

1980-1989

- 1978-1984 Peter Thomas stationed in Taree (**R.C. Trial, p.1780**).
- Jan. 1981 Roseanne moved to Taree having lived in Dapto all her life. (**Vol 8. Page 2645**). She bought a delicatessen/ restaurant. Doug Annetts was her business partner. **Vol 8. Page 2645**.
- Early 1982 Lorraine (Pearson) left Barry Catt . She was living at No 2 Cornwall Street, Taree prior to the break-up (**R.C. Trial p. 1501**). She took Julie and Tony with her (**R.C. Trial p. 1503**). In her statement of 10/05/1991, page 3, paragraph 7 Lorraine admits to Barry “bashing me around a bit”.
- 1982 For five months Barry had Chris and Sharon then has Marie Whalen, Irene Tang and Charon Clarke looking after them (**R.C. Trial, p. 3285**). NOTE: These three women’s husbands all died in unusual circumstances. Christopher Clarke, Charon’s husband died ...he raced motorbikes He was also a friend of Peter Thomas (**R.C. Trial, p. 1626**) It was not long after that Charon moved in with Barry Catt whom she had known most of her life (**R.C. Trial, p. 1626**). Charon Clarke also had known Peter Thomas since she was 15/18 years old. In 1991 she had known him for 18 years (**R.C. Trial, p.1626**).
- 27 Jan 1983 Barry Catt admitted to Eversham Clinic, Mosman, by psychiatrist Dr M Richardson. He was there a fortnight (**R.C. Trial p. 120/220/904**).
- Nov 1983 Barry Catt’s parents “ passed on” within three weeks of each other...then his Aunt Nancy (**R.C. Trial p. 118-189**). Jago reports “Laverna died first “he (Barry) used to belt his mother”. She died in 8 Cornwall Street. Nancy Catt was killed in a car crash in Maitland (**R.C. Trial, p. 3271**). His father’s name was Les (**R.C. Trial, p. 1381**).
- 25 Dec 1983 Roseanne first met Det Const Peter Thomas – Fire in delicatessen (**R.C. Trial: Judge’s Summing Up, p.120**
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- 25 Apr 1984 Peter Thomas charged Roseanne with arson (**VOL 7-8 p2647**). She was committed for trial, but in due course no billed, and thereafter she made numerous complaints against him both to the Police Internal Security and to the Ombudsman. Mr Thomas denied that

these complaints had had any adverse effect on his career, but it had clearly been at the very very least of considerable nuisance value to him, and probably you would be entitled to find a lot more (**Summing –up p. 120-121 .06/09/1991**).

- 1984 Barry Catt under the care of Dr Richardson (**R.C. Trial, p. 3845**). Charron Clarke was his defacto at that time (**R.C. Trial, p. 2319**).
- May 1985 Errol Taylor and Roseanne write a letter to the Ombudsman with complaints about Peter Thomas (**R. C. Trial, p. 2819, 3358, 3360**).
- 1-2 May 1985 Inquiry set into the conduct of Detective Senior Constable Peter Thomas , prosecuting detective in arson charge against Roseanne re her delicatessen (**R.C. Trial, p.2132**).
- 25 June 1985 Roseanne makes a statement to McCusker which refers to Peter Thomas (**R.C. Trial, p. 2819**).
- 1985 Detective Sergent Peter Thomas. Thomas was transferred to Newcastle from Taree. Vowed he would get even with Roseanne and Errol Taylor (**R.C. Trial, p.2739/27890**). Thomas admits he went to Newcastle with the intention of fulfilling a position on the Regional Crime Squad as a Detective Sergeant (**R.C. Trial, p.2055-2056/1994**).
- 28 Jan 1985 Peter Thomas as Detective Senior Constable commenced working at the Regional Crime Squad, Newcastle (**R.C. Trial, p. 1780-1781**).
- 1985 Peter Thomas was due for promotion to Detective Sergeant but this was delayed two years because of the complaints of Errol Taylor and Roseanne Catt. Peter Thomas under oath denies this (**R.C. Trial, p. 1994**).
- 20 Jan 1986 Arson charge against Roseanne “no billed” by Attorney General Terry Sheehan. This triggered an obsession with Thomas to set about and destroy Roseanne as he held her responsible for his transfer. **Vol 8 Page 2647**.
- August 1986** Barry Catt came into Roseanne’s life through her son, Peter who went to Catty’s Body Repairs to get a second quote on his car. Barry Catt phoned Roseanne and asked if Peter Bridge her son could work for him, as one of his employees had not turned up for work. **Vol 8. Page 2649**.

