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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

LEGAL OFFICER: THERESA HAMILTON

**RE: OPERATION GRAND** 

C, = CHRIS MORGAN

**KB = DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI** 

CH = CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR CRAIG HAWKINS

UI = UNINTELLIGIBLE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	KB	The time now is 10:42 am on Monday morning the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of October 2005 I'm present at the office of Mr Chris MORGAN who is attached to Quadrant Printing. I intend to conduct an interview with him in relation to diary entries that he has made and also work book entries which he has made in particular to clarify the entries as they appear. For the purposes of voice identification I'll ask every person present here starting with myself to state their full and correct name. My full name is Kenneth William BEMI, I am a Detective Inspector of Police currently performing duties at the Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane
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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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
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21	CM	Ah, since well for the last ten years
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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
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30 31	KB	Do you require any other person be present here with you whilst I speak with you
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38 39	KB	And you residential address
40 41	CM	Is No 11 Mikado M i k a d o Way Robina 4226
42 43 44 45 46 47	KB	Thank you. The Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane is currently conducting investigations pertaining to the Gold Coast City Council elections held on the 27 March 2004 in relation to the events leading up to the election and the actual election itself and hence my inquiries with you today pertain to any relevant entries in relation to any candidates that may have ran as a candidates during that election
48 49	CM	Uhmm
50 51 52 53	KB	Perhaps we can start of with your diary entries. We have previously obtained from you copies of your diary entries and that commences from the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2003 until May 2004 they're the copies I have here
54 55	CM	Uhmm
56 57 58	KB	What I'm desirous of seeking from you is the diary entries from the 1 November 2003 to the 8 December 2003 just to cover that period before the 8 December which is the copies
59 60	CM	Yes
61 62 63	KB	That we have or that's where the copies start from your diary extract. Ah, do you mind ah providing us with a copy of those entries at all
64 65	CM	No, not at all
66 67 68 69	KB	Thank you that being the case if I could ask you to read through your diary entries from the 1 November 2003 until the 6 May 2004 and for the record can you read out what's contained in those diary entries
70 71	CM	Just to put a clarification, that's every single entry in my notebook

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KB I should clarify that, that's any relevant entries pertaining to any meetings with candidates to any information concerning the Gold Coast City Council elections in March 2004 or any funding in relation to those candidates

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

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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 167 168 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) 184 185 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 198 199 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

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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 ah you know, it's a good cause, um it was above board 210 211 212 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 229 230 KΒ 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 242 243 **KB** Lincoln

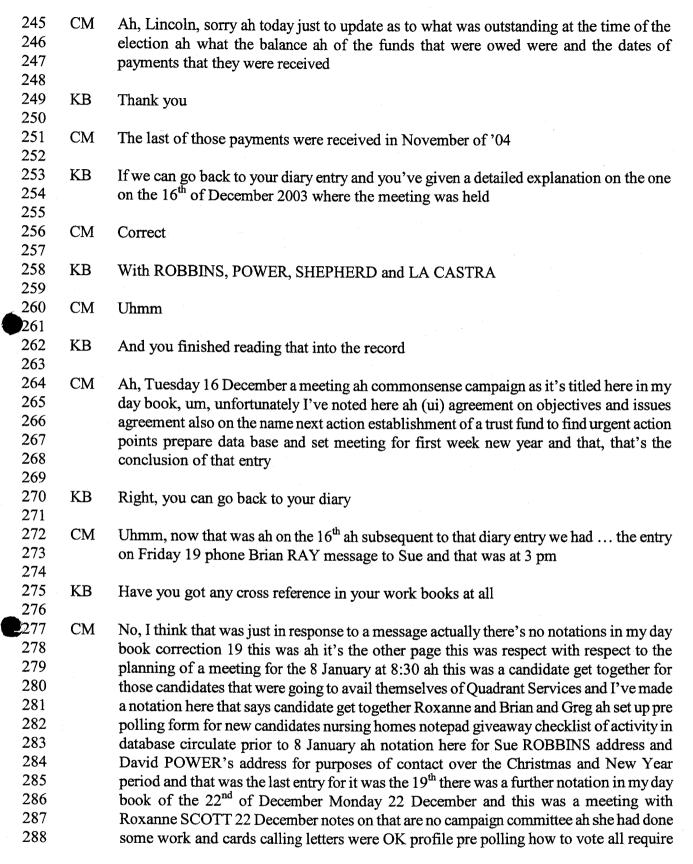
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attention (ui) Smith Street, (ui) bibs all require attention booth workers, door knock assistance all require his attention, adhesive stickers A3 or magnetic signs on car doors attention and that was a note I was discussing with Sue sorry with Roxanne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

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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 356 357 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 14<sup>th</sup> as 364 part of her campaign planning and that was the 14<sup>th</sup> subsequently we met on the 15<sup>th</sup> with 365 Greg BETTS at 8 am by the look of it

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374 Day book entry reads Greg BETTS division 12 photography late afternoon Thursday2 pm CM 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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38	31		supporters on the day signage corporate sign sites were to be determined print quotes
38			were to be developed the local newsletter TLN full page ad for February ah and March
38			letterbox distribution by PMP who were distributors the quote there of 500 approx and
38			500 dollars and ah fourteen and a half thousand circulation they're extra issues including
38			ah in the area of Stevens were noted and that's the extent of ah my day book notes for
38			Thursday 15 meeting with Greg BETTS
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39			notation there which is a candidates budget checklist which is just basically a one liner
39			for myself to do that there's no meeting with any candidates at that time (ui)
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4(		CM	Right I've got a, a division 9 meeting here um which would have been a campaign
40			committee meeting on Monday the 19 January and that um was with Councillor Ted
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40	)9	KB	So, what's listed in your diary entry
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	15	CM	Oh no Ted's wife
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	17	KB	Ted's wife
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	19	CM	Sue, Sue SHEPHERD. There's no entries in my day book there that was just a standard
42	20		campaign meeting that would have been monitored independently
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CM Right, Friday the 30 of January I've got an 11 am this is my diary entry 11 am Rob MOLHOEK um, here at Quadrant and it's the 30th of January I had a discussion with Rob and ah here we go my diary notes I'm sorry day book notes I should say for that date um, read as follows GCCC/Rob M Australia Post reduced cost package to electorate, electoral candidates ah 13 cents per letter standard letter three weeks prior to election unaddressed check post office on bulk personally addressed mail ah there's a phone number here 55973414 Jenny/Rob's PA that was just purely a discussion on strategy and ideas and suggestions that Rob had and basically our thoughts ah on what could be done um, and I provided him with a some basic costs as to what he might might what he might look for to, to spending if he pursued that um there are further entries down here which I'm not are a part of that conversation I had with Rob or not ah there's reference to Pronto Direct which is a company we recommended ah handle the leaflet distribution the direct mail ah Gold Coast City Council Queensland name plates ah were another supplier of material these were for (ui) for colour printing um, there's a notation in terms of size and the company and their phone number in Brisbane there's the electoral commission the electoral roll by division on disk which we were looking for ah for the returning officer ah Alex MCKENZIE, ah which we were endeavouring to purchase division disk \$20 per roll ah available first week of March we were advised he's an electoral commissioner of Queensland 's phone number referred to here which basically company or group that we had to contact and we were requesting a divisional boundary map from the council officers and using notation there to the effect that that was at unit 1.3 Epping Circuit (ui) um end of Queen so that was just purely our discussion that I had with Rob MOLHOEK about the conduct of his campaign and pretty much (ui) discussions we had other than subsequent ones I'll perhaps try to source for us from the trust

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Same day this is at 4 pm Councillor David POWER and the item was agenda letter of appointment ah and invoice approval we were seeking a confirmation that we were actually employed ah by the trust or an entity ah to conduct this work and also we are looking to achieve um clarification as to invoice payment procedure um this was the first time that Lionel BARDEN's name came into the um exercise we had a breakdown of possible dollar allocations ah per candidate group um I have here Rob thirty, Rox 40 to 60, Grant 30, Greg 40, Brian 70, um Q 30 which was the Quadrant fee ah at that stage it anticipated um ah fund of approximately 240 odd thousand dollars was anticipated ah but did not eventuate

