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RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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INTERVIEWER/S:

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COPY TAPE 1 OF 3 - RECORD OF INTERVIEW BETWEEN CHRIS MORGAN AND
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI FROM THE CRIME AND MISCONDUCT
COMMISSION ALSO PRESENT CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR CRAIG HAWKINS FROM
THE CMC

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C, = CHRIS MORGAN

KB = DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI

CH = CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR CRAIG HAWKINS

UI = UNINTELLIGIBLE

- 1 KB The time now is 10:42 am on Monday morning the 10th day of October 2005 I'm present
2 at the office of Mr Chris MORGAN who is attached to Quadrant Printing. I intend to
3 conduct an interview with him in relation to diary entries that he has made and also work
4 book entries which he has made in particular to clarify the entries as they appear. For the
5 purposes of voice identification I'll ask every person present here starting with myself to
6 state their full and correct name. My full name is Kenneth William BEMI, I am a
7 Detective Inspector of Police currently performing duties at the Crime and Misconduct
8 Commission in Brisbane
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- 10 MH My name is Michael Craig HAWKINS I'm an investigator with the Crime and Mis-
11 Misconduct Commission in Brisbane
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- 13 KB Your full name please
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- 15 CM My name is Christopher Lawrence MORGAN I'm a company director and partner in
16 Mandra Pty Ltd which trades as Quadrant and we are a marketing consultancy which
17 incorporates full service advertising agency
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- 19 KB How long have you held that position for Chris
20
- 21 CM Ah, since well for the last ten years
22
- 23 KB What I intend to do today is conduct an audio interview with you to clarify the entries
24 made in your diary and workbooks in relation to the content and by that I mean whatever
25 you say myself or my colleague here says will be recorded as we speak do you clearly
26 understand that
27
- 28 CM Yes, I do
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30 KB Do you require any other person be present here with you whilst I speak with you
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32 CM No, that's not necessary
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34 KB Can you please state your date of birth
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36 CM 4 May 1944
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38 KB And you residential address
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40 CM Is No 11 Mikado M i k a d o Way Robina 4226
41
42 KB Thank you. The Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane is currently conducting
43 investigations pertaining to the Gold Coast City Council elections held on the 27 March
44 2004 in relation to the events leading up to the election and the actual election itself and
45 hence my inquiries with you today pertain to any relevant entries in relation to any
46 candidates that may have ran as a candidates during that election
47
48 CM Uhmm
49
50 KB Perhaps we can start of with your diary entries. We have previously obtained from you
51 copies of your diary entries and that commences from the 8th of December 2003 until
52 May 2004 they're the copies I have here
53
54 CM Uhmm
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56 KB What I'm desirous of seeking from you is the diary entries from the 1 November 2003 to
57 the 8 December 2003 just to cover that period before the 8 December which is the copies
58
59 CM Yes
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61 KB That we have or that's where the copies start from your diary extract. Ah, do you mind ah
62 providing us with a copy of those entries at all
63
64 CM No, not at all
65
66 KB Thank you that being the case if I could ask you to read through your diary entries from
67 the 1 November 2003 until the 6 May 2004 and for the record can you read out what's
68 contained in those diary entries
69
70 CM Just to put a clarification, that's every single entry in my notebook
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72 KB I should clarify that, that's any relevant entries pertaining to any meetings with candidates
73 to any information concerning the Gold Coast City Council elections in March 2004 or
74 any funding in relation to those candidates
75
76 CM Firstly, for the month of November um there is absolutely no contact or, ah meetings of
77 any description ah relative to the Gold Coast City Council elections ah, the first that I
78 became aware um ah of the possibility that Quadrant would be asked to ah act on behalf
79 of ah certain candidates ah and I stress the word candidates at no stage ah did any funding
80 ah to our knowledge ah or through this company ah emanate to any councillor ah who
81 was seeking re election from the Lionel BARDEN trust so everything we did with respect
82 to individual candidates um was all well all the work we did wasn't directly specific to
83 candidates that was funded by ah what ah eventually became known as the Lionel
84 BARDEN trust. We did work independently for um Councillor Ted SHEPHERD but that
85 was a totally separate entity and at no stage were the two ever ah similar um with respect
86 to November as I've stated um there was no contact whatsoever the very first meeting
87 that I can see ah would be dated ah Wednesday the 3 December '03 at 11:30 am and my
88 partner and I met with Tony ah sorry met with Brian RAY, I'm not sure Brian was a
89 client at that time and ah
90
91 KB Hmm could you read out what entry you have there
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93 CM Just got 11:30 TS/Brian RAY it doesn't ah
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95 KB TS
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97 CM TS, TS being Tony SCOTT, my business partner and CEO of this company
98
99 KB Sure
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101 CM Ah, Tony actually handled all of Brian's work directly um and that was ah development
102 work in New South Wales we were not working on any projects in Queensland for Brian
103 I don't believe actually at that stage he had any work going in Queensland ah there was a
104 subsequent meeting um with Brian on Wednesday the 10th December '03 ah the diary
105 entry reads 9:30 Brian RAY plus two ah to Tony and I, I believe, um, and reading from
106 my day book ... March ... for that date ah, Wednesday 10 we th-this, my day book reads
107 Wednesday 10 commonsense candidate resourcing quotes um this was a phrase that was
108 ah suggested by Quadrant it wasn't introduced to us it was something that ah we
109 suggested would be appropriate and day book reads ah extent of ah support required um,
110 each candidate already aware ? suggested support components were door knocking policy
111 door hangers local issues versus Gold Coast City Council regional issues, research slash
112 divisional issues ah Gold Coast Bulletin (ui) in bulk leaflet design distribution agreement
113 on key issues joint promotional press radio interviews pre polling (ui) management set up
114 on Dave signage location strategy management and campaign audit support checklist ah
115 those are the points that were raised at that meeting (ui) clarification. Ah, subsequent to

