

GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS 12.3.1946 - 23.10.1974

On the Fifth of April 1961 my brother Graham, got sent to Westbrook, The very same place, that I'd been released from, not that long before Graham arrived there, The very same bastard hell hole that had not only ruined my life but the lives of so many other boys, those that had also suffered the same shocking atrocities as I had, Boys that had been setenced to the Brook innocent of any crime, only for them to come out harden criminals. So as far as I'm concerned we should have a Royal Commssion, To look into these criminal acts and to all the pain and suffering that I along with so many have been through and are still going through after all these year, which is something we shouldn't still be going through it, but we are. By having this Royal Commission would at least give those of us that had never got to speak out at any of the inquiries they've had, a chance to be able to do so. To have our say, about how it was a Serious Breach, having children subjected to cruel human degrading treatment of punishment, about the many children who were innocent of any crime, yet stuck in institutions locked up for years held in conditions of shocking harshness and suffered alarming levels of harm, That of Sexual Physical Emotional abuse Neglect and Slave Labor that we were forced to do, about having the right to a standard of living adequate to the health and well being of children, including medical dental care and education, A say about the cloths we had to get around in, that were always filthy and stunk, of how we had to go hungary all the time, of having no schooling and about the many who had to commit suicide due to the shocking atrocities that went on. Of all those of us, had we'd been lucky enough to been given a education, many then could also have been politicians themselves or someone of that degree, But the only education for those of us poor kids to ever recieved was the kind that would in later years, land most young boys girls in jails, many would turn to drugs, many more to suicide.

On the 4th day of April 1961 my brother fronted court where he was charged with takin the car belonging to that bastard stepfather of ours. As the story goes, Graham got pulled over by the cops while driving along Ernest Street South Brisbane, The only reason for Graham taken the bastards car was to get away from him, and with me doing time in MT Paneng NSW at the time there was nothing I could do about it, Nothing at all I could do to help my brother from going to that bastard Westbrook, I suppose even if I had have been with him, there wouldn't been nothing much I could have done anyway, But at least I would have tried hardest to stop him from going to f**king place, help to get him out of the mess he was in.

That bloody old car Graham took was just about stuffed anyway, a run down old Austin A 40 sedan. At the time of going to court, Graham told the judge he'd asked that bastard stepfater if could borrow the car, saying he had to go his mates place to pick up some books needed for the apprenticeship he planing on doing as a Fitter & Turner for Evens and Dekin at Moorooka. Now that Graham was in court, the job of becoming a Fitter & Turner would be only a dream now for my brother. Because of what the judge did that day sure put a stop to Graham ever becoming that some one he'd always wanted to be, The bastards by sending him to the Brook, would in the end destroy his life, I far as I'm concerned his life was already ruined on the 4th day April 1961, when that judge banged his hammer done on the bench, saying to all those in the court room.

"I thereupon order the said child to be sent to the Reformatory known as "The Farm Home for Boys Westbrook' to be there detained or to be otherwise dealt with under " The State Childrens Acts 1911 to 1943" until he attains the age of eighttteen years, and to

command the said police officers to take the said child to the institution and to command the said Superintendent of the said institution to detain the said child under the Act until he attains the age of eighteen years, Given under my hand at Brisbane the Fifth day of April 1961 in the said state of Queensland. This was to be the start to a life of living hell for Graham and for all that he had going for him, bloody ruined.

I just wonder what that judge would have done and said, if Graham had told him about the time he was given this old bike by a Mr Fleming who lived down the back of the bastards stepfathers place and the time Graham and myself were under the house trying to fix the chain on his bike, that was lose and needed tightening, that when the spanner Graham was working with had slipped down between the chain and had taken a fair chunk of skin off his knuckle, that he let lose with a couple of swear words, like, Bastard bloody thing, Saying this at the time the basher was half way down the stairs, and then starts yelling and swearing.

"I heard what you said, what have you got to say for yourself about it? havn't I told you before about swearing you cheeky little f**king brat".

Still swearing his bastard head off, as he comes over and grabs hold of my brother arm, dragging him further under the house to where he had a pile of wood stacked, picking up a piece of 4x2 timber, starts belting into Graham with it, in doing so, smash's his elbow, causeing Graham to start screaming, The bloody pain he was in no wonder he was screaming. Seeing what that bastard had just done to Graham, I then starts yelling myself. 'Stop belting him you bastard; if you don't, I'll bloody kill you, you f**king mongrel'.

