ---
- V.2 So once you're through this wall it was this area.
- V.3 So this way.
- V.2 Yeah not so much this way 'cause you know that's a cliff.
- V.3 Yeah.
- V.2 But this way certainly.
- V.3 And how far down this way would it have gone?
- V.2 Um, not that far 'cause what it is, I don't know if that's still, it probably is, there used to be a trails in through all this, I, like I said, I haven't been here for so long I don't know ---
- V.3 Mmm.
- V.2 --- if those trails still exist. But not too far down that way more that way.
- V.3 That way. And we've spoken on the phone before and you mentioned that you'd been here a couple of times before.
- V.2 Yeah.

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- V.3 How many times would you say you'd been to this particular area?
- V.2 Ah, half a dozen or so.
- V.3 O.K.
- V.2 But I know from in the 70s friends of mine used to come here quite often so I know it was very active in the 70s - - -
- V.3 Mmm.
- V.2 - - - 80s and early 90s.
- V.3 And what general timeframe did you start coming here in the, would it be the 80s or - - -
- V.2 What time of the day or, ah, ah, the 90s.
- V.3 In the 90s.
- V.2 90s yeah.
- V.3 O.K. And was it the case that it was a gay beat at throughout the day and the night or - - -
- V.2 Not, no not at night, no.
- V.3 Not at night.
- V.2 No it's too dark, you wouldn't, you wouldn't get up here at night time.
- V.3 No.
- V.2 No, day time. Essentially it wasn't just a beat it waslike an isolated area where you would just come sunbake nude it was more about the nude area as well.....
- V.3 Ok now what time of day would you generally come to an area like this?
- V.2 Sunrise to sunset.
- V.3 Yeah.
- V.2 Once it warms up.
- V.3 O.K.
- V.2 And once it cools down, yeah.
- V.3 So, so you mentioned it went down that way and also this way.
- V.2 Up this way yeah.
- V.3 Would you be able to indicate to us and take us to general, like the area that - - -
- V.2 Yeah if it hasn't overgrown and yeah I'd be happy to.

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V.3 Yeah. Thankyou, O.K. We'll follow you then.

V.2 Let's do it.

V.4 Just be careful of the Paul.

V.5 Yep.

V.3 You go Paul.

V.5 Yep.

V.2 Yeah 'cause see that used to be a track but it's overgrown now.
There, there's - - -

V.3 And would this area through these tracks would be areas that men
would come to - - -

V.2 Well yeah you'd, yeah there'd be tracks all throughout this place
and there'd be little alcoves that you could set up your towel and
your clothes and you'd just lay there or you could, you spent the
whole day just having a little day, you know - - -

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 - - - bring your lunch, your whatever, drinks.

V.3 O.K. All right. And - - -

V.2 But, um - - -

V.3 - - - just tell us what you would do.

V.2 Yeah. [VOICES IN BACKGROUND] See this would be a, perfect
this would be considered one of the perfect spots 'cause you've
just, look you've got room, you've got privacy.

V.3 Yep. O.K.

V.2 You lay your towels here. You could leave your stuff here and go
wandering around.

V.3 So - - -

V.2 Or somebody could just come in just like we did - - -

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 - - - and see you here and start up a chat.

V.3 So how did it generally work, I mean it, could you just take us
through how you would be, you would come here for anonymous
sex, you wouldn't, it wouldn't be the case that you would want to
pre-arrange to meet somebody here, you just generally - - -

V.2 Not really, although you could have a regular I guess.

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V.3 Yeah.

V.2 Ah, that came like every Tuesday, you know.

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 See you again next Tuesday.

V.3 Yep.

V.2 But generally it was fairly anonymous, ah, people roamed around, found somebody in a spot like this or you'd find a spot like this and roam around yourself.

V.3 And how would you generally instigate a meeting with somebody, was there any kind of - - -

V.2 Ah, generally with small talk.

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 Yeah.

V.3 O.K.

V.2 Yeah.

V.3 Yep.

V.2 Yeah when, when I was working I used to identify myself as somebody from ACON - - -

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 - - - and they could take it from there.

V.3 Right.

V.2 But, um, it's generally just small talk, you know, how are you, blah, blah, blah - - -

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 - - - nice day, that sort of stuff.

V.3 O.K. And so it's the, your explanation of a beat is where men would congregate to for the purpose of sex, is that - - -

V.2 Generally, yep, yep.

V.3 Yep. And you're probably aware in the media they've mentioned that Scott Johnson's clothes were folded, is that something that you believe might have been a signal in an area like this?