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116 that um my next diary I keep coming to my diary, um, was a meeting held at Quadrant on
117 Tuesday the 16th and that was held at 5 pm and we had candidates ah attend that session
118 um also in attendance were and I don't have this information in front of me it's been
119 supplied to (ui) independently but far from memory ah the councillors that were here
120 were Councillor Sue ROBBINS and Councillor David POWER, also attending were
121 Councillors Ted SHEPHERD and Bob LA CASTRA um, no other Gold Coast City
122 councillors were present and Councillor Jerry GREEN whom I note and other elements
123 submitted was definitely not in attendance at that time
124

125 KB What was that meeting about
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127 CM Ah, that was basically to explain to candidates um what we as a company could offer um
128 by way of advertising promotional support um which is what we do as a company this is
129 our scope of works this is what we, this is our stock in trade um, it was indic it was ah
130 well candidates were advised that funding would come from a trust fund ah it would be
131 an anonymous fund ah sourced by donations from the business community at large who
132 were being approached um for at least to support ah an independent um common sense
133 candidate resource if you like we (ui) basically a resource to, to candidates which they
134 could utilise to ah, ah to the extent required ah and the funds available at that time um, we
135 worked independently for each individual candidate as it turned out um, there was no
136 specific direction the direction actually came from them ah from the candidates
137 themselves as to what their requirements were um they, they were already existing
138 candidates standing ah they weren't as ah has been suggested ah selected or organised by
139 the trust um these were individual people that were um were re standing and it had been
140 deemed appropriate that they were ah, ah of a calibre and ah of a professional standard
141 that ah would do the city proud so ah we, we provided ah an outline of the services
142 available um candidate MOLHOEK is a case in point was very well advanced as was
143 Councillor ah sorry candidate Brian ROW ah in terms of their campaign planning um, as
144 opposed to candidate such as BETTS, ah SCOTT and PFORR, who were, were less so
145 and um it was those latter three candidates that we specifically worked for we did some
146 um small amount of work for ah candidate ROW ah which has been invoiced and duly
147 noted and submitted as part of his ah his returns ah but his campaign was largely in place
148 ah and he had been paid directly by the, the Trust for that um we were reimbursed I think
149 to the extent of about 400 odd dollars worth of work ah again the invoices have been
150 formally supplied earlier ah Councillor ah sorry candidate MOLHOEK at that time Rob
151 and I had a number of conversations ah which I've ah emailed details I think are audio are
152 a matter of records um we were reimbursed on a fee basis and as such any conversations
153 and advice that we gave to Rob um which we did ah we decided not to invoice for of
154 course we, we felt would be covered by ah a fee ah Rob was seeking support, financial
155 support from the um from the Trust and ah correspondence to this effect has already been
156 submitted as part of our earlier documentation supplied to the CMC.
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158 KB When you say candidates are you talking about Sue ROBBINS, POWER, SHEPHERD
159 LA CASTRA or was that meeting in reference to other candidates who were running
160 because I guess they were, they would be candidates too
161