Shit I don't know what the hell got into me saying that to him, at least saying what I said, made the prick stop his brutal attack on Graham, then come after me. By the livin hell I was off, off like a bloody rocket, over the back fence and away, with the bastard not far behind, At least now I knew that I could run faster then the prick, in doing so had given Graham a chance to get away. He heading off down the street still screaming. Poor Graham he sure must have been in shocking pain, Being belting with a lenght of 4x2, he would had to have been. While running, I could hear our mother in the back ground screaming her head off, I knew what it was about, but like my brother, kept bloody running.

In the end, the cops had found Graham wandering around the Gabber (the Five Ways), How the hell he got that far beats me, not after the bashing that bastard gave him. Having put Graham in the police car, they then took him straight around to the Mater Hospital to get his busted arm checked and x rays taken, also to ask him a few questions about what happened. What Graham told them, put the cops into shock, I don't think they could belived what they were hearing.

"Don't worry son we'll sort thing out for you, at least being here in hospital you'll be safe, the nurses will soon get you right again, were off now, going to go out and see that stepfather of yours, see what he's got to say for himself".

About a couple of hours after the basher had went and busted Graham's arm, I sneaked back and was now hiding under the house listening to our mother and the basher going hammer and tong at each other, All about us, he was calling us all the names under the sun, still running us down when this car pulls up out front, stepping out the car were these couple of big blokes dressed in suits, Straight away I knew who these blokes were, Dees. I watched as they came through the front gate then walk up the stairs and banged hard on the front door. Our mother was the one who done the answering,

'Yes, what is it you want?. she asked.

Knowing straight away it was the Dees she was talking to, but making out she didn't.

"Where here to talk to your husband about what he did to your son, Where is he? I heard one ask with a wild tone in his voice.

"Where is Graham is he all right has anything bad happened to him". she asked them sobbing.

'Your son is in the Mater Hospital at the moment, having his arm that your husband busted fixed, or at least trying to, That's why we want to speak to him about it, so could

you please tell us where he is".

'OH I'm sorry, at the moment my husband isn't here, as he had to go some place and I don't quite know how long he'll be or when he'll be back", she lied to them.

"Ok then we'll be off for now, you tell him for us, that when he gets home we want to speak to him, now don't forget, or we'll be back to get him", they warned her.

I was never around to see how it finished up or if the cops ever got to speak to that bastard for busting Grahams arm, One thing's for sure, the bastard never did get charged for what he did, If he did, I sure as hell was never told about it. Seems funny don't it, how being a big shot like he was, could get away with the crime he committed, Yet for those of us children, who for many had done F**k all, were sent to a life of hell in a institution, where these pedophiles lay in wait for us, Many a shocking story been told about judges sentencing children to those bastard hell holes, just to feed the appetite of those mongrels, If only the truth of all that has come out now, had came out all those years ago, and we had been allowed to tell about the shocking abuse we suffered while in those brutal institutions, *most of those predator would have then been brought to justice and sentenced to jail*, for those filthy crimes they committed on a child. It seems to me though, the bastards who had done these criminal acts on us, have been able to get away with it. It's my guess many of those bastard would have by now taken their filthy crime to their grave with them. May they rot in hell for it. I still think somehow, the reason why the government left it for so long to have a inquire into child abuse, was to protect these criminals for their crimes, that is by going beyoud the legal limitation of taking those who done the abusing to court, also knowing that by now most of them would be dead, thus saving the good name of the predator. There is a law that states, for a child who get raped under the age of twelve, the one who raped that child supposed to get twenty years jail, Then if this is true, for all the children that were raped while in institutions, and had those bastards who raped that child brought to justice, there bloody wouldn't have been enought jails built to hold them. It's no bloody wonder them big shot bastards didn't want to have anything to do in believing a word we said about the rapes and those other physical assaults we endured all those years ago, Shit no.

It is for this reason I'd like for a Royal Commission, to look into the pain and suffering that I along with so many others have had to go through, and for most are still going through, after all those year gone by, which is something we shouldn't have to, trouble is, we still are. Having a Royal Commission, would at least then give those of us that had never got to speak out at any of the inquiry's they've had, a chance to be able to do so. To be able to tell about how it was a Serious Breach, having children subjected to cruel human degrading treatment of punishment, about the children who were innocent of any crime, stuck in those institutions locked up for years, were held in conditions of shocking harshness and suffered alarming levels of harm, that of Sexual Physical Emotional abuse Neglect and Slave Labor, that for many were forced into doing, Having the right to a standard of living adequate to the health and well being of a child, that of medical dental care and a education, About the cloths we had to get around in, always filthy and stunk, having go hungary most days, having no schooling, of those who committed suicide due to the shocking atrocities, About those of us, had we'd been lucky enought to been given a education, things may have been different for us, for many could also have been politicians or a person of that degree, But that wasn't to be, for the only education that most of us ever got out of being in a institutions, was a education that would in later years land many a young boy or girls in jail, many would turn to drugs, many more to suicide. Around 99% of those who had entered the gates of a institution were honest decent boys and girls when they first went in, but for many when they got out, had turned into harden criminals because of the abuse they all had suffered, Expessely those who had the privelege of entering the gates of that government run hell hole, Westbrook.