V.2 A signal for what?

V.3 A folding of clothes of, I'm not sure what.

V.2 The only thing it's a signal of is he's a tidy person.

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V.3 O.K. Yeah.

V.2 'Cause some people would just throw their stuff, some people would be very, very neat and it, that's, that's the only signal.

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 It's not a come to me signal or no.

V.3 No. No. And was there anything like that, was there any kind of signals that men would apart from small talk - - -

V.2 Um, well generally if somebody had an erection that's a, that's a bit of signal.

V.3 Yes that's a signal.

V.2 Um, other than there's not really, there's, there's eye contact.

V.3 Yeah.

V.2 Um, no, other than that no.

V.3 So it was, you mentioned before that it was a case that people would be sometimes walking around naked, sunbaking naked - - -

V.2 Ah hmm. Yep.

V.3 - - - that wasn't an unusual activity around here.

V.2 Was a what kind of activity?

V.3 It wasn't unusual for somebody to be walking around naked.

V.2 Ah, no.

V.3 No.

V.2 Ah, no, not at all, that was, that was one of the beauties of it that you could get past that wall, come in here and feel totally free to - - -

V.3 O.K.

V.2 - - - because it's, it was so isolated and there was no other people that came here.

V.3 Mmm.

V.2 Um, so, so people walking around here naked was quite common.

V.3 Yeah. O.K.

V.2 Just, just laying here naked was quite common.

V.3 Mmm. And was it as thick with bush back then, I mean it's quite, I mean - - -

V.2 No this, this seems to have regenerated - - -

V.3 Mmm.

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V.2 --- since it, maybe since the beat stopped but ---
V.3 Yeah.
V.2 --- there seems to be people still here so I don't know.
V.3 O.K.
V.2 But like when, like when we entered here ---
V.3 Yeah.
V.2 --- it didn't seem as though this would be here.
V.3 No I wouldn't have ---
V.2 But this is the sort of spot that people would come to.
V.3 O.K.
V.2 And there would have been more of trail ---
V.3 Mmm.
V.2 --- that there is now.
V.3 And you would be able to see from the, from back there where we just came from, you'd be able to see this area back in the day.
V.2 Well not necessarily 'cause there's other areas that are more hidden if the further down or there or the further up you go they're more hidden, if you really wanted to be naked and isolated from it.
V.3 Mmm.
V.2 And not be doing the beat but just be out in the sun.
V.3 Sure.
V.2 There's places where you could go and be totally undisturbed.
V.3 Mmm.
V.2 And there's places you can go and be disturbed.
V.3 O.K. Well we might just get you to take us to as far as you believe the beat geographically speaking went.
V.2 Right well yeah this, this would be about the end of this trail, that's a hot spot.
V.3 Yeah.
V.2 That one, looks as though so that would be a spot through 'cause that looks very clear.
V.3 Just before we go any further Detective Sergeant Brown is there anything you want to ask?

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V.1 Yes. You know how you mentioned about the spots where if you wanted to be disturbed and there's areas where you didn't want to be disturbed - - -

V.2 Yep.

V.1 - - - back in when it was a beat - - -

V.2 Yeah.

V.1 - - - were they well known areas for the typical beat user, so say if a beat user just wanted to come and sunbake in the nude - - -

V.2 Yep.

V.1 - - - would they know where to go not to be.

V.2 Well they'd have their own special little spot that they'd know that they could use and nobody would come and interrupt them. It'd be out of the way it'd be further back or like there. Like we were standing here for how long before we noticed that yeah.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 It'd be that kind of spot.

V.1 O.K. So if you happened to be in a spot like this and then noticed a male over in a spot like that - - -

V.2 Right.

V.1 - - - would that be an indication of you, to you that no I don't disturb him because he wants to be on his own or - - -

V.2 Well - - -

V.1 - - - or would you still try your best and try - - -

V.2 - - - it depends, it depends on how motivated you are on the day.

V.1 O.K. O.K.

V.2 Yeah if you were quite motivated you'd sort of have a go - - -

V.1 Yes.

V.2 - - - or if you weren't you'd respect their privacy - - -

V.1 Privacy.

V.2 - - - and stay away.

V.1 O.K. Now you said that to initiate anonymous sex there would be small talk, chit chat.

V.2 Yeah generally.

V.1 Always, generally.