162 CM I've been quite specific in all our correspondence in that I've made a distinct difference
163 between incumbent councillors ah and specific candidates who are standing for the first
164 time so where I refer to candidates these are first cut off like type
165

166 KB Not incumbents
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168 CM Not incumbents, yeah, um, the role of the actual individual councillors um here at that
169 time we just basically sat back and listened to what was what was presented it was
170 essentially to act as mentors um Councillor Sue ROBBINS mentored Greg BETS ah Bob
171 LA CASTRA mentored um ah Roxanne SCOTT um Grant PFORR pretty much ran his
172 own race I think from memory um Rob MOLHOEK did the same a number of the
173 candidates requested information of a local government nature from the councillors ah
174 information that ah and basically back up and support um to clarify any points of legality
175 or what was required um if they were gonna draw down from the trust um how was that
176 to work um, etc, etc the basis of it was that the trust was to be an anonymous source of
177 funds, um, I was given guidelines as to the approximate amounts of money that would be
178 made available depended on their needs once we did an assessment of that and ah we
179 were given um a guideline as to what could be spent we were given an overall indication
180 as the as to the total amount of ah of monies that were expected to be available from the
181 trust um which was um ah registered with Tony HICKEY Lawyers
182

183 KB He administered it (ui)
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185 CM Ah, he administered the trust fund itself yeah and ah we were just given um ah an
186 indication um as to what amount to spend up to ah which we did and where there was
187 additional requirements or assistance required I advised Brian um and I believe he would
188 have followed that up with David ah and they would once we had the prime reports of
189 contact as I understand it ah with the business community
190

191 KB That's Brian RAY
192

193 CM Brian RAY, ah Tony HICKEY would have I believe assisted although I've got no direct
194 evidence to that effect I just understand that was the case and ah and obviously also
195 Councillor David POWER
196

197 KB What was the trust called
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199 CM Initially it wasn't called anything um then it became the Power and Robbins Trust um
200 when we started submitting invoices ah in January ah for payment um, the it was decided
201 that ah to have it called the Power and Robbins Trust was inappropriate cause it was

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202 always going to become public um, and it was deemed to be ah sensible to give it another
203 name ah Lionel Barton um, who had been very active in the um ah Chamber of
204 Commerce area and basically right across the whole business spectrum here on the Gold
205 Coast for, for many years was approached ah I think David POWER actually made the
206 approach and um asked him if he'd put his name to the trust they wanted a professional
207 well credentialed ah active businessman who wasn't involved in the development
208 industry in any way or any direct dealings with council that, (ui) to basically put his name
209 to it and ah Lionel regretfully I guess from his point of view now ah did so cause he felt
210 ah you know, it's a good cause, um it was above board

211
212 KB Hm

213
214 CM Um, everything was anonymous ah there was no direct link between any donations made
215 ah and candidates or incumbent councillors um and it was endeavoured to be kept as
216 squeaky clean as possible

217
218 KB Did your company make any contributions at all to the fund

219
220 CM We made no actual direct donations, no, although, it could be said we did in a sense in
221 that we ended up very, very unwittingly or unwillingly ah underwriting the campaign to a
222 degree ah payment ah was received eventually but ah over much longer length of time
223 than what they actually would have preferred

224
225 KB And, when you referred to underwriting the campaign are you referring to providing
226 services to certain for certain candidates

227
228 CM Correct

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230 KB On the, with the expectations that you'd be suitably reimbursed at a later date

231
232 CM Oh we, we submitted um invoices um on a monthly basis ah within the guidelines that
233 were set um Lionel BARDEN'S role was specifically to insure that those invoices were
234 accurate that what we were invoicing was in line specifically with the trade invoices ah
235 printing or, or whatever that was directly involved in that ah, ah artwork costs and so
236 forth, ah Lionel cross checked those signed off on them and then we submitted those then
237 to HICKEY Lawyers to a trust account for payment um at the time of the elections I think
238 it was the 27 March '04, um there was a significant sum of money still unpaid so, I used
239 the term underwritten in a very loose sense ah there was money outstanding ah specifics
240 of that um ah is being prepared by our financial ah controller at the moment and I'll be
241 providing this to Lionel HANSEN I think it is