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Next diary entry ah was on Monday 2 February '04 diary entry reads 1 pm Gold Coast City Council/LA CASTRA and SCOTT um and in my diary here it would appear oh that I had a meeting on that day with Greg BETTS as well certainly there was discussion on his campaign I've no diary entry to indicate that (ui) Greg BETTS was here but we certainly did discuss his campaign there's an amount of 40 thousand suggested less seven which I understood he probably received um equals about a thirty thousand dollar allocation approximately if in fact those funds were to be available this was a projection not an actual amount that was made available to him and the daybook entry reads GCCC ah Greg BETTS point one campaign um these were just items of activity business cards letterhead photography DL brochure for the letter box drop local newsletter ads for February March and the supply of material and confluents they're all ticked as items that have been actioned. Letterbox distribution is the next entry. Letter personally addressed with an how to vote card media/radio and bulletin ah Gold Coast Sun and TV were media that were discussed election day notation here also under this entry is signage by car we provided some signage to Greg to bit like magnetic stickers to put on his car ah booth set up for six, we discussed logistics and materials and the nomination of booth captains and also that his mentor with his councillor Sue ROBBINS we discussed that the, the copy content of his DL brochure and the four points that he wished to emphasis and this was his brief to us better communication with residence better local traffic options better water supply better planning these were the issues that he felt were applicable for his division also discussed the how to vote card ah sorry how to vote fridge magnet ah twelve hundred dollars to (ui) print and copy email from Greg and a quote to come we discussed budget costs which are noted here local newsletter 650 letter box drop to date 1300 and miscellaneous cost of 400 of a personal nature from him ah is that notation car is the next entry ah email both sides of the car for signage purposes so we could prepare artwork and radio ah reference here for CRB Greg to quote that's (ui) my next entry which would relate to corresponds with the diary entry ah is a meeting with Roxanne SCOTT and the diary entry reads as I indicated before GCCC LA CASTRA and SCOTT um as I indicated earlier Bob was ah mentoring Roxanne and he discussed 14 points and they are as follows in my diary and my day book 1 DL Brochure reference to brochure events from Roxanne,

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Point 2 photography ah 5 am Roxanne in foreshore pic, summer look, Saturday photography with family husband and the two boys, 5 am Thursday 2 o'clock shot which is an issue within that electorate Saturday are the homes for the aged footpath shot with her mum and Saturday silver bridle (ui) photograph ah Point 3 related to DL copy which included reference to quotes 70 year old mum and Rox's identification with the needs of the aged and also the, also youth Point 4 tabloid content (ui) basketball court issue first councillor to be censured this was a reference to Councillor CRICHLOW's behaviour with respect to the basketball court issue where, where she was reprimanded by council Point 5 judging panel of the (ui) international women's day leadership award ah of which, which she was a recipient ah (ui) the photographer's to take a photograph for the tabloid publication we were planning Point 6, bus station and taxi rank underground in Southport, um, check with Allen artist impression to be confirmed ah this was an initiative that was being proposed for the area and was deemed to be part of at that stage the tabloid publication we were looking to produce for her also in the day book point 7 following on rude signage, volume traffic, Smith Street, Olsen Ave, Nerang, Southport Road, Pacific Highway and the note for Stark Island media group ah check the availability of such signage Point 8 was how to vote cards A5, 70 gram weight stock was noted Point 9 was prepoll ah DL brochure two weeks before election um three file A42 colour in size 300 of these maximum Point 10 were (ui) booths 8 major and 3 minor booths a total of 30 booths required 11 ah Point 11 was the team ah 8 to 10 am and 4 to 6 pm were deemed to be the busiest times there were 10 per booth by 3 hours each 10 hours how many hours at \$20 an hour etc where it was discussed we're looking to actually um use people to um come and support on that ah on election day and we were looking at estimates as to how much ah to pay university students Point 12 were booths these would be set up on the day and to be removed confluents um O boards, tables, boxes, high level confluents by 14 booths required um, Point 13 was letterhead design Point 14 was mail outs DL letterbox each week for the last 4 weeks and 15 sorry, 15 points websites set up and there was a DJ electric band notation by three significant sorry that eludes me at that moment and that was the extent of discussions with Roxanne on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

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LEGAL OFFICER: THERESA HAMILTON

**RE: OPERATION GRAND** 

CM = CHRIS MORGAN

KB = KEN BEMI

CH = CRAIG HAWKINS

Time now is 11.26 a.m. on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005. The interview with KB: CHRIS MORGAN of Quadrant Printing has now resumed. The next diary entry, CHRIS?

The next diary entry I have is Tuesday 3 February uh '04 and it is 11.30 a.m. or reads 11.30 a.m. BRIAN RAE GCCCC. Uh I have no notations in my daybook as to the specifics of that conversation but I'm pretty sure it would have related to payment um the only notations I have in my daybook for 3 February Tuesday relative to the elections were photography um and these were confirmations of times with ROXANNE SCOTT, five a.m. Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, the carpark ten through two p.m. Sunday following with GREG BETTS at Burleigh and 3.30 p.m. again Sunday with ROXANNE. So that was just purely a confirmation with the photographer of those times and dates and locations. And that is all the notations for Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.

KB: The next diary notation here is Monday 9 February '04, 9.00 a.m. NGAIRE CHRISTENSON and JOE.

CM: This was a meeting that we were requested to have um with this candidate um basically um the request and I'm not sure that I have a diary notation of this yes I have. This is my daybook notation um meeting with NGAIRE CHRISTENSON, JOE HODGSON uh they were standing in the Broadbeach electorate. Um they presented what they had in mind in my notes that I made at that time was solid campaign, well supported, well connected. Don't know of politics, community oriented, bit of an idealist, developer's daughter, conservative, educated um we did no further work or had any further contact with that candidate. I presume she stood, I to be honest, I can't recall. Next notation for Monday 9 February in my diary is 6.00 p.m. Division 9 meeting, SUE and TED which is councillor TED SHEPHERD and his wife SUE and the notation's in my daybook of that date, and this was a standard regular campaign meeting. What arose from that were tabloid newsletter, um dam, hi-res disk to come from WAYNE, um copy amends as marked you pick Davenport Park for (UI) and the Highland Highland Park can't quite read my own handwriting there Highland Recreational Park I think that relates to which is an area where we took photographs of uh Councillor SHEPHERD for some of his uh election

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material. And that's the extent of notations for Monday 9 February. Next meeting noted in my diary was Thursday 12 February '04 at 1.00 p.m. and that entry reads GRANT PFORR, plus LIZ his wife, recap, and notations for 12 February, Division 3 read as follows: electoral roll 18 925 that's persons, uh notations were possibly four candidates preferences - DAVID CHILDS, RENEE COFFINTON, ANNE BENNETT and FRED WOODLEY were apparent candidates that were also standing. GRANT discussed uh possible preference deals with them. Budget - there was a seven thousand dollar draw down. Extra funds necessary is the notation. Action: point 1 - signage Labrador AFL Tigers Park six metre sign - confirm and produce material. Point 2 - Santa Barbara Village Group uh newsletter – that's a ten dollar allocation for that um mono advertisement finished daily; finished art was required for that advertisement in that newsletter. Point 3 the local newsletter deadline date was Friday and that was required for immediate action. Point 4 was web page 3 by new scans to be produced to put it on the web page and point 5 was the divisional map which was ordered and point 6 was the DL operation which was discussed. Point 7 was personalised mail-out. Point 8 was letterhead. Point 9 was photography - check photography 2 by 15 and 13 year old boys plus their dogs at that location was deemed at uh Paradise Point foreshore and the last point in this entry in my daybook is how to vote cards A5 and that was Thursday 12 February. The 13<sup>th</sup> of February in my diary I have notations here GREG BETTS 2.00 p.m. There is nothing in my daybook to indicate that I actually met with him and I suspect that may have just been a phone call. Next entry was Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> and that was 9.30 photography in Anzac Park with ROXANNE SCOTT just a scheduled photography session. Next entry is February 16, Monday 16 and that is 6.00 p.m. Division 9 meeting, which was a standard Monday night campaign meeting for councillor TED SHEPHERD; there's no notations in my daybook on that. Next diary entry was for GRANT photo which was Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. Uh notation in the diary is 4.00 p.m. GRANT photo and that again would have been part of the photography session that we noted earlier.

