

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:
Murder of Kenneth BRENNAN

Place: [REDACTED]
Erskineville
Date : 31 July 1995

Name: Denise COUSSENS

Address: [REDACTED], Erskineville

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Manager

STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 44 years of age.

3. I am the joint owner of Kings Steam with my husband Charles COUSSENS. King Steam is situated at Level 1, 38-42 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst. King Steam is entered via a staircase from the street level of Oxford Street. There is only one entry to King Steam and this is via this staircase. At the top of the stairs is a reception area, off this is the lounge and locker area. A canteen is situated in the lounge area which sells coffee, soft drinks, and chips. Beyond this is the sauna and spa area. In another area of the premises are 26 small private cubicles. Gay and bisexual men frequent King Steam. King Steam is open between 10.00am and 6.00am, Monday to Friday and continuous from Friday to Monday, 24 hours. The aim of King Steam is to provide a safe and healthy environment for gay and bisexual men.

4. King Steam is staffed by one or two people at all times.

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On Sunday, 11 June, 1995, David MANION worked between 12 mid-day and 6.00pm, a 6 hour shift. Martin HARSONO worked a double shift from 12 mid-day through to 1.00am on 12 June, 1995. At 6.00pm to 12 mid-night Richard CAPUANA worked from 6.00pm to 12 mid-night. At 1.00am on Monday, 12 June, 1995, Anton JESSNER came on and worked to 6.00am.

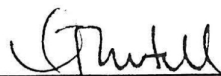
5. The duties of the people working within King Steam involve one person working the Reception desk and the other doing laundry and canteen duties.

6. There are two price ranges at King Steam, \$15.00 and \$10.00 specials at other times. On the evening of Sunday, 11 June, 1995, the price was \$15.00, this covers entry and use of the facilities and locker. A further \$5.00 is paid for towel use, this is redeemable on the return of the towel and locker key.

7. At King Steam there are security cameras set up in the locker room for security reasons, the reception area and the entry stairs. The images are relayed back to a television set in the reception so that staff can monitor them. The only camera recorded is the one set up on the entry stairs. This video run 24 hours and when finished restarts the recording. This video is rarely removed from the recorder unless there is an incident at King Steam. There were no incidents recorded in the incident book for this evening.

8. When clients enter King Steam they are asked to sign on a Customer Sign On Sheet. This is a blank piece of paper with columns, the first column is for the signature, the 2nd for locker number. Clients identification is not checked when they sign into King Steam.

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