- August 1986** Days later, Barry Catt asked Peter to ask Roseanne if he and his accountant Noel Jago could come around for dinner. That night he offered Peter an apprenticeship and asked Roseanne for money, as he was in financial trouble, not able to get a loan. Bad credit risk. Vol 8 Page 2649/885. Barry Catt taxation debt \$27,500.00 no money to pay (R.C. Trial, p. 2650).
- August 1986** Stan Smythe accountant came up from Wollongong. Barry Catt told Smythe he wanted me as his business partner if Roseanne would invest her money in his business. Smythe, with Barry Catt's knowledge and consent, took the paper work back to Wollongong to finalize arrangements. Vol 8. Page 2651.
- August 1986** Barry Catt came up to pick up paper work from Roseanne. He collapses when she opened the door and said Charron Clarke had poisoned him. On Dr Goddard's advice he stayed for four days at 2 Cowan Road. Vol. 8 Page 2653-2654.
- Aug-Sept 1986** Charon Clarke took the children on a holiday (R.C. Trial, p. 885).
- September 1986** Noel Jago resigned because Barry Catt attacked his first cousin Frances Thompson when she had come to collect her car (R.C. Trial, p. 3265). As a result of this attack by Barry Catt on Frances Thompson she was in the Parramatta Psychiatric home for 6 months (R.C. Trial, p. 3267).
- Aug(Sept) 1986** Barry Catt and the four children move in with Roseanne after Charron Clarke removed everything from their home in Cornwall St. Stayed four to six weeks. Vol 8 Page 2654-5.
The four Catt children were covered in sores when they first arrived at 2 Cowan Road. Vol. 8 Page 2658.
- Aug (Sept) 1986** Barry Catt began to go to work each day from 2 Cowan Road. Roseanne began to work every day in the office. She cleaned and refurbished 1 Cornwall Street out of her own pocket and looked after the four Catt children. Vol 8 Page 2655.

- Sept 1986 At Barry Catt's request Roseanne moved into the newly refurbished house and began to look after the children. She continued to work full time without and wages. **Vol 8 Page 2655-2656.**
- May 1987 Mary Warwick met Roseanne for the first time. Mary Warwick was pregnant at the time (**R.C. Trial, p.678**). **NOTE:** At the time of the so-called Rock Incident Mary's baby would have been less than 1 year old.
- May 1988 to
24 Aug 1989 Faye Watson, a friend of Roseanne's became housekeeper. So did Norma Graham plus three or four other ladies came in because at that time the house was still so dirty. Norma left because Barry Catt abused her. **Vol 8. Page 2657.**
- 1986-1987 Roseanne and Barry Catt began to build a new workshop. Roseanne's finances used. **Vol 8. Page 2658.**
- 14 Aug 1987 Roseanne married Barry Catt. Barry told her that if she married him he would no longer be insecure and so would stop his angry outbursts. **Vol 8. Page 2665.** From the moment Roseanne married Barry Catt he went on a high. **Vol 8. Page 2666.** Prior to marriage Roseanne had never met Adrian Newell. **Vol.8. Page 2665.**
- 25 Aug 1987 Barry Catt physically attacks his four children and Roseanne. **Vol 8 Page 2668-2671.**
- 25 Aug 1987 Roseanne said it was around this time that the children were first taken away from Cornwall Street, when he tried to kill them. **Vol 8 Page 2747.**
- 25/8/87 – 31/8/87** **Police admitted Barry to Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. Dr M Richardson psychiatrist Taree. Treated for mania after bashing Roseanne and the four children. He placed her and the four children in Manning Base Hospital.** Vol. 8. Page. 2668-2671.
- 31/8/87-5/9/87** **Barry Catt lived for a short time at 2 Cowan Road owned by Peter Bridge after coming out of Watts Street mental hospital.** Vol 8. Page 2672.
- 5/9/87 – 26/9/87** **Barry re-admitted to hospital by Dr Ray Sandfield, Dr Neil Wallman and Dr M Richardson.** Vol 8 Page 2674.