KB: GRANT PFORR?

CM: GRANT PFORR, councillor GRANT PFORR, oh sorry, candidate GRANT PFORR that time. Next diary entry is Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> and that is 10.00 a.m. GREG B slash Burleigh which was candidate BETTS and that was photography taken on the foreshore. Just as a notation or an explanation of those times, we basically had one photographer try and work through the entire photography shoot list uh for purposes of economy. Next entry I have

KB: Any day book entries for any of those two days?

CM: Oh Wednesday 18, GREG, yeah Wednesday 18, there's a notation here Gold Coast GCCC is in my daybook slash meet the candidates session Tuesday March 2 there's a notation now that was a suggestion that was made and it was subsequently disregarded um it never took place it was suggested that um candidates uh we were getting some

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requests from a couple of um uh people that were making donations to the candidates, just who they were I have no idea. The suggestion was made uh and it was subsequently scrubbed uh because it completely went against the anonymity that the trust fund uh provided um so that was obviously the first time it was raised on Thursday Wednesday the 18th of Feb. Um also on that day I have notations in my daybook Ray Group their phone number, TERRY MORRIS, his phone number, DAVID POWER, his phone number uh no actual action on that, just a notation of those phone numbers. Next diary entry is Thursday the 19th of February and in my diary I've got here 8.00 a.m. This is not so much a meeting to note as to action. Division 9 2 by A5 how to vote brochure dispenser, 3 in total plus adhesives. That's a job of work to be done, not a meeting that took place. Um also in my diary on Thursday the 19th 2004 is a note to phone TERRY MORRIS at 11.00 a.m. That would have been in relation to direct mail and uh the company Pronto Direct I would suspect that's the only conversations I had with TERRY. Um those are the only notations in my diary and in my daybook, oh here we are, uh TERRY BELL oh sorry SHEREE BELL, Pronto Direct was the person um that we were working with, and there's a notation here to that effect - SHEREE BELL Pronto Direct um TERRY MORRIS's email address tm@morrisinternational.com.au. We'll keep prices competitive and we'll contribute separately quote unquote. That's the only notation in my daybook of that time and over the page, that's on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, DAVID P, BOB LA CASTRA uh and a phone number notation I think that's just 0414 18 0008, which is BOB's number (UI) give him a call. Right next diary entry is Monday 23 10.00 a.m. TED SHEPHERD. There's no notations in my daybook for that day uh I suspect that was just a phone call. It wasn't a meeting. Point 2 uh it was BOB and ROX which would be Division Division 9 that's 2.00 p.m. BOB and ROX, which is ROXANNE SCOTT, Division 9 Monday 23. Again there's nothing in the day book to that effect. Next entry is Tuesday 24. Phone call 10.00 a.m. to DAVID POWER re payment and letter of appointment. We were still chasing that on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting or next notation in my diary is 2.00 p.m. brief Division 3 leaflet and at 3.00 pm. I've got a notation here GREG BETTS, Division 12 and my daybook notes that as being a number of points were discussed, three in total. Point 1: photography, GREG and PAUL GAMMON, which was subsequently produced as a letter box drop and a mailer, that was to be distributed on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier, and there was copy uh for the media required for that. Point 2 I noted in my daybook was a how to vote card maximum volume fifteen thousand. Surname and initial, full details are GREG (UI) Friday number of pre-poll booths, GREG to advise. Albert Waterways estimate by four, four SUE ROBBINS by five and that was the ordering of A5 acrylic brochure dispensers. Point 3 uh newsletter that was featuring issues uh newsletter, deadline GREG was to advise us of that. Uh points he wanted discussed were better parking at Burleigh Shopping Precinct, obviously the CBD, and outcomes for partly-developed land in Fleay Court. Um we suggested a tick of approval um as a means of identifying what he was going to achieve and for assistance with postal vote applications form uh or assistance in voting on the day and that's the extent of notes of that meeting of 24 February. I've got a note here in my diary Wednesday 25 Feb at 2.00 p.m. and this was a briefing session with our creative

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team at Quadrant on a four page ad for the local newsletter for candidate GREG BETTS; that's an internal meeting. Next diary entry is uh February 26 '04.

KB: You didn't sorry um you didn't have any day book entry in relation to that last one?

CM: 25 February that last one was actually an internal meeting here at Quadrant uh with our team um that 20 oh sorry 25<sup>th</sup> there wasn't any need to 'cause basically that meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> was an outcome of the conversations I had on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

KB: I see.

CM: So I got a briefing from GREG as candidate. He was our client if you like uh I've taken on board all of those points that were raised and what he needed, and then I briefed our team internally here on (UI) material based along the lines of what his request was to do.

KB: Thank you.

CM: Uh Thursday 26 uh these these are diary entries and uh really more points to action um relative to the council campaign. I've got a note here phone LIONEL BARDON. Now that may or may not have been in relation to the campaign. Uh we had started to act with LIONEL in the different capacity of innovation showcase so that may or may not have related to that uh no other notes there for Thursday 26 that relate to the election campaign. Friday 27 I have a notation here ballot draw Gold Coast City Council.

KB: Sorry, can I just refer back to Thursday 26 at 11.00 o'clock

CM: Yep, mm-hm.

KB: TED collect?

CM: Oh TED collect brochures. Yeah that could be TED SHEPHERD, I'm not sure, let me have a look. Yeah they could have been brochures actually, that we produced for um Division 9. We produced uh brochures and a number of items of printing

KB: Is there a workbook diary uh daybook entry of that?

CM: No there's not. 26 no, I got nothing in the daybook from the 24<sup>th</sup> of Feb through til the 1<sup>st</sup> of March is the next entry. But it'd be easy enough to uh determine. Uh what I would imagine that would be would be the supply of brochures as part of what we produced for Councillor SHEPHERD for his Division 9 campaign. They would have been delivered here, and uh he would have come in to pick those up. That's the only explanation I can have for that stroke forward pick up of uh election material from this office. Certainly there was no meeting, it was just somebody picked them up.

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KB: Next entry?

CM: Next entry is yeah, as I was saying, Friday 27 February, I've got a note here that the ballot draw was made at Gold Coast City Council, brief how to vote card for Division 9, that's a notation for Councillor SHEPHERD uh and that briefing was to our creative people to prepare that A5 how to vote card and also uh the A5 dispensers that were to go out at various locations. I might add that with respect to the divisional ad campaign for Councillor SHEPHERD, uh we acted only in part for him, uh Councillor SHEPHERD had a fully structured campaign committee, and a lot of work was done by others on that campaign committee. Quadrant contributed part of that material, but not all of it. Um we just assisted in certain areas. That was more of a personal thing really from my point of view, as I'd you know we'd been uh friends for many years. Next diary entry uh is Monday 1 March and there's a note here at 8.00 a.m. to phone ROB MULHOEK re. Tuesday um there's a note at 3.00 p.m. on my diary on Monday 1 March GRANT PFORR with two question marks next to it and a further entry at 6.00 p.m. on that same day, a Division 9 meeting PFORR which was a campaign committee meeting with Councillor SHEPHERD. Now my daybook for 1 March lists Gold Coast GCCCC/Electoral Roll um cost of \$25.00, to pick up one of those from Unit 11 - 3 Olympic Court, Southport, the whole of city and that's the only notation I have in there for that date. Tuesday 2 March, my diary entries relate to a notation here to phone uh after-hours Councillor SUE ROBBINS and Councillor TED SHEPHERD uh it would appear that I was in Sydney most of that day

KB: Is there a workbook entry for that?

