

New South Wales Police

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STATEMENT in the matter of:

John Russell

Deceased

Place: Paddington

Police Station

Date : 26 March 2002**Name:**

1403

Address:**Tel. No.:****Occupation:** Unemployed**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 for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 45 years of age.

3. I have previously made several statements concerning the death of a friend, John Russell in 1989. Further to those statements I can provide the following additional information.

4. John Russell and I used to drink together once or twice a week around 1989 when I lived in Sydney. Quite often we would drink mostly in pubs for 3 or 4 hours at a time. Sometimes John would go somewhere else later. Sometimes John would also drink with his brother Peter. I remember weekly having a drink with John at Rose Bay Hotel where his brother would also drink. We used to run the Rams Football club and coach the kids and run raffles for fund raising.

5. When John and I used to drink together he used to put a few away but he never got obviously drunk or effected. He used to

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often drink scotch and coke and on occasion he'd drink beer.

6. John smoked but I do not remember the brand he smoked around that time.

7. John previously worked at Wairoa Special School at Bondi and Rose Bay Public School as a general assistant and his brother Peter worked at Double Bay Public School as a yardsman.

8. I know a person called Rod Stringer who established the first gay magazine in Sydney called Campaign in the mid 70's. Rod was a friend of mine and because of that association John knew him as well but did not particularly like him.

9. I went to the first gay mardi gras in 1978 and I'm pretty certain that John was there also. Over the next 11 years I cannot say whether John went to the Mardi Gras every year or at all. I don't know whether he was involved in the organisation of the Gay Mardi Gras or any of the floats but I think he would have told me if he had been and I have no memory of him telling me of any involvement.

10. Rod Stringer owned a property called Woodhill Duck and Poultry Farm at Berry between 1980 and 1989 and occasionally I would go down and stay there for a weekend. John Russell did not go down and stay there when I was there and I don't think he would have gone there because he didn't like Rod Stringer.

11. It has been suggested to me today that Robert Dunn, also known as Dolly Dunn also used to stay at the Farm. I do not know him and never heard of him except in the news papers around 1995-1996. I do not know if John Russell knew Robert Dunn and I

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do not recall having ever heard John Russell speak of Robert
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