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- V.2 Generally in an outdoor place like this yeah. If it's a beat that's like a toilet block or something there, there wouldn't be any talk at all virtually.
- V.1 O.K.
- V.2 And working that was really hard - - -
- V.1 Yes.
- V.2 - - - because you'd be the first person they'd ever spoken to and you'd have to come up and say hello.
- V.1 Yes.
- V.2 And then that'd be a shock but here there's, not so much a social thing it was just like a way of breaking the ice and - - -
- V.1 Ah hmm.
- V.2 - - - getting to know somebody.
- V.1 O.K.
- V.2 And initiate something if you wanted to and you would want to if you, if you'd started a small talk you'd know there's one of the two, if the conversation kept going would be interested.
- V.1 Ah hmm. So on a day that you would come up here would you have in the back of your mind how, how many times you would want to have anonymous sex, would you just, would you have anonymous sex with one person, then move on and find another person or - - -
- V.2 Ah, it depends on the person.
- V.1 O.K.
- V.2 It depends totally on the, that's a question that, that's got no real answer.
- V.1 So - - -
- V.2 Some people want to just, you know, have a little play with one person, go along and have another little play with somebody else and another and somebody wants up play and go.
- V.1 O.K.
- V.2 Was that being filmed, I'm glad I had my back turned then?
- V.1 No thank you for being open with us - - -
- V.2 Ah, yeah, yeah.

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- V.1 --- 'cause we need, we need to ask these questions 'cause we need to know so I appreciate your openness. Thank you.
- V.2 Well you need to know all this stuff, so yeah, yeah. That's fine. I don't have a problem with it.
- V.1 Yes. No. Thank you.
- V.2 I'll even, see.
- V.1 Thank you. If we could, yeah if you could show us some areas and as we're walking around I know you said that the beat's stopped, it's stopped it's not a known beat now.
- V.2 What, no it's not, no, well as far as I know it's not and judging by the amount of people we've seen here who ---
- V.1 Mmm.
- V.2 --- seem to be very hikey and on their way somewhere doing something ---
- V.1 Mmm.
- V.2 --- and fairly look heterosexual ---
- V.1 Mmm.
- V.2 --- I doubt that it's a beat, I have not heard that it is and I've looked up sites before today ---
- V.1 Mmm.
- V.2 --- to see if, if it was and on the site there's no mention of it is a beat.
- V.1 O.K. To your knowledge when did it stop becoming a beat?
- V.2 Probably in the late 90s. I don't really, really know but probably in the late 90s.
- V.1 And when was the last time you came here?
- V.2 In the mid 90s.
- V.1 '94, '95.
- V.2 It yeah it would be before '95 say, 1993 probably.
- V.1 And was this ---
- V.2 Well I'll, I'll tell you when it was, it was you'll be able to back track this, there was a problem on, well it wasn't a problem, well it was, on the corso ---
- V.1 Mmm.

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V.2 - - - there was a toilet block which was used as a beat.

V.1 Ah hmm.

V.2 And the local paper got in a huff about it. So I came down and I spoke to, I don't know his name but he was the Superintendent, do you call him the Superintendent in charge of - - -

V.1 The boss of the police station.

V.2 - - - the boss, the top dog - - -

V.1 Yes.

V.2 - - - and he said that it was a beat, they want to close it down. I told him the value of us working there, um, because this was still early days of Aids - - -

V.1 Yes.

V.2 - - - so we were handing out condoms, talking to people about what safe sex was and wasn't - - -

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 - - - 'cause a lot of people didn't really still know what they could and couldn't do.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 So but they were dead keen on closing it down and during our conversation this place came up.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 And his, he was aware of this place but he said he was not concerned about it, he was only concerned about that because of the, the traffic.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 He said there's two million people per year walking that corso and he didn't want activity there.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 But he had no concerns then of this place being used as a beat that, that he told me anyway.

V.1 Ah hmm. Ah hmm.

V.2 He might have, he might not have but he knew, he was aware of it.

V.1 And back in like 1988 how would you know to come here, there was no internet?