CM: And for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, let's have a look. Gold Coast City Council, um this is a daybook entry of Tuesday March 2, notation is GCCC, letter of appointment work doc to LIONEL to return on letterhead. So finally send a draft letter of appointment as a guide to LIONEL obviously on that date, so that we can have on our books a formal letter of appointment which subsequently we got. Um other than that reference to that particular point, uh the only other items I've got here are BOB LA CASTRA's mobile phone number and SUE ROBBINS' mobile phone number. Obviously there's a suggestion to ring them. Um now also it would appear I've also got another entry here, got GCCC/SUE DAVIES, BERNARD SALT presentation with POWER and ROBBINS, breakfast Wednesday 10 March at Lakelands, \$17.50 per person per head, number of guests, guest list campaign donors data base tomorrow. Um

KB: Does that still relate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2004?

CM: I'm not sure. Um I think it does, um because I've got no other

KB: But you haven't got a corresponding diary entry

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CM: I don't have a corresponding diary entry for that. Um I had a message to phone that was on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I suspect that was after that date. Breakfast 10 March. I to be honest, I can't recall this. Um I certainly don't require any I think what was being proposed here is that BERNARD SALT was in the area, and I think what was being proposed was a presentation by BERNARD SALT to the business community, sponsored by POWER and ROBBINS, and we were looking to get a group of people together to attend that, and perhaps, and definitely with the purpose of uh soliciting campaign donations. That never took place, it was an idea, it was a suggestion or conversation that was had um but that did not take place. It was just a fundraiser, basically. You know when that meeting took place, I'm not sure. I've got no diary entry to that effect. I'd say it's probably a phone call. Wednesday 3 March sorry, yeah 3 March, nothing relative to any meetings other than there's a as I mentioned before, a phone notation to ring ROXANNE SCOTT and also BOB LA CASTRA.

KB: GRANT PFORR was it?

CM: Uh no, ROXANNE SCOTT and BOB LA CASTRA

KB: Which uh date are you reading from sorry?

CM: Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.

KB: GRANT PFORR and ROXANNE. That's the same entry I'm reading from. GRANT PFORR, after 12.00. That's the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March you're referring to?

CM: 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, yep. Oh, there's a note here, yeah, GRANT PFORR, but that would have, sorry, you're correct, (UI) and ROXANNE. There were two notes there but there are no

KB: Corresponding day book entries?

CM: No, not at all. They'd be phone calls, they'd be follow-up phone calls. There's no corresponding day book entries to that, I don't think

KB: There's something down right at the bottom of the daily tasks, with ROXANNE. Phone ROXANNE is it?

CM: Phone ROXANNE and BOB LA CASTRA, yes. Yeah, there's a note there, GRANT PFORR um in my diary at 1.00 a.m. er 1.00 p.m. and a 2.00 p.m. entry here for ROXANNE, but there's no corresponding notes in my day book to that effect, they're both here.

KB: Just in the daily tasks, you've got CC BOB LA CASTRA?

CM: Yeah.

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KB: What's that mean? I know what CC means, but uh what does it mean in your diary entry?

CM: Yeah, phone ROXANNE, CC BOB. I've got no idea. I normally keep him up to speed; I was normally keeping BOB up to speed with anything we discussed

KB: Is that what you may have meant by uh CC you'd advised BOB LA CASTRA what was discussed?

CM: Oh most definitely, BOB was up to speed with everything that was uh that was being done.

KB: So he was ROXANNE's mentor?

CM: He was ROXANNE's mentor, yeah. Yeah well ROXANNE I don't believe actually had a campaign committee as such, and she took most of her uh direction uh from either her family and friends and also some advice from Councillor LA CASTRA. Um we met on various occasions, as we've detailed here, but um if there was a meeting on those dates, which I doubt, if there was, I would have made notations to that effect, so that's why I presume that the phone call

KB: She was running against DAWN CRITCHLOW?

CM: Correct.

KB: Next diary entry

Next diary entry I have is Monday 8 March uh 2.30 p.m. uh and I've got a note here 2.30 CM: GRANT PFORR and that's the 8th of March; diary entries ... the only diary entry I have for Monday the 8th of March is LIONEL BARDON Trust, which was finally in effect at that time.

KB: Sorry, this is your daybook entry, you mean?

CM: Yeah this is the day book entry, yeah it was a balance \$20 500 as at the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. I think that was the actual funds that were in the um the trust at that time.

KB: So with the diary entries here, you have uh 9.00 o'clock on Monday the 8th of March 2004, TED

CM: TED uh work in progress, correct, yeah sorry.

KB: What does that mean? What does that say, TED then WH

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CM: WIP actually.

KB: WIP is it?

CM: WIP

KB: Work in progress

CM: Work in progress. Now that would have been a verbal I suggest. There's nothing here, just an update as to where we were at. These are notes for me actually, these are not meetings uh in other words these are things I had to attend to Gold Coast Bulletin was something I had to do; we were doing work for the Bulletin.

KB: OK

CM: MUR is a Grey Links resort uh down in um Sydney. MAW is um uh a prefix for a client which is uh in Melbourne. Uh TED was TED's campaign and these were all just work in progress updates. They're notations for myself to action. Like for example, next one down there at 10.30 uh on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> WIP that's our Quadrant work in progress. Um so these are notes for me to attend to during the course of the day; it's not actually a meeting with anybody as such.

KB: The next one there is 2.30 GRANT PFORR

CM: 2.30 GRANT PFORR um yeah I've no notations in my daybook to any of any actual meeting with uh with GRANT um and most likely that would have been again uh a verbal update on the phone with me. Most of the work was done by phone uh just to make sure everything was up to speed and that left hand knew what the right was doing. Ditto 6.00 p.m. that same day, uh Division 9 meeting, which was our regular meeting with um uh the uh Councillor um SHEPHERD's campaign committee meeting.

KB: So you haven't got any notes in your daybook relating to Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> in relation to the meetings or elections or..?

CM: No, there's nothing at all after, other than that notation to the effect of the LIONEL BARDON Trust uh and what the balance was at that time. The next entry is uh the following day. I've got a note here also RAY STEPHENS mind you RAY was involved in the State election at that time, so that could have been related, related to the state, that's got nothing to do with the Council one.

KB: Nothing on the 9<sup>th</sup>?

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Nothing on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Now Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> I've got again a tick here ROX-BOB and CM: then another 9.00 a.m. phone SUE DAVIES. So that's Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

KB: ROX-BOB - that'd be ROXANNE SCOTT and BOB LA CASTRA?

CM: Correct.

KB: SUE DAVIES is from the Ray Group?

Correct. Now this is the 9<sup>th</sup>. Under the 9<sup>th</sup> in my daybook, 9<sup>th</sup> of March, I've got amounts CM: here which relate to three individual candidates. Can't for the life of me make sense of them but anyway I'll read them out. ROXANNE \$19 190 and an extension of that \$27 590; GREG \$19 084 and an extension of that is \$27 493 and a notation here GRANT \$34 594. He'd received an extra five thousand from JOHN FISH is notated here in brackets uh same amount. Uh that those totals, those first figures total \$72 868 then underneath that I have ROX trailers uh which were advertising trailers uh for the \$5 904. So that was \$79,000 in round figures uh plus the ten for Quadrant which is our fee; in other words, we were looking for by the way I would read this uh for a confirmation that funds were available to the extent of \$90 000. Now that would have tied back to most likely the conversation with SUE DAVIES on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, no it's not, (UI). Um I certainly would have been chasing those funds, that's for sure. The meeting, sorry the notation with SUE DAVIES on the 10th of March related to the fact that the um Lakelands function proposed with BERNARD SALT has been cancelled. Uh it didn't proceed, that's what that notation was.

KB: Who was that who was that function organised for?