I don't know if the Australian government realized this or not, that on 14th December 1954, the general assembly of the United Nations recommended that all countries institute a Universal Children's Day. The purpose of the Universal Children's Day was to promote international unity and awareness among children around the world. It was also to promote the welfare of children. Over the years this day has focused on such issues as the torture of children, unfair labor practices, medical care, and sexual exploitation of children. Today, countries celebrate Universal Children's Day on various days throughout the year, with many choosing November 20th because it is the day on which the UN assembly officially adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959. I don't think somehow this government did, Not when there was so much torture unfair labor practices sexual exploitation of children no education medical or dental care within Australian institutions well after this date. The only change that I know of before this date, was the getting rid of the cat-o-nine tails once used in the notorious Westbrook Queensland when it first opened, in later years disbanded, only to be replaced with what was called the hard leather, this that was then used to lash us with, not that it made much difference, That hard leather still did nearly as much damage to our bodies as what the cat-o-nine tails would have done. So as far as I'm concerned, there sure as hell weren't no Universal Childrens Day in Australians institutions. Well not in our time there wasn't.

Provided by Warren Rocky Porter x WR Black Blackheath Indooroopilly Riverview
Westbrook Mt Panang

QUEENSLAND POLICE.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY taken from PRISONER Warren Frederick Davis Charged with Stealing
 MENTALLY SICK PERSON

Gail or Asylum No.	Date first taken in charge	Lockup or Reception House where first received	Where first searched	Prison or Asylum into which received and date	Date and place of conviction	Name of committing magistrate	Sentence	Name of person receiving property	Rank	Reg. No.	Date
	23/8/58	City Watchhouse			23/6/58 Brisbane Children's Court Mr. O'Leary SM						
Cash	10 0	Description of other articles of property									
		2 "T" Shirts, toilet articles, and writing pad.									
<p>I hereby certify that this inventory is correct.</p> <p>Signature: <i>Ed. Collins</i> With Housekeeper</p> <p>Date: 23rd, June, 1958 Rank: Sergt. 2/c Reg. No. 3293</p> <p>G.P. 31 Ref 451. Genl. Printer, Brisbane (2).</p>											

THIS IS A FILE OF THE TIME I WAS IN THE BRISBANE CITY WATCHHOUSE, WHERE I WAS CLASSED AS A MENTALLY SICK PERSON. IF IT HAD HAVE BEEN STATED THIS AFTER I GOT OUT OF WESTBROOK, THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TRUE, SEEING THAT HELL HOLE MADE ABOUT 99% OF US THAT WAY BECAUSE OF THE ATROCITIES THERE.

QUEENSLAND POLICE.

STATE WARDS:

PRISONER GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS; 15 Years; Charged with ATTEMPTED ARSON.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY taken from ARRESTED PRISONER

Gail or Asylum No.	Date first taken in charge	Lockup or Reception House where first received	Where first searched	Priest or Asylum into which received and date	Date and place of conviction	Name of committing magistrate	Sentence	Name of doctor certifying to mental sickness
	25th September 1961. 9-15AM.	Toowoomba Watchhouse	Toowoomba Watchhouse.		25th September 1961. THE DISTRICT COURT, TOOWOOMBA. vld.	Judge CARTER.	Committed to The Farm Home for Boys Westbrook.	
Cash	Description of other							
	<p>GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS: Cake of soap; Tooth brush; Tooth paste; Tobacco tin; Navy blue pullover.</p> <p>DAVIS WEARING: White shirt; Pair of grey trousers; Pair of sand-shoes; Pair of grey socks.</p>							
<p>Signature: P.L. THORNTON. Rank: Senior Constable No. 3912. Watch-house keeper. Date: 25th September 1961.</p> <p>Signature: P.L. THORNTON. Rank: Senior Constable No. 3912. Watch-house keeper. Date: 25th September 1961.</p>								

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GRAHAM'S FILE THE TIME HE WAS IN THE TOOWOOMBA WATCHHOUSE.