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V.2 There was none of the - - -
V.1 Yeah.
V.2 - - - but people talk though.
V.1 O.K.
V.2 Yeah and that's how most of the stuff has gone on for ever.
V.1 Mmm. O.K.
V.2 Yeah people, people talk, you know, and this is how I heard about it
in the 70s you know, people would tell me about it.
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 People who lived in Manly and they'd say, "Ah, we go up to, up to
the beat up here."
V.1 Did it have a name?
V.2 Um, not that I recall, no it was just the cliffs at Manly.
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 Yeah I don't recall them, and if you, well you'd ask what cliffs are
you talking about and they'd said, "Well you know, Shelley Beach,
there's a car park up the top and there's a wall you go - - -
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 - - - but as far as a name, no I don't recall a name. I'm losing my
voice too.
V.1 Now what time of the year - - -
V.2 Yep.
V.1 - - - would be more popular to come here than another time?
V.2 Ah, summer time. Summer time, um, although winter wouldn't, I
mean like a day like this wouldn't deter you, a couple of hours in the
sun wouldn't - - -
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 - - - so it would happen year round.
V.1 O.K.
V.2 If it's a nice day and if it's pouring down with rain like it was over the
weekend well obviously it wouldn't.
V.1 Mmm. O.K. Thank you. So if you can just yeah show us.
V.2 Just keep going.
V.1 Yeah. Thank you.

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- V.2 Did anybody, ah, sorry, did any of you actually notice that this could have been an area or - - -
- V.3 We can see there's little areas here and there but - - -
- V.1 No we didn't - - - goat tracks
- V.3 - - - no but without being here we wouldn't really know.
- V.5 The battery's running low.
- V. Have we got another one?
- V.5 Ah, I've got that other one but I don't know how much is in it.
- V.2 See it's clearly not a beat like with people like that walking around now.
- V.3 Is this, just walking from that little trail there, it's quite prickly - - -
- V.2 It is, it is but - - -
- V.3 - - - is it, would it be common to walk through an area like this naked, it just seems to me that - - -
- V.2 It wasn't - - -
- V.3 It wasn't like this.
- V.2 - - - as overgrown.
- V.3 Yeah. .
- V.2 The, the trails were quite like this, you know, you could walk - - -
- V.3 O.K.
- V.2 - - - you could walk like this through it but yeah I, I know what you're talking about I got too.
- V.3 Mmm. Yeah.
- V.2 Yeah. But no, no, the trails were quite wide.
- V.3 Mmm. O.K.
- V.2 So yes you could walk around wherever you liked without any - - -
- V.3 Without getting scratched on your way down there.
- V.2 Exactly, exactly, without your clothes on yeah. See up there, that's a nice little area too. [VOICES IN BACKGROUND] Did I get you trapped, you've clearly never done a beat before. See an area like this you could come with your friends, a couple of friends.
- V.3 Mmm.
- V.2 Just sit around chat, walk around. It's kind like a social thing as well.

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V.3 Yeah. Did you come to this particular area?
V.2 I did, yeah I did, that's what I was looking for, I thought that was it down there.
V.3 Yeah. O.K.
V.2 Yeah but there is other areas like this that are as open as this.
V.3 Yeah. What about closer to the cliff side is there any that you're aware of that are closer to the cliffs?
V.2 Mmm, I know I ventured there - - -
V.3 Yeah.
V.2 - - - but I don't recall seeing too much going on over there. It was more over this side.
V.3 Mmm.
V.2 And like when you walk in, that path sort of seems to want you to go that way instead of over to the cliff side.
V.3 Yeah. But there were men over in that particular area.
V.2 Ah, ah, they'd go in yeah of course.
V.3 Yeah.
V.2 I mean everybody's got curiosity or whatever, I did, yeah.
V.3 Yeah. Would you be able to take us to areas over that side that you, that you have been to?
V.2 Let's have a go. [VOICES IN BACKGROUND] I have had a look, I haven't seen a pathway. It really has overgrown so much I'm not, I don't know.
V.3 Yeah.
V.1 You said you had ventured over to a cliff, near the cliff.
V.2 Yeah.
V.1 Was that, what was the purpose of going near a cliff?
V.2 For me?
V.1 Yes.
V.2 I was working so I was trying to find people to talk to, to pass over safe sex information. That's why I was trying to find anybody and everybody - - -
V.1 Mmm.