CM: That was organised or it was proposed that um donors, potential donors be invited to a function at Lakelands Golf Club featuring BERNARD SALT um to talk on development matters, all the things BERNARD SALT talks about and um and also use that as a fundraiser. Uh and that was to raise funds for the trust uh basically, uh but that did not proceed. Now I have this little note here ROX and BOB uh in my diary of Wednesday 10 and this was first thing in the morning, and I've got here Division 6 ROX discussed core flutes, ALAN to quote on installation on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March dash BOB to call MARGO (UI) for assistance for key booms on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March that was a phone conversation, it wasn't a meeting as such.

KB: That's your day book notes in relation to that entry?

CM: Correct

See down here daily tasks on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Division 9, what does that say? 12 by 83 Division KB:

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CM: 9 maps

KB: Maps?

CM: Now that's um these were maps that um we prepared for councillor SHEPHERD, uh there were 12 of those, they were A3 in size, and these were basically of the Division, so that people knew basically where all the this for uh working out where if I remember it correctly where um the various booths were going to go. Um that was just part and parcel of the campaign planning. Um also on Tuesday the 11th, sorry Thursday the 11th of March, I've got a note here BRIAN RAY, this is at 9.00 a.m. The entry reads BRIAN RAY WIP which is work in progress, and on the 11th of March, I've just got a notation here, BRIAN RAY, funding update, work in progress, review with DP which was DAVID POWER. Um no other notations exist in my diary relative to the 11th of March other than that 12 by A3 Division 9 maps, which we referred to earlier. In my daybook for that same date, I've also got GRANT PFORR, MICHELLE 0400 571 007, sub biggest sign whatever that means. Probably made sense on the day, it doesn't now. Um we were at that stage working out signage um oh there's also a notation above that which was relative to Councillor TED's campaign and that TED well done TED, logo to JAMES GREGG, and I think he was doing a website. It was just a supply of material. Now Friday the 12th in my diary I have a notation to of 8.00 a.m. SUE ROBBINS which would have been a phone call, 8.30 a.m. to LIONEL BARDON that may or may not have been in relation to the campaign.

KB: Excuse me, ah just that very first word before SUE ROBBINS, is that POWER?

CM: No, it's 8.00 a.m. 8.00 a.m.

KB: 8.00 a.m. sorry.

CM: Yep 8.00 a.m. SUE ROBBINS, 8.30 A.M. LIONEL BARDON

KB: Yes

CM: And they were both phone calls, uh there were no notations in my day book for Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> um what else was in there? No the only notations were relative to the elections on that day. That would have been phone calls uh also in my diary, there is a reference to Sunday 14 um I had a game of golf at 7 (UI) at Lakelands with BOB LA CASTRA. DAVID was going to attend that, but he didn't. Monday 15 the only reference to the election is in the daily task where I have GCCC booth captains

KB: What does that mean? GCCC Gold Coast City Council

CM: Gold Coast City Council

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KB: What's that second word?

CM: Booth captains

KB: OK

CM: In other words, for the electoral booths

KB: For the election

CM: I suspect that may have related to uh Division 9 because we traditionally have meetings on Monday nights in Division 9 for the campaign committee. I have in my day book Monday 15 March Division 6, ROXANNE and Mum photo aged care, check ROX's letter to the Sun, target this weekend is the only notation there for work that we did with uh ROXANNE SCOTT in Division 6 on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. There was nothing Tuesday. Wednesday, nothing on Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17 this is a diary entry at 8.30 a.m., ROXANNE WIP and we discussed scooter ads; this was not a meeting, this was just a phone conversation in my day book Wednesday 17 March makes a notation here scooter ads Southport Manly Campbell and a Sydney phone number. Uh there's no reference to ROXANNE there but that was uh a media inquiry that we made on her behalf, or on behalf of the campaign. We've got another notation further down in my diary, sorry in my daybook, Wednesday 17 March, Division 9 website as a reminder and also underneath that, HICKEY level 6 fax, no reference to what that was, other than logically, it would have been chasing money.

KB: Where's that HICKEY entry, did you say?

CM: This one HICKEY level 6, fax 5574 1130

KB: And that refers still to the 17<sup>th</sup>?

CM: Yeah Wednesday 17, 17 March. No specifics as to what it was, just a notation as to what the fax number was

KB: Right

CM: We would have been sending information across relative to funding. Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>, there are no daybook entries. My diary though notes as an item for action, it's not a meeting uh Gold Coast City Council reconciliation plus cheques underlined and that was something we were chasing them on on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March is noted in my diary.

KB: What did that mean?

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CM: (Laughs) wanted some money. Um it was a reconciliation of work conducted and what we'd been paid and um we were going to be paid the balance.

KB: So it refers to the election work you've done.

CM: Oh yes, it's just a summary of expenditure. Um uh what we'd invoiced and what uh we were yet to receive by way of payment. Right next diary entry um is um 8.00 a.m. on Monday 22 which is note to phone LIONEL B uh March 22 the only other entry that I have here that relates to the elections um is a

KB: This is your day book

CM: This is from the day book, is GCCC, Gold Coast City Council uh this is booth briefing and we were proposing to conduct a briefing of those candidates that were interested on how to go about managing their the various election booths in their Divisions on the day of the election and the diary note, sorry the daybook note for Monday 22 March notes that GRANT uh PFORR had 6-8, ROX had 9 plus 1, GREG had 3-4, this is people to assist them, I had BRIAN here and also ROB no details associated with that. So in other words there were 22-30 odd booth workers estimated to be um possibly involved in booth briefings. Um in my diary for Tuesday 23 I have a notation here of a Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) reconciliation and this again would have just been a simple this is a work in progress notation (UI) point to action, it's just to update um where we were financially and also at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, there's a note here, booth coordinators, division 9 dinner and uh we had a meeting of division 9 booth workers, booth co-ordinators, uh for the division 9 campaign, just separate to the LIONEL BARDON trust one of course.

KB: Any daybook entries?

CM: Um other than the one I read before, uh no that's the full extent of it um we were looking to for an indication as to how many booth workers uh GRANT PFORR, ROXANNE SCOTT and GREG BETTS would like you to have, by way of attending the session, which we subsequently uh conducted on Wednesday the 24th, which is the next date of entry.

KB: We might take the opportunity to suspend the interview for the purpose of changing the tape. The time now is 12.09 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> 2005.

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**CHRIS MORGAN** 

**INTERVIEWER/S:** 

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**LEGAL OFFICER:** THERESA HAMILTON

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KB = K BEMI CM= C MORGAN

- The time now is 12.10 pm this is a resumption of an interview being conducted with Mr Chris MORGAN from Quadrant on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2005. We're up to the diary entry of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2004.
  - The only entry in my diary for that day that relates to the City Council elections is an event which took place between 5.30pm and 7.30pm at Lakelands Golf Club and Lionel BARDEN and myself briefed ah the various booth workers and candidates um for Councillor ah candidate Grand PFORR, candidate Roxanne SCOTT and candidate Greg BETTS. Ah a number of people in attendance at that time and we basically took them through the fundamentals of effective booth worker management and um they attend, that was the first time to my knowledge actually that Lionel BARDEN actually ever met any candidates ah certainly in my presence. There's a notation in my diary on Thursday 25 March under daily tasks to ring Amanda CAMPBELL re the scooters, these were for um candidate Roxanne SCOTT's campaign and um a gentleman by the name of Peter VOGEL was organising that for that particular company.
  - KB What were the scooters for?
    - CM Ah they basically carried or they had, motorised scooters with a little trailer with a sign on them and um you can hire them and they drove around the electorate on election day with a sign on it saying basically vote for Roxanne SCOTT ah so it was a media item if you wish. It was all part of the last week of organisation. Oh here we go, ah Thursday 25 also there's a notation in my diary um for a 9am Roxanne Channel 9 Southport 9am interview. Um which was to take place in conjunction with these rather novel scooters that were going around. I think she actually had that that was just a notation the fact that that was taking place at that time. Let's see the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 28 KB You didn't have anything in your day book relating to Roxanne SCOTT's interview or any other.
- No there's nothing there's the, things got fairly hectic actually around about that time of the month just coming up to the election. The last diary note I've got here is um is the