- 5 Sept 1987 Dr Ray Sandfield said it took 2 policemen and 1 ambulance man to hold Barry Catt down. **VOL 3-4 P.1101/Vol. 8. Page 2676.**
- 28/9/87 – 10/10/87 Barry re-admitted to hospital. **Vol. 8. Page. 2678.**
- 20 Oct 1987 The Manning Base Hospital notified FACS of Barry Catt's sexual assault of his children. The children had gone to the hospital to be examined as a result of being bashed by their father on 25th August 1987. **(Vol 8 Page 2668-2671. Vol 10 Page 3411-3413/ Vol 8 Page 1-3413).**
- 28 Oct 1987 Complaint lodged at Taree Children's Court by FAC's under the Child Welfare Act regarding "Incompetent Guardianship" by their father Barry Catt (R.C. Trial, p.3404).**
- Oct 1987 The children were taken away from Cornwall Street and placed in foster care because FACS judges that they were in danger of their life from their father.**
VOL 10 p3409/ Vol 8 Page 2671.
- 20 Oct 1987 Prior to this date there was evidence on the departmental records of sexual abuse of the Catt children. **(VOL 10 p3410).**
- Oct 1987 Mary Warwick knew prior to October 1987 that, her son, Robert Tisdell had sexually assaulted one of Barry Catt's daughters **(R.C. Trial, p. 700).**
- Nov- Dec 1987 The children were to become wards of the state. Asked would she be prepared to become their legal guardian. Before this happened she had to have a criminal record check, etc **(R.C. Trial, p. 2693).** Children under the guardianship of Roseanne Catt from Nov-Dec 1987 **(R.C. Trial, p. 3404).**
- 1987-1988 Extensions and ensuite erected at 1 Cornwall Street by Roseanne. Barry Catt slept here until 2 May 1988 – "Female Assault" part-heard 3 July 1989 - renamed by Thomas "The Rock Incident". **(Vol. 8. Page 2682).**
- January 1988 The Catt children came to Roseanne collectively. The girls spoke first. The boys said it happened to them also. Roseanne told Barry and Barry denied it. **Vol 8. Page 2692-1693.** FACS was still seeing the children at this stage. Their involvement continued well after

Roseanne Catt's arrest(See **Inquiry Exhibit: Baggs Report** also witnesses at this inquiry Williams, Cox, Warne, Stein,)

- 14 Mar 1988 Children committed to Roseanne's care until they reach age 16 years (**VOL 10 p3410/ Vol 8 page 2694**).
- 2 May 1988 Roseanne took civil action against Barry and had him charged with assault (2/5/88) and also filed a sworn Apprehended Violence Order against him. **Vol. 8. Page 2681**. This charge was part heard when Thomas re-named it "The Rock Incident". (**Not reported during "Female Assault" part-heard 3rd July 1989**).
- 12 Jul 1988 Dr Pauline Cooper medically examined Sharon Catt. She confirmed that Sharon had been sexually assaulted many times. **Vol 8 Page 2697**.
- 21 Jul 1988 Julie Michelle Catt made a statement on this day (**R. C. Trial, p. 3421**).
- 19 Aug 1988 Barry was fined \$150 in Taree Court for continued harassment of Roseanne and children (**R.C. Trial p.301**).
- 10 Feb 1989 Barry Catt and Robert Tisdell were each charged with 15 counts of sexual assault on the children by Detective Frank Burgess, Child Mistreatment Unit, Newcastle. (**Vol. 8 Page 2701 also p. 302**).
- 27 Feb 1989 Barry Catt and Robert Tisdell both had a prima facie to answer in Taree Local Court (**R.C. Trial, p. 2348**).
- 31 Jul 1989 The first day of Barry Catt's Committal re child sexual assault charges. Roseanne Catt did not take part in this Committal (**R.C. Trial, p. 60/425/426/435/939/1236/1452 / 1453/1457/ 1458 /1747/1788/1789/2062/3513/3849**).
- 1 Aug 1989 Barry and Robert Tisdell committed for trial with a date to be fixed. The magistrate Gary O'Keefe placed two extra charges on B Catt which total 17... (**This Barry Catt Committal held by DPP was available to Roseanne's legals on the last day of the Inquiry 2004, however the last ten pages, Roseanne's evidence was missing even though it was used by Prosecutor Power at Roseanne's trial**).
- 4th Aug 1989 Roseanne Catt testifies at the Family Law Court (**R.C. Trial, p. 3013**).

