

Frederick Karel VANCLAY

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My full name is Frederick Karel VANCLAY and I am 72 years of age. I live at an address known to by the Police.

On Tuesday 30th March 1999 at about 11.00 a.m I was walking with my wife Donna and two guests John COULL and his wife Heather along Woolamai Beach. Whilst walking along the beach I noticed an unusual object some distance away. The object was on the sand around the high tide mark out the front of the Cape Woolamai life saving station. I dont recall if it had a number on it but it is the only life saving station on the beach.


When we went to investigate the object turned out to be a lifesaving jacket which obviously had been in the sea for some time as it was encrusted with shells and soft coral etc. On further investigation we noticed that it had written on it the words WINSTON CHURCHILL in black, probably done with a marker. Presuming that it could be from the yacht of that name that perished in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race earlier in the year, we decided to take the object to the nearest Police Station that was open for business.

This turned out to be the mainland Police Station which I believe was San Remo Police Station. I handed the lifejacket to the Police after explaining the circumstances. On looking in the melways I identified that we initially identified that we parked our car in the beach car park at the end of Woolamai Beach Rd where the Woolamai Surf Life Saving club is. Map reference 534 D 12 marks the location. The location of where the life jacket was found was easily seen on the sand and it was fairly big. The position where it was found suggested to me that it must have come in on the last or recent hightide as otherwise it would have been found by others before.

I dont recall seeing anybody else on the beach at the time we were there and there may have been one other car in the car park. The life jacket was colored orange and a whitish/greyish unbleached cotton color, eroded by being in the water for some time.

I dont believe that there is any further information that I believe that I can offer. confirmation of the above could be obtained from Mr & Mrs John COULL who's address I have supplied today.

Statement taken and signature witnessed by me
at Mt Waverley on 04/08/99 at 3.37 P.M.



Chris BAIN
Senior Constable 26989

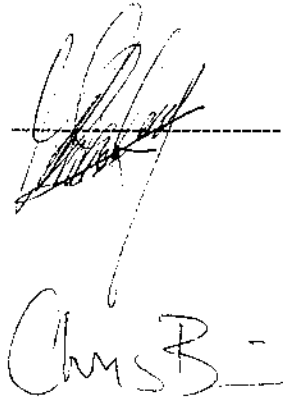
I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct
and I make it in the belief that a person making a false

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statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties
of perjury.

Acknowledgement taken and signature witnessed by me
at Mt Waverley on 04/08/99 at 3-38 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris BAIN', written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Chris BAIN
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