

New South Wales Police

STATEMENT in matter of: _____ Place: Manly Police Station
Death of Mark SPANSWICK @ Mark _____
Stewart. _____ Date: 4th July, 1976. _____

Name: URE _____ Christopher John. _____
(Surname in capitals)

Address: Manly Police Station. _____ Tel. No. _____

Occupation: Constable of Police. _____ STATES:—

About 11am on Tuesday, the 11th of May, 1976 in company with other Police from the Manly Detectives Office, I attended the vicinity of the Fairy Bower Headland in relation to a report that the body of a male person had been found at the foot of the cliff. On arrival at the scene we spoke with Senior Constable Thoms also of the Manly Police and he directed us to the top of the Fairy Bower Headland. We then made an extensive search of the headland near to where it would appear the deceased had fallen from. This area is dense bushland with very rocky sections jutting out of the bush, there are a number of small trails leading from the roadway to the edge of the cliff. A further search was made of the edge of the cliff and this area is also overgrown with dense bush and it was noticed that there is no safety fence or any other facility to prevent persons from loosing there footing and falling to their deaths.

A thorough search of the whole area by Police for any signs which might explain how the deceased came to fall to his death was made and no sign of the persons prior presence was found. I then returned to the bottom of the cliff where I viewed the body of the deceased, whom I know now to be that of Mark SPANSWICK @ Mark STEWART.

At 11.45am on Friday, the 28th May, 1976, I accompanied Mr. John Spanswick, the father of the deceased Mark Spanswick to the city Morgue, Glebe, where he identified the body of the deceased, as that of his son Mark Spanswick.

SIGNED.....
C.J.Ure.
Constable First Class.
Manly Police Station.

Witness: _____ Signature: _____