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23<sup>rd</sup> of um March, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and that relates to work that we were doing
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              with our client Lakelands Golf Club, that had nothing to do with the campaign.
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      KB
              That was in your day book.
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      CM
              That's in my day book and there's nothing there ah from, in the day book subsequent ah
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              sorry from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March the next entry is 30<sup>th</sup> of March ah things had quietened down
              a little bit. In my diary 26<sup>th</sup> of March ah I have a notation there's a um just a note to
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              action is GCCC cash update ah which was just a standard summary as to where we were
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              um in terms of expenses and reimbursement of those and that was just something to do
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              on that day and that's the only notation well that's the last notation actually prior to
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              election day.
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              excuse me Chris I was just wondering if you'd like ui
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      CM
               (ui) another cup of coffee guys do you.
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      KB
              Glass of water would be great.
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      UI
              a glass of water
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      CH
              I'm fine thanks
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      UI
              You're fine, you're sure.
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      CM
              Tea thanks.
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      UI
              Um do you want me to organise lunch or?
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      CM
              Um.
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      KB
              We'll probably be another I would say 15 or 20 minutes.
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       CM
              (ui) that's fine.
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       UI
               Okay.
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       CM
               Thanks very much for the thought though.
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       UI
               No worries.
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       KB
               So the elections took place on March 27.
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80	CM	Correct.
81	WD.	
82 83	KB	If I can just get you to work your way through your diary there and your day book.
83 84	CM	Deviled
85	CIVI	Day book.
86	KB	Up until the 6 <sup>th</sup> of May 2004.
87	KD	op until tile o of May 2004.
88	CM	6 <sup>th</sup> of May, right I've got a notation in my diary dated um 8am Monday 29 March which
89	CIVI	just simply says election wrap and that was ah again a note to action for myself ah to do
90		by way of a summary um and that's the 29 <sup>th</sup> there's no notation in my day book of any
91		activity on that date. Tuesday the 30 <sup>th</sup> I was in Sydney the next diary notation, I've got a
92		notation here Sunday 4.
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94	KB	April.
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96	CM	April and this is noon it's GCCC election debrief, that would have related to Councillor
97		SHEPHERD's Division nine campaign.
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99	KB	Any day book entry.
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101	CM	(mumble) no no day book entires relative to those dates. It was more of a social round
102		table to be honest.
103	TED	
104	KB	Thank you.
105	TTT	
106 107	UI	Chris did you want a tea or a coffee?
_ 108	CM	Alb inset a too thoules just his also assume the state of
108	CIVI	Ah just a tea thanks just black, a couple of sugars.
110	UI	Yep.
111	OI	1 cp.
112	CM	Um Wednesday 7 ah April ah I have a notation in my diary at 8.30 Councillor Sue
113	0111	ROBBINS and Sue came in to see us, there's nothing in my day book but ah Sue came in
114		to see us about preparing a newsletter for her she'd been the subject of a fairly vigorous
115		misinformation campaign which caused her considerable distress and um she wanted
116		basically to put the record straight and she'd been quite intrigued with the material that
117		we'd produced for the other um candidates during the campaign and was looking for
118		some guidance as to how she could possibly go about doing that which is what the
119		subject of that meeting with her on Wednesday 7 April at 8.30 was about. Um my next
120		meeting or next notation I have here is Thursday, this is my diary Thursday 8 April is um

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121 9.30 at the Gold Coast City Council which is when I suspect um the ah councillors and 122 candidates were sworn in. 123 124 KB You attended? 125 126 CM Yeah I went across just to see the councillors sworn in yeah, we'd put a fair bit of work in 127 and um we'd made a lot of friends along the way. Um got a note here also 12 noon 128 Thursday 8 April Ron CLARKE luncheon speaker 15/4. I have no idea what that relates 129 to, obviously a lunch um next diary entry is Wednesday 14 April 10am entry reads 10am 130 Kim GCCC finals. 131 132 KB Sorry can I just interrupt there Chris. 133 134 CM Certainly. 135 136 Can I take you back to Thursday the 8th of April and at 4 o'clock Lionel BARDEN. KB 137 138 CM Oh Lionel BARDEN yeah there's, there's an entry there for Lionel ah which indicates 139 and there's an arrow pointing to Good Friday, we were obviously going to get together on the 4<sup>th</sup> um. 140 141 142 KB Get together on the? 143 144 CM Oh sorry at 4pm. 145 146 KB 4pm. 147 148 CM Um now that could have been a meeting or a phone call um that didn't take place and I've 149 just got an indication here that that was to be moved to Easter ah so we obviously got 150 together over Easter. Keep in mind also that um Lionel had commissioned us to work 151 with him on Innovation Showcase and um we were doing work for him. 152 153 KB That was his company. 154 155 CM That's his company until all of this exercise basically kneecapped it um and we um we 156 you know we were commissioned by him to do work so that could quite easily have 157 related to it. I doubt very much if it were would have related to the campaign um oh we 158 certainly discussed that there's no question but um once the um once the campaign was over and we'd submitted our final invoices which related back to that entry of the 14th 159 160 that I mentioned we had no contact or with Lionel with regard to the election campaign 161 because we were really, he was not the source of funds he was, he signed off on 162 everything which he did after that it was over to ourselves to obtain payment from Brian / David / the ah Tony HICKEY and the trust fund itself which is where the funds 163 164 emanated from.

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166	KB	Did you access that outstanding funding direct from the trust fund?
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168	CM	Some of it we did um the bulk of it we did yes, that eventually came through um my
169		business partner Tony SCOTT um proceeded with Brian RAY cause he and Brian
170		basically had a business relationship anyway he was, Brian was a client of ours with ah
171		New South Wales projects that we were working on which took place right through this
172		period anyway so Tony then picked up and chased that money independently.
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174	KB	So I take it the outstanding amount of money or monies that you were owed you couldn't
175		access the fund to claim those?
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177	CM	Well I think the, at the conclusion of the um the election campaign per se the funds
178		simply weren't there as it turned out um to pay what had been spent ah so it goes back to
179		my earlier comment that in a sense we kind of underwrote it, a bit unwillingly, we work
180		within the guidelines that we'd been advised of and um we were assured those funds
181		would be forthcoming, they were eventually it just took an awful lot longer than what all
182		of us had anticipated. Basically the ah the Gold Coast Business Community pretty much
183		went to ground with the publicity that was coming out from the Gold Coast Bulletin and
184		ah yeah we perhaps got might have got the desired result of having some common sense
185		candidates elected but nobody really wanted to have anything to do with the trust
186		particularly with the um the beating it was taking from Gold Coast Bulletin reporters.
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188	KB	So after numerous phone calls emails and the like you eventually.
189 190	CM	Pro
190	CM	Eventually got paid.
191	KB	Obtained the formed that were several
192	KD	Obtained the funds that you were owed.
193	CM	Correct.
195	CIVI	Correct.
_ 196	KB	Now going back to the 8 <sup>th</sup> of April 2004.
197		110 W going buck to the o of April 2004.
198	CM	Mmm hmm.
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200	KB	Do you have any relevant day book entries, in particular the Lionel BARDEN.
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202	CM	Right, day book entries Tuesday 8 April, (ui – mumbling – pages turning) I've got a
203		notation here from the 7 <sup>th</sup> of April, I don't know why this is out of sequence, relative to
204		my meeting with Sue ROBBINS that I just mentioned.
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206	KB	That was on the 7 <sup>th</sup> .

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208 CM Mmm which was a bridge building strategy actually and that's noted in my day book. Ah 209 Wednesday 7 April there's, there's an inconsistency in dates here but um Wednesday 7 210 April Councillor Sue ROBBINS quotes bridge building strategy, which are her words ah 211 to be ain a solid position three and a half years down the track ah to decide whether or not 212 to stand again. Next action re todays Bulletin phone Bob GORDON immediately with 213 Bob LaCASTRA and demand a retraction otherwise proceed with legal redress. Ah that 214 was over um coverage um in the Gold Coast Bulletin um of the um of the campaign um 215 she was as I said she was very distressed over it. And that was 7<sup>th</sup> of April coming back to 216 your point about the 8th of April um I've got a diary entry there for at 4pm Lionel 217 BARDEN, there's no notations in my day book relative to to that that would have been 218 could have been in relation to Innovation Showcase, I don't know.