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243 KB Lincoln

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245 CM Ah, Lincoln, sorry ah today just to update as to what was outstanding at the time of the
246 election ah what the balance ah of the funds that were owed were and the dates of
247 payments that they were received
248
249 KB Thank you
250
251 CM The last of those payments were received in November of '04
252
253 KB If we can go back to your diary entry and you've given a detailed explanation on the one
254 on the 16th of December 2003 where the meeting was held
255
256 CM Correct
257
258 KB With ROBBINS, POWER, SHEPHERD and LA CASTRA
259
260 CM Uhmm
261
262 KB And you finished reading that into the record
263
264 CM Ah, Tuesday 16 December a meeting ah commonsense campaign as it's titled here in my
265 day book, um, unfortunately I've noted here ah (ui) agreement on objectives and issues
266 agreement also on the name next action establishment of a trust fund to find urgent action
267 points prepare data base and set meeting for first week new year and that, that's the
268 conclusion of that entry
269
270 KB Right, you can go back to your diary
271
272 CM Uhmm, now that was ah on the 16th ah subsequent to that diary entry we had ... the entry
273 on Friday 19 phone Brian RAY message to Sue and that was at 3 pm
274
275 KB Have you got any cross reference in your work books at all
276
277 CM No, I think that was just in response to a message actually there's no notations in my day
278 book correction 19 this was ah it's the other page this was respect with respect to the
279 planning of a meeting for the 8 January at 8:30 ah this was a candidate get together for
280 those candidates that were going to avail themselves of Quadrant Services and I've made
281 a notation here that says candidate get together Roxanne and Brian and Greg ah set up pre
282 polling form for new candidates nursing homes notepad giveaway checklist of activity in
283 database circulate prior to 8 January ah notation here for Sue ROBBINS address and
284 David POWER's address for purposes of contact over the Christmas and New Year
285 period and that was the last entry for it was the 19th there was a further notation in my day
286 book of the 22nd of December Monday 22 December and this was a meeting with
287 Roxanne SCOTT 22 December notes on that are no campaign committee ah she had done
288 some work and cards calling letters were OK profile pre polling how to vote all require

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289 attention (ui) Smith Street, (ui) bibs all require attention booth workers, door knock
290 assistance all require his attention, adhesive stickers A3 or magnetic signs on car doors
291 attention and that was a note I was discussing with Sue sorry with Roxanne I should say
292 on 22 December ah I've also got a note here for the 23rd of December which is 10 am in
293 my diary and in the day book reference I have there Brian RAY Division 5 ah
294 professional strategy and presentation of material ah this was more of an assessment of
295 work that had been done copy to (ui) abbreviate to bullet points um, candid family shot
296 not studio portrait required possible ask studio amends to DL brochure Monday 5 January
297 to be confirmed ah and that was really just an assessment of Brian what work Brian had
298 done to date and um he sought our opinion on that and we made subsequent we made
299 some amendments to a deal (ui) on his behalf in the New Year
300

301 KB What was in your diary entry for that date the 23 December 2003
302

303 CM 23 December it read 2 am Brian RAY stopped database
304

305 KB Alright, next entry of relevance
306

307 CM Next entry of relevance nothing over Christmas we try and close our offices over that
308 period sometimes with success. New Year, first entry in the New Year was Thursday the
309 8th and I had an entry here at 8:30 Gold Coast City Council at Q and on the 8th of
310 December sorry 8th of January correction '04 my first notation here in my day book is
311 division 3 Grant ah this is division 3 Grant PFORR, who's a candidate at that time he
312 discussed Jabiru ah the solutions of win win solutions for both ah components of that
313 issue signage preference design finished art sandwich board required um advice here that
314 mandatory authorisation was required on all literature ah to be authorised by E PFORR
315 Lindsay Parade Paradise Point Queensland 4216 um division 6 we also had a discussion
316 with Roxanne (ui) decided to be navy blue and yellow um the issues that were were
317 itemised here was quotes we deserve better a deal brochure to the effect I work to deliver
318 ah second point was a web site (ui) did the development of that next point was (ui) design
319 art work and quotations ah next date point was a mail merge personal letter to each voter
320 um eighteen and a half thousand minimum ah on the electoral roll one week prior the
321 estimated cost of about eleven thousand was also a billboard on Smith Street discussed
322 but it was deemed to be outside of the budget provisions, how to vote cards were noted,
323 signage Roxanne SCOTT to RS as it's noted here to identify front yard sign sites location
324 number of (ui) there's also meeting with division 12 councillor, ah sorry candidate Greg
325 BETTS where we discussed business cards, photography that was required ah the DL
326 brochure, ah which was all about Greg and his family (ui) signage and basically a strategy
327 based around the fact that he'd been doorknocking residence and he's identified the
328 specific issues that exist in his electorate, we deserve better, ah again was the theme
329 looking for the best outcome ah other things were I'll work towards solving your issues of
330 concern again the commonsense theme ah was a part of his strategy as an independent
331 candidate no political affiliations capable of working with anyone ah further notes in my
332 day book for discussions while discussions with ah candidate BETTS were notebooks