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- V.2 - - - who I could talk to, that was why I went. But why anybody else would go would be curiosity, um - - -
- V.1 We've just got a gentleman coming down.
- V.2 Yeah there's no shortage of them. It looks very, very overgrown now.
- V.1 Mmm.
- V.2 Do you know where, where the body was actually found, can you give me a clue?
- V.3 We've, we've been over there today and it's quite overgrown.
- V.1 Yeah we can't really establish where, where it is, where 'cause it's just so overgrown and that gentleman you saw was today - - -
- V.2 Yeah well it definitely is, it definitely is overgrown now.
- V.1 Yeah.
- V.2 Um, and that's what twenty odd years ago?
- V.1 Mmm, twenty five years ago.
- V.2 Yeah. But like that gully area, where, where's he going to, that looks like it might lead to somewhere, let's go further back.
- V.1 O.K. Let's go. Would, would men go to a cliff, have sex at the edge of a cliff, would that add to the thrill or would it, would - - -
- V.2 Ah, no, I, I don't think so.
- V.1 Well yeah.
- V.2 Yeah, it could I mean I won't rule it out, yeah I just did rule it out but I won't but - - -
- V.1 Yeah.
- V.2 - - - it's no, not as a rule, if someone if somebody did happen to go over there and somebody else did happen to follow them and yes there was nobody around clearly 'cause it was a private area - - -
- V.1 Mmm.
- V.2 - - - yes they could have sex.
- V.1 And is it possible, are you aware there might be would someone have a quarrel with someone they've had anonymous sex with?
- V.2 Ah, everything's possible - - -
- V.1 Mmm.

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V.2 --- but it's not something that I would say is, I had to stop and think about it so no.

V.1 No.

V.2 No see that would be another one but you want to go that way.

V.1 I'll just go up

V.2 Little trails like this it used to be just absolutely covered in it, the whole place like see this would have been somebody's prime spot, they would have claimed it as their spot, you know, if they came here at 10 o'clock and it was already they'd be ---

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 --- ah, I have to find my own.

V.1 So there would never be arguments over territory.

V.2 Not really, no, no, you'd move on and find another spot, yeah.

V.1 O.K.

V.2 No, no, it wasn't that territorial, no.

V.1 How's that battery going?

V.5 Yeah it's still low, it's still going.

V.2 Sorry?

V.5 I was just talking to ---

V.3 Just the battery.

V.2 See they've obviously done work here I mean look that's, all this is, I've never seen this before, they've worked this to make it a trail.

V.1 Yeah.

V.2 And like that would have led off to somewhere else. This side doesn't seem to have any trails at all like and like I said that area generally was more the beat.

V.1 And when you used the beat ---

V.2 Yeah.

V.1 --- there was the council never made nice trails to help you out.

V.2 Ah, no, no, God no.

V.1 It was more ---

V.2 It was, it was self made trails from decades of use yeah.

V.1 Yeah so like the goat track type of style.

V.2 Yeah the goat track, yeah, yeah.

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V.1 Mmm. And the nationality of the other beat users.
V.2 It could have been anyone. It could have been.
V.1 So they're all Anglo Saxon, Caucasian, were there ever Asians or -
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V.2 There wasn't that many Asians in Australia at that time really.
V.1 Yeah.
V.2 But I don't know if it's any different now but at that time, no not really.
V.1 And if there was, if it happened an Asian male to be here back at that time in 1988 is that something that, it would be a unusual and a beat user would remember?
V.2 Probably yeah, yeah.
V.1 Do you recall ever seeing in your times of you're being up here an Asian?
V.2 Not here, I, not here, ah, but I did, I remember this off beat talk, in the early 70s I worked at Ken's Karate Club which is a gay sauna.
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 And I remember it was mainly white.
V.1 I'm getting moved.
V.2 I won't say Caucasian or mention a nationality but it was white.
V.1 Yeah. Mmm.
V.2 You know there was like Italians and that but - - -
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 - - - but the first time an Asian came in I remember several men coming up to me and saying, "You can't let that guy in here, this is our club", so yes they do notice and there was a racist attitude at that time - - -
V.1 Mmm.
V.2 - - - which has, it hasn't disappeared but it's got better.
V.1 Mmm. O.K. I thought that was the end of the tape but it's the - - -
V.2 Sorry?
V.1 - - - I thought I heard the end of the tape but it's a bird.
V.5 No it's still going.

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V.2 Ah, right. Yeah so Asians here, I, I won't say no but I didn't ever see any.

V.1 O.K.

V.2 No it wasn't common.

V.1 So do you recall the times that you came, how far would you come past that wall?

V.2 Past that wall?

V.1 Yeah.

V.2 A fair bit, ah, not much further now it'd more be going down that way, the trails were actually going along down that way.

V.1 Ah hmm.

V.2 And there was a few that did go that way but I haven't found them yet and nobody else has.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 Um - - -

V.1 Do you just want to go up a bit further and just have a look around the bend?

V.2 Yeah see I, yeah, yeah, there's got to be something that leads that way. That looks like it's been put there doesn't it?

V.1 Yeah.