- 7 Aug 1989 Family Law Court: Barry Catt defending his business but not once did he say she hit him with a cricket bat, a rock or solicit to murder he alleges he personally overheard (**R.C. Trial, p. 61/66-8/71/73/264/880/382/389-91/ 394/397/411—416/426/-428/445/476/499/500/503/577**).
- 7 Aug 1989 Roseanne was successful in obtaining an order from the Family Law Court making her a trustee of the business. **Vol 8 Page 2702**. It was in Newcastle Court that Mr Justice Mellaine granted Roseanne control of the business The Judge also ordered that everything be filled in the Family Law Court by the 31 Aug.1989. **Vol 8 Page 2773**.
- 8 Aug 1989 Judge Mellaine at Newcastle Family Law Court gave an interim order granting Roseanne trusteeship of the business (**R.C. Trial, p.61 evidence in voir dire**).
- 9 Aug 1989 Date on which Barry Catt was ordered to vacate premises at Cornwall Street by Judge Maloney. **Vol 8 Page 2796**.
- 11 Aug 1989 Friday afternoon Barry Catt phoned Roseanne. He said, "You are sitting on a time bomb. It's just ready to go off. You are riding a wave at the moment, but it's soon going to crash. Thommo and I have got it all worked out. We are going to change the charges from me to you." **Vol 8 Page 2796**.
- 18 Aug 1989 Julie Michelle Catt made a statement on this day (**R.C. Trial, p.3421**).
- 21 Aug 1989 Julie Michelle Catt makes a statement on this day (**R.C. Trial, p. 3421**).
- 23 Aug 1989 Peter Thomas obtains search warrants from Stephenson between 1.30 and 2 pm at the Taree Local Court (**R.C. Trial p. 3, p.1752, p. 1340**). The warrant allows them to search for a gun and a rifle only (**R.C. Trial, p. 18823**). The address on the search warrant was No 2 Cornwall Street (**R.C. Trial, p. 1513/1343/1801/1803/1806/1807/1819/2122**). Thomas did not fill in the particulars of the Occupier's Notice (**R.C. Trial, p. 1818/2119B**). Thomas claims he gave the occupier's notice to Roseanne (**R.C. Trial, p. 1753**). There is a photograph of a back view of Thomas taken on 24/8/89. It appears the occupier's notices are still in his back pocket (**Exhibit of photo yet to be tendered**).

- 24 Aug 1989 Peter Thomas arrested Roseanne. Peter Thomas used the media to paint a picture of a monster from the moment of her arrest. Overnight Thomas made Roseanne look guilty. She was handcuffed and paraded before the media on this day. **Vol 8 Page 2723-2725**. NOTE: After the media assassination, it was easy to get people to make false statements by feeding to numerous people false information about Roseanne thus incriminating them in child sex abuse. Cohort Adrian Newell was instrumental in dropping many names supposedly talked about by Roseanne referring to his 'created' notebooks.
- 24 Aug 1989 Thomas charged Roseanne's son Peter Bridge with the same charges after he refused to charge his statement about his account of the assault re Barry Catt on his mother Roseanne. **(R.C. Trial, p.814/ 1178/ 1772/1945/2003/3856)** NOTE: Peter Thomas avoids answering directly "I charged him" yet there is paper work to confirm Thomas charged him. In O'Loughlin's submission there is a reference to Peter Bridge having been charged by the Crown **(R.C. Trial, p. 3856)**. NOTE: At this inquiry Peter Thomas denied charging Peter Bridge. There is a charge sheet for Peter Bridge with Peter Thomas' signature on it. Statements of Paget exists confirming that Peter Thomas charged Peter Bridge.
- 24 Aug 1989 Thomas puts children in care of Adrian Newell who later said he was a friend of Barry Catt **(R.C. Trial, p. 1815/1826 /1829 / 1926/2111/3397-4002)**.
- 24 Aug 1989 10.30 am Thomas said they arrived back at the police station after searching No 1 & 8 Cornwall Street **(R.C. Trial, p. 1830)**.
- 24/8/ 89 – 10/11/89 Roseanne separated from the children for three months. During this time they were held in a safe house in foster care and under a new ID under the control of FACS. As they feared that the children were in grave danger from Thomas and Catt The children were returned to Roseanne Catt on 9th November 1989 **(R.C. Trial, p.2735)**.
- 25 Aug 1989 Magistrate Gary O'Keefe refused Roseanne bail. Thomas opposed bail. **Vol 8 Page 2732**.
- 25 Aug 1989 Roseanne in Silverwater for 10 days in a cell. **Vol 8 Page 2732**.