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KB Sure.

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CM It's just a meeting with him which probably took place over Easter. Um next meeting as I mentioned earlier 10am on the 14<sup>th</sup>, this is my diary Wednesday 14 I've got a note 10am Kim GCCC finals and that would have been to do a reconciliation on what we were owed, we were constantly updating that ah I have a notation in my day book of 14 April which reads GCCC/reconciliation and I have here BETTS \$12 532.14, SCC \$5 012.64, PFORR, that's Grant PFORR \$16 417.15 a total of \$33 961.93 with an overpayment to the SCOTT account of \$985.30 total of \$32 976.63 now that subsequently would have been updated ah by ah our financial controller at that time.

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KB Were those values, monetary values, were they the aggregate of the expenditure by each candidate.

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As I understand it. There was a group ah there's a figure in here just by way of clarification SCC, that's Southport Citizens for Change and this is an independent group this is not a candidate ah a figure of \$5 012.64 which was funding support ah that that group received, we produced um a series of leaflets ah which were distributed in the Southport area um for that particular group ah they were not in support of any candidate um they were basically suggesting that um ah Councillor CHRICHLOW um should not be re-elected um but it didn't support any individual candidate.

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242 KB What was the total?

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244 CM \$5 012.64.

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246 KB And did you um was it made out to anyone in particular or the?

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248 CM Oh we um.

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250 KB The invoice it was an invoice you're referring to here.

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<ul><li>252</li><li>253</li></ul>	CM	It's an amount of money that was spent ah which we were reimbursed for by the trust.
254 255	KB	Right.
256 257 258 259 260	СМ	Um we, we produced um leaflet material I think there were about three leaflets from memory and they were circulated ah through ah that division and um but they were basically excerpts from the Gold Coast Bulletin relative to Councillor CHRICHLOW um and ah some less than professional behaviour on her part, lets put it that way.
261 262	KB	So they didn't actually have a candidate running for the Southport Citizens for Change?
263 264 265 266 267	CM	No no, there was no reference whatsoever to any candidate um oh sorry in support of any candidate um and the ah those invoices and statement have actually already been previously supplied ah too Lincon HANSEN earlier on. But that was not a there was no candidate involved.
268 269	KB	And the amount owing to the Southport Citizens for Change came out of the trust fund.
270 271 272	CM	Correct. Or we were reimbursed from the trust fund as, as was basically everything well all the other candidates as well.
273 274	KB	Do you have a contact person for the Southport Citizens for Change that you dealt with your didn't deal with them direct.
<ul><li>275</li><li>276</li><li>277</li><li>278</li></ul>	СМ	I dealt with them um there was only one guy that we met with um he was a bit radical actually that's why Roxanne SCOTT didn't want to have anything to do with him.
279 280	KB	If I was to suggest a name would you recognise the name. Stuart HILL.
281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289	CM	Yeah Stuart was the guy yeah he was the bloke we met. He was particularly upset about the way. He'd been a Roxanne supporter and ah he was absolutely horrified in the manner in which she was spoken to and treated and some of the things that were being said over there and he wanted to reciprocate and I said you can't do that directly in support of Roxanne I said because all the campaigns that we ran whether it was Roxanne's or any of the others were always done on a positive basis. We looked at local issues um and they varied from area to area and we focussed on that. I said I don't want to have any negative campaigns directly associated with any candidate.
290 291	KB	So I guess it could be argued they were indirectly supporting Roxanne SCOTT.
292 293 294	CM	He was basically there to see Councillor CHRICHLOW out, it didn't matter who was standing.

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- Thanks for clarifying that. The next relevant entry ... I think the last one we spoke about was the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2004.
- 298 CM 14<sup>th</sup> yes there's nothing oh here we go, Friday 16 um oh yep, I've got a note here, 299 Thursday 14 April that was a dinner it was Bob LaCASTRA and Grand PFORR, blinely 300 follow up, oh this was a proposed um response um independent response to the publicity 301 that um Gold Coast Bulletin were giving Council.
- 303 KB And this is in your day book?

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- 305 This is in my day book, there was no meeting as such it was a phone conversation um at CM 306 that time it was being mooted that a separate publication or some description um be developed to um basically refute what the Bulletin and particularly The Sun also were 307 running ah that was just a conversation it at this stage hasn't gone anywhere. On Friday 308 the 16th I have a note in my diary, 12 noon Lionel BARDEN GCCC wrap ah followed 309 310 also by a note to call Roxanne SCOTT at 4 and the day book entry is, for Friday 16 April reads, phone number 5581 6054 attention Bob LaCASTRA copy of payback concept and 11 fax. That was an extension of that earlier comment I made here about a publication, 312 payback being one of the names that was suggested um. Following that entry there's 313 314 another one here GCCC Lionel, bullet point entry in my day book for Thursday, sorry Friday 16 April, final account summary and invoices supplied for checking and approval 315 316 um and relative to the Council campaign blimey concepts submitted for consideration. Um that was an extension or a subsequent outcome of the ah of the elections. Next entry 317 relative to all of this is ... nothing in my diary for Monday 19 April but I have in day 318 book um under notes to action a reference to Gold Coast City Council Brian RAY 319 balance required, ah we were chasing an indication of what funds were available to offset 320 out expenses. (pages turning) The next notation in my diary is 9 am 22 April Brian RAY. 321
- 323 KB If I can just pull you up there for one minute.

That you referred to before.

- 325 CM Yep certainly.
- I just see here on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April at ah 3 that's Innovation Showcase, that's just the private company of Lionel BARDEN
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- 330 CM Correct.
- That's right yeah .We were doing display work down there um Tuesday 22 I've got another notation there with Lionel BARDEN as a case in point, directly after Brian RAY which I was about to address and that talks about Innovation Showcase set up of the 2.4m high by 2m um display um details relative to um work that we were doing down at the showcase. Ah there's no, no association with anything to do with the Council elections on