V.2 The other thing I was thinking of when I was walking up here if you met somebody or if somebody enticed you, you could go over there with, a nice little birdie - - -

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 - - - can you see it?

V.1 Yeah.

V.2 It would be a nice private area to go to rather than here where somebody else could interrupt or try and join or do whatever.

V.1 O.K. And you would go into a dense area of bush like that.

V.2 Well it wasn't dense like this that's, that's yeah it wasn't like that.

V.1 O.K. It's more like, can you show us, we'll have a look and show us an area that's similar to what it looked like back in the times you used it.

V.2 Well where we just were.

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V.1 O.K.

V.2 But well the first one actually - - -

V.1 Yeah.

V.2 - - - it was kind of hidden and then I walked in and then I walked in and then we saw it was open space and there was another open space.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 But the, the most obvious spaces where we first came in through the hole - - -

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 - - - if you turned, well left - - -

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 - - - towards the cliff maybe we should do that and go and see if there's a trail up along that way.

V.1 O.K.

V.2 But that's the most obvious place to go into there. But there were trails up here.

V.1 Mmm. But now they're - - -

V.2 No yeah they're not now.

V.1 Back in the times that you were handing out your pamphlets to the beat users up here - - -

V.2 Mmm. Yeah.

V.1 - - - and the times you were using the beat, were you aware of any assaults that occurred?

V.2 Um, I think everybody's conscious at any beat of being assaulted.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 Ah, see I wasn't aware of any happening.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 Um, I, I wasn't told of any but since I have been.

V.1 Mmm.

V.2 Um, like I told you earlier one of the catholic school boys used to come through and do bashings after school.

V.1 Mmm. And what year was that?

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- V.2 I don't know, I posted onto a gay site and people came back and told me. So I posted about Scott's death.
- V.1 Yeah.
- V.2 And asked people to come forward if they had information at all or knew of anything at all or any other beats around here.
- V.1 O.K. And what school was that?
- V.2 It was the, the catholic school, is it St Patricks or - - -
- V.1 Is that like the big castle.
- V.2 That's, yeah, yeah, yeah there's a catholic, I don't know if there's a catholic school in it or but they, they mentioned a catholic school adjoining this bush area. And I know the army's somewhere around here too.
- V.1 Yes.
- V.3 As far as you're aware those people that posted some things on Facebook have they, were they matters that were reported to police or, or not?
- V.2 Um, let me, let me scroll my mind, I'm not so sure because people and, well gay men and police weren't exactly on the best of the terms then as they are now as well, ah, that hasn't changed too much, it fluctuates but, um, so a lot of, a lot of bashings wouldn't be reported - - -
- V.3 Mmm.
- V.2 - - - um, because of fear of what the police would do to you rather than who bashed you yeah.
- V.3 Who, yeah, yep.
- V.1 We've got a jogger coming.
- V. Thank you.
- V.4 You're welcome.
- V.3 So we wouldn't, you wouldn't go much beyond this area here.
- V.2 Not too far, no. No it'd all be centred around there. And, and that wall was kind of walkway too into little areas, little spots.
- V.3 O.K. Maybe we should go towards that area if we can.
- V.2 Yeah do, yeah, yeah.

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V.3 And if need be we can maybe cut here and start back over there to save battery.

V.2 Yeah 'cause we're only back tracking.

V.5 Yeah. Yep. No worries.

V.3 Yep. [VOICES IN BACKGROUND] It's a big drop.

V.2 I bet you can get to it too.

V.1 Under there.

V.2 Yeah there's a lovely spot.

V.1 You're on a death wish.

V.2 Sorry?

V.1 You're on a death wish over there.

V.2 No it'd be a fabulous spot, if you wanted to be alone, if you wanted to come here - - -

V.1 Ah, alone, I was going to say if you wanted to have anonymous sex you wouldn't be doing it there.

V.2 Yeah, no, no, no, no, no, like I said, that's not why everybody came here.

V.1 Yeah.

V.2 If you wanted to be alone in the nude have your day, that would be just perfect.

V.3 Are you recording Paul?

V.5 Yeah.

V.2 That's what Scott might have been doing. Yes no it's not - - -

V.1 We're coming down now.

V.2 We're hiding something.

V.3 This is where those fishermen found him.

V.5 Yeah.

V.3 So who'd go down there, I wonder how he got there?

V.5 Yeah there's people down there I can see them on the close up.

V.1 What, where they are I reckon that's a bit, a bit closer towards is it the area where he was found. Is it going, yeah.

V.5 Yeah. I've only

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