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333 padded at the top A5 in size with a message on the top of each page other emphasis was a
334 family man local these were points to be emphasised the local newsletter February and
335 March edited version of the DL brochure ah brochure for February plus editorial plus a
336 note to conduct a family photo shoot ah with Greg featuring on car park, children um
337 storm water and roads at Reedy Creek now that was pretty much the summary of the
338 meeting that I had with those three candidates on Thursday morning ah 8 January '04
339 basically to get their planning of their campaigns under way next meeting I have here
340 noted in my day book and that corresponds with an entry in my diary 8:30 Monday 12
341 with Grant PFORR, candidate for division 3, and the day book notation relates to Grant
342 PFORR (ui) phone number of Steven info local oh this is the local newsletter ah that he
343 wanted us to run a what would appear a full page ad for spot view and this related to the
344 Jabiru Island issue which was very contentious at that time and this relates to work that
345 we did full page ad, mono all spot blue in colour um excerpt from his address public
346 meeting rally 11 am Sunday the 11 January at Jabiru Island and we were to supply (ui)
347 file to 73 by 186 millimetres in size spot blue to the local newsletter and then also prepare
348 (ui) finished art for signage for Grant that meeting took place on the 12 January further
349 meeting took place with candidates Roxanne SCOTT, and that took place on Tuesday
350 13th of January there's no notation sorry my apologies Wednesday the 14th January was
351 the meeting with Roxanne SCOTT and that was at 8:30
352

353 KB What does that read in your diary
354

355 CM Division 6, Rox SCOTT, 8:30 am
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357 KB So, now you're referring to your day book
358

359 CM Day book and the day book reference there is division 6 Roxanne bullet point a advising
360 homes ten thousand eleven fifty can be reached by standard letter box drop personalised
361 letter last weeks plus an A4 full colour drop photography set up ah with (ui) as soon as
362 possible three pics required confluence determine locations by an undetermined number
363 key issues and photo op locations are rest to email and that was a meeting on the 14th as
364 part of her campaign planning and that was the 14th subsequently we met on the 15th with
365 Greg BETTS at 8 am by the look of it
366

367 KB That was from your diary entry
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369 CM That's from the diary entry and that's diaryed at simply 8 am notation is Greg BETTS and
370 the
371

372 KB Day book
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374 CM Day book entry reads Greg BETTS division 12 photography late afternoon Thursday 2 pm
375 children 7 to 10 family group Greg and H and S oh sorry Greg head and shoulders and
376 with a coastal background if you understand the difficult to understand my writing ah

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377 next point was play ground shot car park including children and the fore shot was a really
378 quick location these were the basic locations ah that we photographed for him and with
379 him ah which would be going to be used in the brochure next point in the day book is
380 copy content for the DL brochure we had to check there were bibs electoral supporters for
381 supporters on the day signage corporate sign sites were to be determined print quotes
382 were to be developed the local newsletter TLN full page ad for February ah and March
383 letterbox distribution by PMP who were distributors the quote there of 500 approx and
384 500 dollars and ah fourteen and a half thousand circulation they're extra issues including
385 ah in the area of Stevens were noted and that's the extent of ah my day book notes for
386 Thursday 15 meeting with Greg BETTS
387

388 KB Is that the 14th or the 15th that last one

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390 CM 15th

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392 KB Did you have a diary entry for the 15th

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394 CM I had a, I had a diary entry for the 15th which I noted before at 8 am um, there's an 11 am
395 notation there which is a candidates budget checklist which is just basically a one liner
396 for myself to do that there's no meeting with any candidates at that time (ui)

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398 KB Next relevant diary entry

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400 CM Next one would be ah ... now we're talking candidates or are we talking councillors

401

402 KB Both

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404 CM Right I've got a, a division 9 meeting here um which would have been a campaign
405 committee meeting on Monday the 19 January and that um was with Councillor Ted
406 SHEPHERD and I was a member had been a member of Ted's campaign for many years
407 ah and that would have been on Monday the 19th