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339 340		that but coming back to Thursday 22 the meeting with Brian um, my notation here is
341		Gold Coast City Council, balance of accounts submitted BR, Brian RAY to chase to funds, Lionel to sign off, CM to follow up with Suzie, Suzie being um.
342		raines, Eloner to sign off, civi to follow up with suzic, suzic being uni.
343	KB	Sue DAVIES.
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345	CM	Ah Sue DAVIES, ah Brian's PA.
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347	KB	One again that's from your day book.
348 349	CM	Compat from my day had. Name had no second in the control of the c
350	CIVI	Correct, from my day book. Now balance of my diary entries no I've got no more
351		diary entries relevant to the election campaign.
352	KB	If I can just draw your attention to one on Sunday the 25 <sup>th</sup> of April 2004.
353	ıω	in I can just that your attention to one on Sunday the 25 of April 2004.
_354	CM	Yep.
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356	KB	7 pm Relish / Ted and Sue, is it Relish.
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358	CM	Oh yeah Relish that's a restaurant in Mudgerabah.
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360	KB	Mmm.
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362	CM	Yeah we had dinner with Ted and Sue SHEPHERD at 7pm on Sunday the 25 <sup>th</sup> .
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364	KB	Thank you.
365 366	CM	It's his high day astrolly
367	CIVI	It's his birthday actually.
368	KB	And up to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May for your diary entries.
369	122	That up to the 2 of May for your than y churics.
370	CM	Mmm hmm.
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372	KB	Well actually up to the I've only got up to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May but up to the 6 <sup>th</sup> of May if we
373		can include that period.
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375	CM	No I've gone through to the 8 <sup>th</sup> there's nothing further there relative to Council election
376		activity.
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378	KB	What about Wednesday the 28th of April 2004 is the 11 o'clock Gold Coast City Council?
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380	CM	That's ah planning ah breakfast show, that's the Gold Coast City Council Planning
381		Breakfast.
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383 384	KB	Right.
385 386 387	CM	That was held at Shark's it was a breakfast seminar that I attended. Um yeah that was a UDIA um breakfast, I actually chaired that breakfast.
388 389	KB	That was 7 am on Thursday the 29 <sup>th</sup> .
390 391 392 393 394 395	CM	Correct. Yep that was a UDIA um Development Institute of Australia, Gold Coast breakfast and I think Councillor SHEPHERD spoke at that. From memory that would have been the first time he would have um addressed the UDIA um and everybody was particularly keen to hear what was said because he'd basically taken over as chair of planning at that point which is what that subject of the that breakfast was.
396 397	KB	That's when, after the north and south were combined into one.
398 399 400	CM	Correct, mmm. Now that, that took place at that ah Southport Sharks um hall or sorry facility.
401 402	KB	Yep. That's, you've gone up to the.
403 404	CM	Yeah that basically concludes anything that um
405 406	KB	8 <sup>th</sup> of May
407 408	CM	Relative to that period.
409 410	KB	Sorry you said you went up to the 8th did you.
411 412	CM	Yeah I've gone through to the 8 <sup>th</sup> of May.
413	KB	2004.
415	CM	2004.
417 418 419 420	KB	And just to clarify the period in your diary that we don't have from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of November 2003 until the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2003 you said that you didn't have any relevant diary entries.
421 422 423 424 425 426	CM	Well there was no contact, I hadn't, I was not even aware of um what was being proposed at that time ah the first, as I said um the first contact that would appear that I had or first discussions that we had on this campaign would have at the earliest been Wednesday the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of December where I've got TS / Brian RAY notation, certainly nothing that I've got any diary entries of relative or you know prior to that and I would suggest that probably it wasn't really until um Wednesday the 10 <sup>th</sup> that we ah actually got down to any specifics.

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427 428 429 430	KB	And you said earlier on that you don't mind if we take a photocopy of your diary entries from the 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2003 until the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2003.
431 432	CM	Not at all, no that's fine.
433 434	KB	Thank you very much for that, we'll write out a receipt for those copies we take.
435 436	CM	That's no problem. So that's from the beginning of November.
437 438 439 440 441	KB	1 <sup>st</sup> if November 2003 up until the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2003 and we've already got the entries from the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2003 until the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May 2004. What I will get also if you don't mind from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May 2004 until the 8 <sup>th</sup> of May 2004. And that's what you've just referred to.
442 43	CM	Yeah.
444 445 446	KB	If I could just ah, when you're ready to check through, you've only referred to one day book there, or have you.
447 448	CM	No both.
449 450	KB	You've referred to both.
451 452	CM	Both yeah.
453 454 455 456	KB	Are there any other entries in your day book that you're aware of that is of relevance to the Gold Coast City Council elections in March 2004, any meetings with any other persons such as developers pertaining to funding candidates or any information like that.
457 458 459 460 461	CM	No there aren't ah we never actually met with any developers, that wasn't our role, um sorry when I say we never met with any developers, we never met with any developers with respect to sourcing funding um the significant majority of our client base are developers so we meet with developers all the time.
462 463	KB	Sure.
464 465 466 467	CM	Um and ah it's a point I've tried to clarify quite clearly in our earlier written statement that yes we had contact with the Ingles Group, had contact with the Ray Group, we had contact with.
468 469	KB	As your clients.

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470 471 472 473 474 475	СМ	As clients yeah as we normal commercial business that we did work with. With regard to funding um yeah we were very very keen to see ourselves get paid ah it's the whole purpose of the exercise ah after all and um yes we actively pursued Brian ah to ensure that that was done but that's you know in terms of meeting with developers yes that was the that was the only direct contact
476 477	KB	And you've referred to ah both workbooks
478 479	CM	Yes.
480 481	KB	Day books here today.
482 483 484 485 86 487 488	CM	Correct yes, there's nothing um in terms of any meeting to raise funding um basically we were employed to do a job um subsequently we, we did that for three, three individual candidates ah who were funded by the Lionel BARDEN trust or what became known as the Lionel BARDEN trust. We also did work for um Councillor Ted SHEPHERD ah but that was totally separate to the trust fund and that was just as a normal part of his current campaign committee work.
489 490 491	KB	Did you start ah from the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December in relation to referring to your day book because I know we're just reading from the diary entries to begin with and we started.
492 493	CM	No I went right back.
494 495	KB	You did go right back. So we've covered that.
496 497	CM	Went right back yeah to November.
498 499	KB	Thank you.
500 501 502 503 504 505	CM	Um that's why I was a bit puzzled with um some reference by Councillor MOLHOEK ah that he met with us on or about the 28 <sup>th</sup> of November um no I wasn't, to the best of my knowledge and the information that we've got here, both my day book and diary notations, the first that I became, would have possibly become aware of this was ah December 3.
506 507	KB	And as we've discussed before.
508 509	CM	As we've discussed.
510 511	KB	You've read into the record all relevant entries in your day book.
512 513	CM	Mmm hmm.

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514 KB From well from December in reality.

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CM Yeah.

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518 KB The 8<sup>th</sup> of December onwards because you didn't have any contact during November.

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Is there any other information or documents that you wish to draw my attention to which may be of assistance.

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The only other documentation is information that I've supplied subsequent to this earlier information that had been sent to you ah relative to, are we as a company ah familiar with or aware of any other misconduct ah which came as a part of a questioned briefing I think that ah relative to the Inquiry which is about to attend. The only item that we've that I've submitted specifically ah is a copy of a letter um of complaint basically to the CEO of the Gold Coast City Council um which essentially alleges breach of the Local Government Act on the part of either Councillor Dawn CHRICHLOW or one of the officers within her department ah we were appointed ah on a competitive basis ah by Gold Coast Water ah to work on a recent campaign um when Councillor CHRICHLOW became aware of our involvement in that, long subsequent, well after the ah the actual um election campaign had concluded ah she demanded to see um all correspondence relative to our appointment and made reference to the fact that, or implied that there was that somehow we'd received ah favourable treatment. Um when the information was supplied to her by the officers um along with a statement to the effect that, had Council or Gold Coast Water not appointed Quadrant as the company to work on that it would have been in the, to the detriment of ah of um Council because our credentials and particularly our quotation was by far and above the most suitable ah within about a week of that information getting into Councillor CHRICHLOW's hands ah there had been a report published in the Bulletin that ah implying favouritism and subsequently about a week later I had a phone call from the same council reporter that had written that information quoting from an expression of interest document um on number of elements um that we'd quoted in our expression of interest and which had been supplied, supplied to ah Gold Coast Water or Gold Coast City Council ah on a commercial and in-confidence basis. Um we took particular offence at that um you know we've been active here on the Gold Coast for almost 20 years we've got an impeccable reputation and ah we're not about to accept that it's going to be slandered directly or indirectly by um by a Councillor who should know better or one of her officers I might add. Um we received a word back from the CEO of Gold Coast City Council that our letter had been received ah but no further action has been taken on that. Our advice or sorry out request was, could they please provide us with guidance as to whether they would prefer to have this taken up internally by way of an investigation as to how this commercial in-confidence material got into the hands of a Gold Coast Bulletin reporter ah or should we perhaps seek independent legal recourse. Ah as yet no decision has been made in that regard and I suggest that, I suspect that ah the CEO of the

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228		Council has had his hands full of late so we hadn't pursued it but I have made that
559		information available to Mr NEEDHAM and also to the Minister Desley BOYLE.
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561	KB	Thank you. Craig.
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563	CH	No nothing from me.
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565	KB	Thank you for your time today Mr MORGAN. Do you agree that ah you were
566		interviewed today of your own free will.
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568	CM	Agreed.
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570	KB	And what you've told me here today is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and
571		belief.
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573	CM	Yes, yes it is.
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575	KB	Thank you. The time now is 12.46 pm on the afternoon of Monday the 10th day of
576		October 2005. This interview is now concluded.
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