

11/11/1911 → ST JOHN'S BOYS HOME.
PATRICK JOHN PIMM 1955-1965 GOULBURN
BORN 9-7-1950 MY STORY (STATE WARD)

I WAS INSTITUTIONALISED IN 1955. I DO NOT REMEMBER ANY THING OF THE FIRST 6 OR 7 YRS AFTER THAT I REMEMBER ONLY A FEW THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME. I REMEMBER BEING GIVEN THE STRAP ON MY HANDS ON NUMEROUS TIMES. APART FROM THAT I DO NOT RECALL ANY OTHER BAD PUNISHMENT. I WAS I THINK IN ONE OF THE BETTER HOMES. WE HAD A GYM - NAISIDUM WHERE WE WERE LOCKED IN WHEN IT RAINED AND IT ALSO SNOWED ONCE, IT WAS ABOUT 3 FT DEEP, BUT THE NUNS LOCKED US ALL IN THE GYM. THERE WAS ONE BOY WHO CONTINUALLY PUNCHED ME IN THE MOUTH AND HIT ME ON THE HEAD WITH ROCKS AND MADE MY HEAD BLEED EVERY TIME THE NUNS DID NOTHING WHATSOEVER ABOUT IT.

SOMETIMES ONE OF THE NUNS WOULD TAKE US OUT OF THE HOMES FOR LONG WALKS.

THE NUNS USED TO LOCK THE DOORS OF THE ONLY TWO ENTRANCES TO MY DORMITORY SO WE COULD NOT GET OUT TO GO TO THE TOILET AT NIGHT SO I HAD TO CLIMB THROUGH A WINDOW TO GO.

WE WERE ALL ALLOWED TO GO AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS, CHRISTMAS, EASTER, ETC.

WE WERE ALLOWED TO BUILD A HUGE BONFIRE EVERY 4TH OF JULY.

THE NUNS COULD NOT TEACH US ALL BECAUSE THERE WERE ONLY THREE CLASSROOMS SO MOST OF THE OLDER BOYS WERE WALKED TO SOUTH GOULBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL. I DONOT RECALL HOW LONG WE WENT THERE. ~~THEY WERE~~

~~THEY WERE~~ I USED TO WORK IN THE LAUNDRY, WASHING, HANGING OUT AND IRONING CLOTHES.

WE HAD A FOOTBALL FIELD AND A CRICKET PITCH AND FIELD BOTH MADE OUT OF DIRT.

THEN WHEN I TURNED 15 YRS OLD I RECEIVED
A VISIT FROM TWO MEN, THEY SAID THEY WERE
TAKING ME OUT FOR THE DAY, THAT WAS THE LAST
I SAW OF ST JOHNS BOYS HOME, THEY TOOK ME TO
WERRINGTON PARK, I WAS THERE FROM 1965 TO 1968

THIS IS MY STORY

Patrick J. Pimm.

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