"The State Children Acts, 1911 to 1943."

(Section 27 (1) and Section 24b.)

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WARRANT FOR DETENTION.QUEENSLAND, }
To Wit.

BRISBANE

TO ALL POLICE OFFICERS in the State of Queensland, and to the Superintendent of the Reformatory known as "The Farm Home for Boys," at Westbrook, in the said State:

WHEREAS on Fifth day of April 19 61 at Brisbane, in the said State Graham John Davis a boy of the age of Fifteen years on the Twelfth day of March last, and whose Religion appears to be Church of England was convicted before me, the undermentioned Stipendiary Magistrate, that on the 4th day of April, 1961 at Brisbane in the Petty Sessions District of Brisbane in the State of Queensland did use on a road namely Ernest Street, South Brisbane, a vehicle to wit an Austin A 40 sedan motor car registered number Q455-289 without the consent of the owner Thomas James Murray

**THE FILES OF GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS 12-3-46 to 20-10-1974 X
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BROTHER OF WARREN ROCKY PORTER Nee DAVIS
AUTHOR OF THE BOOK
A TORMENTED LIFE**

**BOTH OF WHOM SERVED IN THE NOTORIOUS GOVERNMENT RUN HELL
HOLE WESTBROOK ALONG THE OTHER FOUR QUEENSLAND
INSTITUTIONS WE BOTH SERVED TIME IN.**

The date on which my brother Graham was accused of taking the car belonging to our bastard bashing stepfather,

and I thereupon ordered the said child to be sent to the Reformatory known as "The Farm Home for Boys," at Westbrook, to be there detained or to be otherwise dealt with under "The State Children Acts, 1911 to 1943," until he attains the age of eighteen years:

THESE ARE THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU, the said Police Officers, to take the said child to the said Institution and to command the said Superintendent of the said Institution to detain the said child therein, or to otherwise deal with him under the said Act, until he attains the age of eighteen years.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND at Brisbane in the said State,
this Fifth day of April 19 61

Govt. Printer, Brisbane.

[Signature]
Stipendiary Magistrate, Children's Court.

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Name Davis, Graham Religion C.E. No. 2650F.
 Date of Birth 12. 3. 46 Date Admitted 27. 2. 61
 Date for Service Date for Discharge 12. 3. 64

Date	Remarks	Date	Remarks
27.2.61.	Before 4. Brisbane on a charge of breaking entering & stealing & released on probation to the care of his parents of 35 Maud Street Sunnybank.	10.6.61.	Adm. to Fern Home for Boys, Westbrook.
5.4.61.	Before 4. Brisbane on a charge of unlawfully using a motor vehicle & comm. to the Fern Home for Boys, Westbrook.	16.6.61.	Attempted to burn down woods of Westbrook & taken by Police to appear before 4. Townsboro on a charge of arson & held at Townsboro Watchhouse.
7.6.61.	Discontinued	20.6.61.	Before C.P.S. 1.61 on a charge of arson & remanded to C.S. 5. 61. & held at A.M.P. Boggo Road.
S.C. 105.			

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This Westbrook file gives the dates of when a boys is admitted and all the dates of what happens after his being admitted, all except when a boy is brutally punished, There's never been no record of that.

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Name Mavis Graham Religion C.E. No. 24650.F.
Date of Birth 12. 3. 46 Date Admitted 27. 2. 61.
Date for Service _____ Date for Discharge 12. 3. 64

Date	Remarks	Date	Remarks
25.9.61.	Before Jk Brisbane on a charge of attempted arson & comm. to the farm home for boys Westbrook.	30-6-65	DISCHARGED. Westbrook
19.3.62.	Trans. to S.P.H. Riverview		
3.5.62	Trans. to Wilson Youth Hospital, Windsor		
13.7.62	Trans. to Morston Home, Rosal.		
22.8.62.	Discharged - from Westbrook		

This file states the date on which Graham was sent to Riverview, but seemed to have only lasted there a couple of months before pissing off. He was later rounded up by the cops, then on 3.5.1962 was sentenced to Wilson Youth Hospital QLD, It was here that the bastards tried to mess with his brain, Like what they done to so many other children back then, distroying their lives forever.

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Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook.

9th June,

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DAVIS Graham John

9th June, 1961.

Absconded in mass break from Big Boys' Recreation Room by smashing ventilation grill from wall at approximately 7.10pm on the above date. Warders Earle and Freyling on duty in Big Boys' Recreation Room.