- 31 Aug 1989 Final orders regarding the business were to be handed down at the Family Law Court. But Thomas arrested Roseanne before then. Intervened in three matters before the Court (**R.C. Trial, p. 64**).
- 4 Sept 1989 Roseanne was taken from Silverwater to Long Bay. Application made to the Supreme Court for bail (**R.C. Trial, p. 2731-2732**).
- 13 Sept 1989 Thomas opposed bail for Roseanne, which was granted by Judge Allen on this day (**R.C. Trial, p.2732**).
- 13 Sept 1989 Mr Justice Allen recommended that Detective Sergeant Peter Thomas have no further part to play in the interviewing of witnesses (**R.C. Trial, p. 10/1844**) Note: Witnesses were re interviewed but the statements got by Thomas remained unchanged....to this day.
- 13 Sept 1989 Peter Thomas, up to this point had failed to prepare a list of witnesses in the Roseanne Catt matter including Marie Whalen (**R.C. Trial, p. 1905**).
- 15 Sept 1989 Court appearance in Taree. (**Vol 8 Page 2798.??**)
- 18 Sept 1989 Children all independently examined by Sara Williams, child psychiatrist. (VOL 10 p3477)
- 22 Sept1989 Female Assault case against Barry was heard approx. one month after Roseanne's arrest. She could not attend the Court as Det. Thomas had re-arrested her on that very day for allegedly breaching bail conditions. The charge against Barry was dismissed ...this later became known as "The Rock Incident"(**R.C. Trial, p. 334/336-8**). Barry Catt was very alert in the Family Law Court re "Female Assault" continuing. (**R.C. Trial, p. 384/653-4**). Barry Catt did not have to answer if Mary Warwick was taking part in the Female Assault civil action (**R.C. Trial, p. 653-654**)
- 22 Sept 1989 At Dapto Police Station Roseanne is arrested when reporting and locked in a police cell. Peter Thomas responsible. (**R.C. Trial, p.439**).
- 2 Oct 1989 Presiding Judge Allen granted Roseanne continuing bail and established that Rose had in fact been wrongfully re arrested by Peter Thomas and wrote back onto the record as to his unease as to

the motive of the arresting officer and ordered for the second time that Thomas be taken off Rose's case. She continued on bail until the conclusion of her case. **Vol 8 Page 2733.**

- 3 Oct 1989 Judge Allen grants a bail variation to Roseanne Catt after her illegal arrest in Dapto Police Station. This arrest was ordered by Det Sgt Peter Thomas (**Doc 835**).
- 3 Oct 1989 Judgement of Judge Allen on the unlawful rearrest of Roseanne Catt: page 2 'I find it disconcerting that the rearrest was instigated by a member of the police force in respect of whom I indicated on 13 September, 1989 as follows: "*I must also state that I have some unease as to the objectivity of the investigating detective. I express it no more strongly than that but I would indicate that it might be desirable in the interests of justice for further investigation be conducted by someone whose neutrality cannot be cast under suspicion whether justified or not.*" I would now indicate in quite unqualified terms that my unease has now grown into something much stronger.' Judge Allen (**Doc 1691**).
- 30 Oct 1989 Tom Whalen was found axed and knifed. Knife found at Barry Catt's place. Axe, wrapped and in the boot of a car backed to the back door ready to receive the body of Tom Whalen. The arrival of people interrupted the removal of the body. Marie had sold the house without Tom knowing.
- 2 Nov 1989 Sharon Catt made a statement to Internal Security on this day but Roseanne wasn't with the children. The children were with FACS when they made their statements, so how could she influence them? (**R.C. Trial, p.3115-3116/3119/3196**).
- 2 Nov 1989 Julie Catt made a statement (**R.C. Trial, p.3422**).
- Nov 1989 Children returned to Roseanne in Dapto. (**Vol 8 Page 2798**).
- 14 Nov 1989 Sharon Catt makes a statement. Roseanne not present (**R.C. Trial, p. 3115-3116**).
- 14 Nov 1989 Julie Michelle Catt made an eight page statement on this day (**R.C. Trial, p. 3422**).