408

409 KB So, what's listed in your diary entry

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411 CM Diary says 6 pm division 9 Ted and Sue

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413 KB Ted SHEPHERD and Sue ROBBINS that would refer to

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415 CM Oh no Ted's wife

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417 KB Ted's wife

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419 CM Sue, Sue SHEPHERD. There's no entries in my day book there that was just a standard
420 campaign meeting that would have been monitored independently

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421 KB Next diary entry
422
423 CM Right, Friday the 30 of January I've got an 11 am this is my diary entry 11 am Rob
424 MOLHOEK um, here at Quadrant and it's the 30th of January I had a discussion with Rob
425 and ah here we go my diary notes I'm sorry day book notes I should say for that date um,
426 read as follows GCCC/Rob M Australia Post reduced cost package to electorate, electoral
427 candidates ah 13 cents per letter standard letter three weeks prior to election unaddressed
428 check post office on bulk personally addressed mail ah there's a phone number here
429 55973414 Jenny/Rob's PA that was just purely a discussion on strategy and ideas and
430 suggestions that Rob had and basically our thoughts ah on what could be done um, and I
431 provided him with a some basic costs as to what he might might what he might look for
432 to, to spending if he pursued that um there are further entries down here which I'm not
433 are a part of that conversation I had with Rob or not ah there's reference to Pronto Direct
434 which is a company we recommended ah handle the leaflet distribution the direct mail ah
435 Gold Coast City Council Queensland name plates ah were another supplier of material
436 these were for (ui) for colour printing um, there's a notation in terms of size and the
437 company and their phone number in Brisbane there's the electoral commission the
438 electoral roll by division on disk which we were looking for ah for the returning officer
439 ah Alex MCKENZIE, ah which we were endeavouring to purchase division disk \$20 per
440 roll ah available first week of March we were advised he's an electoral commissioner of
441 Queensland 's phone number referred to here which basically company or group that we
442 had to contact and we were requesting a divisional boundary map from the council
443 officers and using notation there to the effect that that was at unit 1 3 Epping Circuit (ui)
444 um end of Queen so that was just purely our discussion that I had with Rob MOLHOEK
445 about the conduct of his campaign and pretty much (ui) discussions we had other than
446 subsequent ones I'll perhaps try to source for us from the trust
447
448 KB Next diary entry
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450 CM Next diary entry is Friday the 30th of January and
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452 KB It's the same, same one is it the same day
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454 CM Same day this is at 4 pm Councillor David POWER and the item was agenda letter of
455 appointment ah and invoice approval we were seeking a confirmation that we were
456 actually employed ah by the trust or an entity ah to conduct this work and also we are
457 looking to achieve um clarification as to invoice payment procedure um this was the first
458 time that Lionel BARDEN's name came into the um exercise we had a breakdown of
459 possible dollar allocations ah per candidate group um I have here Rob thirty, Rox 40 to
460 60, Grant 30, Greg 40, Brian 70, um Q 30 which was the Quadrant fee ah at that stage it
461 anticipated um ah fund of approximately 240 odd thousand dollars was anticipated ah but
462 did not eventuate
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464 KB They were the first of thousands, I take it