File Stating the time Graham Smashed the grill out of the Recreation room allowing for the mass break from Westbrook the 9 June 1961

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Farm Home for Boys, Westbrook.

10th June,

61.

DAVIS Graham John

10th June,

61

Readmitted on the above date after absconding
on the 9th June, 1961 and being recaptured by the
Toowoomba Police.

ADMINISTRATIVE

STATE WARDS:
PRISONER GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS, 415 Years;

QUEENSLAND POLICE

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY taken from ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ PRISONER 1 Charged with ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Gaol or Asylum No.	Date first taken in charge	Lockup or Reception House where first received	Where first searched	Prison or Asylum into which received and date	Date and place of conviction	Name of committing magistrate	Sentence	Name of doctor certifying to mental sickness
	25th September 1961. 9-15AM.	Toowoomba Watchhouse	Toowoomba		25th September 1961. THE DISTRICT COURT, TOOWOOMBA. vld.	Judge GARNER.	Committed to The Farm Home for Boys Westbrook.	

Cash	Description of other	Condition and probable property	Signature of person receiving property	Rank	Reg No.	Date
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J. E. O'Connell 3090 25.9.61

GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS: Cake of soap; Tooth brush; Tooth paste;
Tobacco tin; Navy blue pullover.DAVIS WEARING: White shirt, Pair of grey trousers, Pair of sand-shoes;
Pair of grey socks.

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Signature: P. L. THORNTON
P.L. THORNTON, Watch-house keeperDate: 25th September 1961.
Rank: Senior Constable Reg No. 3912.
WATCHHOUSE KEEPER, TOOWOOMBA. vld.

QUEENSLAND

"THE STATE CHILDREN ACTS, 1911 TO 1952."
(Section 27 (1) and Section 24 b.)

WARRANT FOR DETENTION

QUEENSLAND,)
) TOOWOOMBA.
To Wit.)

TO ALL POLICE OFFICERS in the State of Queensland, and to the Superintendent of the Reformatory known as "The Farm Home for Boys," at Westbrook, in the said State.

WHEREAS on Twenty fifth day of September 1961 at Toowoomba in the said State GRAHAM JOHN DAVIS a boy of the age of 15 years years on the Twelfth day of March 1 last and whose Religion appears to be Church of England was convicted before the District Court at Toowoomba on the 16th day of June 1961 at Westbrook in the State of Queensland he attempted unlawfully to set fire to a dormitory building the property of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II

This Westbrook file states the date on which my brother along with three other lads had a go at burning the wards of Westbrook to the ground, Worst part about it was, they failed to do so. On the 25 September 1961 these boys were then taken before the district court in Toowoomba where they were charged with setting fire to the dormitory building, the property of our Sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth 11.

the said District Court

and thereupon ordered the said child to be sent to the Reformatory known as "The Farm Home for Boys," at Westbrook, to be there detained or to be otherwise dealt with under "The State Children Acts, 1911 to 1952," ~~until he attains the age of eighteen years~~ until he attains the age of 18 years

THESE ARE THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU, the said Police Officers, to take the said child to the said Institution and to command the said Superintendent of the said Institution to detain the said child therein, or to otherwise deal with him under the said Act, until he attains the age of eighteen years.

Given under my Hand at Toowoomba this Twenty fifth day of September 1961

[Signature]
Deputy Sheriff, District Court,
TOOWOOMBA, ~~Magistrate of the Children's Court.~~



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2nd October, 1961.

The Director,
State Children Dept.,
Brisbane.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Graham DAVIS.

I wish to report that the abovenamed (who is in the Security Section) has suffered with a bleeding nose on several occasions. He attended the Medical Clinic at Boggo Road Jail with the same complaint. He was seen by Dr. Hickey yesterday who ordered him to attend the Out-Patient Dept. for treatment.

Graham attended the Out-Patient Dept. at the Toowoomba General Hospital today. Doctor has referred him on to the E.N.T. Specialist, Dr. Dickson, next Friday. He will probably require the left nostril to be cauterised.

A further report will be sent to you.

Yours faithfully,

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(Matron)

This file states the time Graham was suffering from nose bleeds, that I suppose was caused from the shocking beatings he received off the screws while in the Security Section, and of the time he was in Boggo Road jail at the young age of fifteen years. What the government did to these boys, sending them to bloody jail at such a young age was nothing but a criminal act, here we have to-day, bloody judges letting criminals get away with just about murder, yet, for those children the years I know of being the late forties through to the late sixties were being picked up off the streets for doing stuff all, for that were then sentenced to years of shocking abuse,