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SUBMISSION FROM JULIE CARTLEDGE (RE her now DECEASED MOTHER)  
MRS GWEN GRIFFIN (NE GWENNETH McINTYRE)

My Mum Gwenneth Margaret May McIntyre (Deceased)

Spent years in Psychiatric Institutions due to the atrocious physical and mental abuse that herself and sister endured for many years at the cruel hands of the "so called carers" at the Salvation Army childrens home at 11 Brinsley Rd East Camberwell. Mum told me of many cruel and inhumane things that happened to herself and her sister.

If they had wet the bed they were hosed down with freezing cold fire hose. My mums toes were severely deformed from having to wear shoes that were many sizes too small for her.

If she tried to defend her sister from being beaten with a leather strap, not only would her sister "get it" so did mum.

Food deprivation was also another form of punishment.

These are just a few examples of Mum's time in the home.

My Mum began having "nervous breakdowns" from when I was very young.

Thus I was the 'mother to mum"

When Mum's sister would come to visit mum she would have "flash backs" to her time in the home thus worrying that she hadn't protected her sister enough.

Each time she would have another breakdown. I moved to Warnambool in 1992 and rented a home on the Briely Hospital grounds to be close to Mum.

Mum endured many, many courses of "Shock Treatment", (E.C.T)

(Mum died 5 years ago from a stroke, (59 yrs of age). She had only had her last "course" of the shock treatment less than 3 months earlier).

I truly believe that all of her mental breakdowns were because of the horrific treatment in the "institution".

Some one should be held accountable for the way not only my mum, but her sister, and all the other victims.

They "stole" my Mum away from me and the chance to have a "normal" childhood.

Justice must prevail.

I hope more "victims" come forward with their stories.

I am prepared to go to the newspapers, T.V. whatever it takes to let the world know of the injustice my Mumsister etc endured.

If you want confirmation of any of the above. Please write to me.

PS. I am currently trying to find Mum's D.H.S. Records.