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465 CM Correct um, that was purely speculative that's, that's what the target was if you like it
466 certainly wasn't the available the money that was available at that time the other notation
467 on my day book in terms of that meeting with ah with Councillor POWER was media
468 that's to be paid by directly by the candidates the media was not to come back through
469 Quadrant but to be paid by candidates on a direct basis and this is the first notation ah
470 here on the 30 January '04 that Lionel BARDEN was ah would be act as client and he
471 would do an invoice check um and approval and confirm confirm the letter of
472 appointment and we subsequently received cause there's not a notation in the diary, but
473 ah we subsequently received from ah Lionel a letter of appointment backdated to I believe
474 the 10th of December ah when we first started getting underway with any of the
475 candidates
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477 KB Next diary entry
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479 CM Next diary entry ah was on Monday 2 February '04 diary entry reads 1 pm Gold Coast
480 City Council/LA CASTRA and SCOTT um and in my diary here it would appear oh that
481 I had a meeting on that day with Greg BETTS as well certainly there was discussion on
482 his campaign I've no diary entry to indicate that (ui) Greg BETTS was here but we
483 certainly did discuss his campaign there's an amount of 40 thousand suggested less seven
484 which I understood he probably received um equals about a thirty thousand dollar
485 allocation approximately if in fact those funds were to be available this was a projection
486 not an actual amount that was made available to him and the daybook entry reads GCCC
487 ah Greg BETTS point one campaign um these were just items of activity business cards
488 letterhead photography DL brochure for the letter box drop local newsletter ads for
489 February March and the supply of material and confluent they're all ticked as items that
490 have been actioned. Letterbox distribution is the next entry. Letter personally addressed
491 with an how to vote card media/radio and bulletin ah Gold Coast Sun and TV were media
492 that were discussed election day notation here also under this entry is signage by car we
493 provided some signage to Greg to bit like magnetic stickers to put on his car ah booth set
494 up for six, we discussed logistics and materials and the nomination of booth captains and
495 also that his mentor with his councillor Sue ROBBINS we discussed that the, the copy
496 content of his DL brochure and the four points that he wished to emphasis and this was
497 his brief to us better communication with residence better local traffic options better
498 water supply better planning these were the issues that he felt were applicable for his
499 division also discussed the how to vote card ah sorry how to vote fridge magnet ah twelve
500 hundred dollars to (ui) print and copy email from Greg and a quote to come we discussed
501 budget costs which are noted here local newsletter 650 letter box drop to date 1300 and
502 miscellaneous cost of 400 of a personal nature from him ah is that notation car is the next
503 entry ah email both sides of the car for signage purposes so we could prepare artwork and
504 radio ah reference here for CRB Greg to quote that's (ui) my next entry which would
505 relate to corresponds with the diary entry ah is a meeting with Roxanne SCOTT and the
506 diary entry reads as I indicated before GCCC LA CASTRA and SCOTT um as I indicated
507 earlier Bob was ah mentoring Roxanne and he discussed 14 points and they are as follows
508 in my diary and my day book 1 DL Brochure reference to brochure events from Roxanne,

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509 Point 2 photography ah 5 am Roxanne in foreshore pic, summer look, Saturday
510 photography with family husband and the two boys, 5 am Thursday 2 o'clock shot which
511 is an issue within that electorate Saturday are the homes for the aged footpath shot with
512 her mum and Saturday silver bridle (ui) photograph ah Point 3 related to DL copy which
513 included reference to quotes 70 year old mum and Rox's identification with the needs of
514 the aged and also the, also youth Point 4 tabloid content (ui) basketball court issue first
515 councillor to be censured this was a reference to Councillor CRICHLLOW's behaviour
516 with respect to the basketball court issue where, where she was reprimanded by council
517 Point 5 judging panel of the (ui) international women's day leadership award ah of which,
518 which she was a recipient ah (ui) the photographer's to take a photograph for the tabloid
519 publication we were planning Point 6, bus station and taxi rank underground in
520 Southport, um, check with Allen artist impression to be confirmed ah this was an
521 initiative that was being proposed for the area and was deemed to be part of at that stage
522 the tabloid publication we were looking to produce for her also in the day book point 7
523 following on rude signage, volume traffic, Smith Street, Olsen Ave, Nerang, Southport
524 Road, Pacific Highway and the note for Stark Island media group ah check the
525 availability of such signage Point 8 was how to vote cards A5, 70 gram weight stock was
526 noted Point 9 was pre poll ah DL brochure two weeks before election um three file A4 2
527 colour in size 300 of these maximum Point 10 were (ui) booths 8 major and 3 minor
528 booths a total of 30 booths required 11 ah Point 11 was the team ah 8 to 10 am and 4 to 6
529 pm were deemed to be the busiest times there were 10 per booth by 3 hours each 10 hours
530 how many hours at \$20 an hour etc where it was discussed we're looking to actually um
531 use people to um come and support on that ah on election day and we were looking at
532 estimates as to how much ah to pay university students Point 12 were booths these would
533 be set up on the day and to be removed confluent um O boards, tables, boxes, high level
534 confluent by 14 booths required um, Point 13 was letterhead design Point 14 was mail
535 outs DL letterbox each week for the last 4 weeks and 15 sorry, 15 points websites set up
536 and there was a DJ electric band notation by three significant sorry that eludes me at that
537 moment and that was the extent of discussions with Roxanne on the 2nd February
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539 KB We might take the opportunity now to suspend the interview for the purpose of changing
540 the tape. Time now is 11:25 am

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542 TAPE ENDS

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